



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued on the first school day of each month.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the school community I bid farewell and best wishes to **Mr. Corcoran** who begins his retirement this semester. I wish all the best to **Mrs. Patsy-Hawkins-Hogan** as she goes on leave this semester and I welcome **Ms. Nadia Bernabei, Ms. Jennifer Ireland, Mr. Thomas Wagner, Mrs. Elizabeth Mulvenna, Ms. Shannon Perugino, and Ms. Carey Varga** in new teaching positions.

I offer congratulations on behalf of our school community to the **Holy Cross Cheerleaders** and coaches, **Ms. T. Collings, Ms. D. Rabadi & Ms. A. Lansdown**, and Staff Advisor **Mrs. Deb Myers** who won first place **Senior Novice Division** and were awarded **Grand Champions** at the **Big East Blast Cheerleading Tournament** on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** at the **K-Rock Centre**. Well done team and coaches! Thanks also to the basketball programs and volunteers, and to all who participated in the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial** – over \$6000.00 raised for cancer research.

As we start fresh in the new semester, I hope that all students and staff are re-invigorated and ready to tackle the academic, extracurricular and spiritual opportunities that arise. In particular, I would like to emphasize the importance of **being present** – of taking the time to be witnesses in faith for one another (particularly as we prepare for the Holy season of **Lent**) and on a more mundane level, simply being present in your classes. As students fall into a pattern of being absent, they begin to feel more and more disconnected from their classroom activities and also begin to feel overwhelmed by the work that piles up – the connection between absences and failure is very clear. We will renew our efforts to encourage better attendance from our students in order to nurture a sense of community and to ensure that students are as successful in their courses as they can be.

As we begin the second semester and new classes and routines are forming, we revisit existing expectations at **Holy Cross**. In particular, we expect that students will be in full compliance with our uniform policy as outlined in the Code of Conduct, found in student

Thursday, February 6.....	Semester Two Grade Assemblies Dance Team Auditions
Fri, Feb 7....	Cheques cashed for unreturned/damaged textbooks Winter Olympics Open in Sochi, Russia
Fri & Sat, Feb 7 & 8 .....	Sr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
Mon & Tues, Feb 10 & 11.....	Canlan Girls' Hockey Tournament Queen's Student Teachers Second Practicum Begins
Tuesday, February 11 .....	Semester One Report Cards Issued Course Selection Assemblies
Wednesday, February 12 .....	S1 Marks Due to OCAS Grade 8 (Class of 2018) Parent Information Night
Thursday, February 13.....	February School Liturgy S1 Marks Due to OUAC
Friday, February 14 .....	Valentine's Day Final Day for Semester Two Timetable Changes Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance, 7-10 pm
Saturday, February 15 .....	National Flag of Canada Day
Sunday, February 16 .....	Boys' Basketball Championships
Mon, February 17.....	Ontario Family Day Holiday (no school) Girls' Volleyball Championships
Tues, Feb 18 .....	Aboriginal Dancers Assembly, Gr 11 Religion Gr 10 OSSLT Practice Session #4, Period Four SHSM WHIMIS Certification Course, 2:30 – 6 pm
Tues – Thurs, Feb 18 – 27 .....	Course Selection Workshops
Wednesday, February 19 .....	S2 Practice Lockdown Drill Toronto Auto Show Field Trip
Thursday, February 20 .....	Gr 9, 10 and 11 Math Contests EOSSAA Jr & Sr. Boys' Bball Championships at HC
Thurs & Fri, Feb 20 & 21 .....	Kiwanis Music Festival
Friday, February 21 .....	Semester Two Review of IEP HC Student Council hosts ALCDSB Student Senate mtg. EOSSAA Wrestling Championship at Smiths Falls
Saturday, February 22.....	Kingston Improv Games Finals
Sunday, February 23 .....	Closing Ceremony, Sochi Olympics
Mon, Feb 24 .....	Jessie Miller Presentation day for students
Tuesday, February 25 .....	Canadian Computing Competition School Council Parent Reaching Out Night with Jessie Miller (Parenting in a Social Media Generation, 7pm. HC)
Wednesday, February 26 .....	Pink Shirt Anti-bullying Day Coffee House, Cafetorium, 7 pm Taize Prayer Evening, Cathedral, 7 pm
Friday, February 28 .....	Tentative Non-uniform Day KASSAA Boys' and Girls' Hockey Championships Kingston International Film Festival Career in Film & Media Workshop

### FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

February.....	Black History Month
Sat, Feb 1 .	Earliest day college applicants can confirm admission Big East Cheerleading Championships at K-Rock Centre
Sunday, February 2 .....	Groundhog Day
Mon, February 3.....	Turnaround Day
Tuesday, Feb 4 .....	Semester One Final Marks due at 4:30 p.m.

agendas and on our school website, [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca). I encourage parents to see that their sons and daughters wear the proper uniform to **Holy Cross**. The uniform must be worn modestly; kilts are expected to be no shorter than two inches from the top of the knee, with plain black tights (no socks), and shirts / blouses must be neither too loose nor too tight. Throughout the day, students should wear black dress shoes, and have buttons done up and shirts tucked in. If wearing undershirts, they too must be white. Pants are to be grey Holy Cross dress pants. **If parents see their son or daughter leaving for school in the morning with stretch pants, track pants or black pants on, we would appreciate it if you doublecheck with them that they do have the proper attire to change into (in a changeroom or bathroom) upon arrival at school.** A progressive system of intervention will be put into place to deal with uniform violations, up to and including suspension from school for persistent opposition to authority. Girls who roll up their kilt or continuously wear too short a kilt will have their parents notified and will receive school consequences. Some students may be advised to let down the hem of their kilts. Students who demonstrate an unwillingness to comply and cooperate with their teachers and other school authorities on this matter will not remain in our school. Please contact me if you have any suggestions, concerns, or questions regarding the uniform and the expectations I have been charged with putting in place. You may contact **Paul Walsh** at **613 384-1919, ext. 3411** at any time.

The **Sochi Olympics** offer us all a special time to share in the celebration of sport, friendly rivalry, and several instances of compassion and generosity. The big screen in our **Cafeteria** often showcases these moments through the day and staff and students gather to catch the moment. Go **Canada Go!**

**Paul A. Walsh, Principal**

#### PASTORAL MESSAGE

The **Chaplaincy Team** welcomes everyone back to Semester Two. We are looking forward to celebrating our **February 13<sup>th</sup> School Mass** with **Fr. Leo Byrne**. At this Mass, we will be showing one of the "Faith Facts" videos which students from **Mr. Esford's Com Tech Class** worked on as a class project last semester. We are also looking forward to starting up our **Seniors Outreach Program** to the **Rosewood Retirement Home** and to taking students on a **Kingston Street Retreat** in the coming weeks. Come to the **CICS' Meeting on Monday** in **Room 244** to get involved. We also extend an invitation to you to join **Brother Emile** from the **Taize Community** in **France** for an evening of **Taize Prayer** at **St. Mary's Cathedral** on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**

**JAMAICA MISSION TRIP:** Members of the **2014 Holy Cross Jamaica Mission Team** are excitedly preparing for their **March Break Mission Trip**. They are holding a **Bake Sale** at **Holy Cross** on **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** in the **Main Lobby** with the proceeds going towards purchasing school supplies. The group will be working at two schools through **St. Patrick's Foundation - St. Margaret's** and **Riverton City Remedial** schools – as well as at **St. Monica's Home for Abandoned Seniors**, and with the **Seaview Gardens Performing Arts Band**. They will also participate in a one-day house build with a local family. Thank you to all those who have helped out with our fundraising for the trip. And, please continue to give through the "**Gifts of Sunshine**" **Jamaica Gift Catalogue** which you can find on the **HC Today** website.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Keep in mind that **Student Council** and **CICS** will be organizing a **Pancake Breakfast** here at school during Period One on **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. A plate full of Delicious Pancakes and Juice for only \$3.00 with all proceeds going to our **ShareLent Campaign**.

Let us live each day with renewed faith in God. And may God bless all our students, staff and families throughout this month.

**Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader**

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

With a sigh of relief, we wave goodbye to semester one and welcome semester two! Change is good, but everyone will miss parts of their semester one routine. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the school year. Reflecting on semester one, **Student Council** has organized many events, but don't fret! Semester two will be just as engaging and exciting! **Groundhog Day**, exam returns, and grade assemblies occur at the beginning of this month. In honour of the **Winter Olympic Games** in **Sochi, Russia**, students and staff are encouraged to wear red and white on a special non-uniform day to support our **Canadian** athletes. The highlight of **February** will be our **Semi-Formal Valentine's Day** dance to be held in the evening of **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Students are invited to dress up and come out for this year's much anticipated semiformal. Tickets will be on sale promptly in the **Main Foyer** during lunch. Our favourite **February** holiday, **Family Day**, is **Monday** the **17<sup>th</sup>**. Students have the day off to spend time with none other than their families! On **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**, **Student Council** will host an **ALCDSB Student Senate** meeting. Student representatives from high schools in our board will meet to discuss the needs of the **ALCDSB** student body. Our school is known for incredible athletics and students will be given the opportunity to cheer on their fellow Crusaders at a series of crucial match-ups. As you readjust to semester two, don't forget to stay involved and start off working hard in all of your courses. As the snowy winter drags on, don't wish the time away and instead bundle up and embrace the cold.

**Sarah Flisikowski, Communications Officer**

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The **Catholic School Council** at **Holy Cross** is hosting a presentation by **Jesse Miller** entitled **Parenting in the Social Media Generation**. **Jesse Miller** speaks across **Canada**, to students, educational institutions, corporations and non-profits on the issues raised by the proliferation and prevalence of social media technologies. His highly relevant presentation uses innovative techniques to explore the impact of social media on- and off-screen and provides behaviour-changing approaches for parents and students. He will speak to **3 300** elementary and high school students from **Archbishop O'Sullivan, Holy Cross, JJ O'Neill, John XXIII, Mother Teresa, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Regiopolis-Notre Dame, St Marguerite Bourgeoys, St. Thomas More** and **St. Patrick** during the day on **Monday** and **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** and **25<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a presentation for parents the evening of **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **7:00** at **Holy Cross**. For more info click: <http://www.mediatedreality.com/>

#### TURNAROUND DAY

On **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, an abbreviated **Semester II** timetable is scheduled to begin the day and **Semester I** classes will meet at the end of the day. The end of the day provides an opportunity for Semester 1 classes to conclude any unfinished business, such as the return and take-up of the **January** examination, return of projects and assignment, collection of any course resources, and review of the final mark calculation. The schedule (**Note the change in the order of the day**) for the Turnaround Day is as follows:

Semester I Classes		Semester II Classes
Period	Time	
1	8:30 to 9:30	1 1:30 to 1:45
2	9:35 to 10:35	2 1:45 to 2:00
3	10:40 to 11:40	3 2:00 to 2:15
Lunch	11:40 to 12:30	4 2:15 to 2:30
4	12:30 to 1:30	

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

### COURSE CHANGES/DELETIONS

Students are to consult a counsellor if they wish to make a change to their timetable. It is advised that any required course changes be dealt with by the end of the first week of semester two. Furthermore, it is required that all changes be completed by the end of the second week of the semester. The last day to change a course is Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

At this time of year, students begin the process of selecting courses for the **2014-2015** academic year. It is critical for all students who plan on returning to **Holy Cross** that they follow the timelines in order to ensure that they are able to obtain the courses they desire. **Holy Cross** will be conducting the on-line process of selection of courses in workshops taking place at the school. Details will be explained in grade sessions being conducted on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### COURSE LOAD

All students in Grades 9, 10, 11 are required to carry a course load of 4 courses each semester. All students in Grade 12 who have achieved at least 24 credits are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester.

### GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Grade Eight Parent Information Night** will be hosted on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at **7:00 p.m.** There will be an information session for parents/guardians of students who have and **Individual Education Plan (IEP)** starting at **6:30** in the **Library**. This evening is open to **Grade Eight** students and their parents/guardians. Registration packages will be available for all non-feeder school parents. All completed registration packages are to be returned to **Holy Cross** by **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

### THE ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

There are over 150 skilled trades in **Ontario**, and forecasts indicate there are extreme shortages of workers in many of these areas. The province expects to register 24,000 new apprentices this year; however, there are indications that this number will not keep up with the on-going demand for skilled trade workers. To assist in this regard, **OYAP** helps young people to "jump start" their careers while still enrolled in high school. Full-time senior students who are at least sixteen years of age and have an interest in a skilled trade/occupation are eligible to apply. Information about **OYAP** may be obtained from the guidance department or cooperative education teacher in any of the Board's high schools. Additional support or information is available from **Jim Johnston** or **Paul Denison**, **OYAP Co-ordinators** with the Board. **Jim** may be reached at **(613) 532-3985**; **Paul** may be reached at **(613) 849-8550**.

### US COLLEGE EXPO

Meet US University Admissions officers and Athletic Directors, **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013** from 9 -3, Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto. For more information call 1-866-973-7737 or go to [info@uscol-legeexpo.com](mailto:info@uscollegeexpo.com).

### STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

Students can meet representatives from Universities and Colleges from around the world offering internships, volunteer programs, work abroad and language travel. **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Toronto Convention Center**. To pre-register go to [www.studyandgoabroad.com](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com).

### ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Queen's University – 2014 EMC Commuter Program

The **Enrichment Mini-Course (EMC)** Commuter Program is an opportunity for highly motivated, above average and gifted high school students to go to Queen's University for a week to study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level.

Grades: **9-11**

Date: **May 5-9, 2014**

Registration Dates: **February 3 – 28, 2014**

Cost: **\$275.00**

Go to [esu.queensu.ca/emc](http://esu.queensu.ca/emc) for more information or contact **Mrs. Hill** at **613-384-1919 Ext. 3622**

## KEDCO

The **Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO)** will be hosting several information sessions about the Ontario government's youth entrepreneurship **Summer Company** program for all interested students and parents. These sessions will allow students and parents to learn more about the **Summer Company** initiative eligibility information, and program requirements while also providing an opportunity to ask questions directly to the program provider. Sessions will all be taking place in the **KEDCO Boardrooms** located at **Innovation Park** at **945 Princess Street**. The session dates are as follows:

February 6<sup>th</sup> - 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

February 10<sup>th</sup> – 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

February 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

For further information please visit [kingstonentrepreneurs.ca/events/](http://kingstonentrepreneurs.ca/events/) or email any questions to **Rebecca Darling**, Senior Business Consultant, at [darling@kingstoncanada.com](mailto:darling@kingstoncanada.com)

## ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test** has been scheduled by the **Ministry of Education** for **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. *All Grade 10 students who are working towards an OSSD will write the test. In addition, students who have not yet completed the test, for example because they have arrived from out of province or because they were not successful in their first sitting, will also prepare for the test.* Any student in Grade 11 or 12 who needs to fulfill this graduation requirement should see **Ms. Daniel** or a **Guidance Counsellor** in order to receive preparatory materials. **Holy Cross** will be conducting the test between 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. All Grade 10 students will be reviewing their literacy skills once/ twice a week for a four week period prior to the test date. Each component of the test will be reviewed with students during these classes. Grade 10 students will receive a copy of a workbook entitled, **The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Workbook** that they will be using in their literacy classes. Students are encouraged to take this workbook home for continuous review. Parents and students may obtain additional practice materials, student resources, and sample questions and answers at the **Education Quality and Accountability Office** website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) under the link 'Student Resources'. Parents/ guardians will be advised in writing of their son/daughter's test outcome in June. Students who are not successful will retake the test next year or may enroll in the Literacy Course.

## SUPPLEMENTAL LITERACY PROGRAM

The literacy program, designed to boost reading and writing skills and to help students gain confidence in preparation for the **Literacy Test** on **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, will begin in the second week of **February**. *This program will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.* Students interested in receiving supplemental literacy support should see **Ms. Daniel** or **Ms. Kristi Lesarge**. All students must successfully complete the **Literacy Test** (or subsequently enroll in and complete the **Grade 12 Literacy Course**) in order to obtain an **Ontario Secondary School Diploma**. If you want your child to participate in this program, please contact **Terri Daniel** at **613 384-1919, ext. 3406**.

## HC GRADE LEVEL ASSEMBLIES

At the beginning of a semester, it is customary for grade level assemblies to be held where the Principal and vice-principals review, reinforce and outline expectations for all students and staff. The assemblies will occur for 10 - 15 minutes held towards the end of the period in the cafeteria.

## ALCDSB WATER CAMPAIGN POSTER AND VIDEO CONTEST

The **Committee for Social Justice** hopes to remind all staff and students of the board policy on commercially bottled water, and of our responsibility to model stewardship practices consistent with the **Board Mission Statement** and the social teaching of the **Catholic Church**. The video contest is open to students in grades 7 to 12. The contest focuses on communicating to junior students the message that water is a blessing and a right for all living things. Deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

In collaboration with anti-bullying initiatives at **Holy Cross** and throughout the country, students are invited to don a pink shirt in addition to the regular uniform on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. This symbol, which began with the efforts of two teenage boys at **Central Kings Rural High School** in **Nova Scotia** is a tangible way for youth to stand together and let bullies take notice that their behaviours will not be tolerated.

## START WITH A SMILE WEEK AT HOLY CROSS – FEB 24<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup>

Some teens turn to alcohol and drugs to relax, to be accepted socially, or as a form of recreation. **The Student Wellness Team** at Holy Cross wants to present students with alternatives.

**Start with a smile :)** week is designed to provide students with free, healthy, and safe alternatives to relax and have fun!

### Start with a Smile :) Week at a Glance

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** **FUEL** up at a free breakfast bar and receive valuable nutrition information!

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** **CHAT** in the Cafeteria, enjoying a café atmosphere (music, apple cider and tea)

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** **CHILL** with friends enjoying a massage or participate in a laughing yoga class

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** **PLAY** board games in the Foyer, omnikin balls in the Cafeteria and a possible dance-off!

## ARTS NOTES

### Kiwanis

On **Thursday** and **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** and **21<sup>st</sup>**, the **Crusader Bands** will be participating in the **Annual Kiwanis Music Festival**. This year the event is being hosted at **MacArthur College**. Our competing bands include the **Symphonic Band** and the **Senior Wind Ensemble**.

### Kingston 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Tournament of the Canadian Improv Games

The **Holy Cross Improv Team** will be performing in the **Kingston Improv Games on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. The show starts at 7:00 pm at the **Octave Theatre (Cultural Center, 711 Dalton Ave.)**The team members are **Matt McGlashan, Arianna Bullett, Miguel Martins, Claire Choiniere, Andrew Hurt, Sara Doyle, Nick Lansdown, and Kort Clifford**. Coaches are **Ms. Rose** and **Mr. Stabile**.

Tickets for the show are: **\$10** for adults, **\$8** for seniors and students, and **\$5** for children under twelve.

**After School Dance Club:** Beginning this month there will be **After School Dance Club** which will work with **hip hop dance**. The end goal will be entering routines in the Cabaret event. As well, there will be a **Dance Team** that will perform at **Cabaret** but will also have other various performance opportunities throughout the semester.

### Open Hip Hop Class (Mondays)

Classes will begin **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** for students to work with new choreography and physical warm-ups to create a routine for **Cabaret**. There will be a "three strikes" attendance policy until they are no longer allowed in the class. It will be an "open" class, therefore no 'audition' is necessary (this will allow more students to be involved).

### Dance Team

**Auditions: Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** after school  
Rehearsals will begin **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. The **Dance Team** will provide dancers with various opportunities to perform in the school

community and at a high school dance competition in **April**. Auditions will be held to determine the strength of the dancers. Dancers may be required to rehearse on some **Sundays** prior to the event.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE

**Grade Eight Parent Class of 2018 Information Night** on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** opens with an introduction to **Special Education** services at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Library**.

The **Individual Education Plan, sent home with the semester two report card**, is a living document designed to support academic success. Please discuss with your son or daughter if there is a need for any updates in their documentation/accommodations for semester two. Complete the IEP Consultation Form or contact your special education resource teacher with comments, changes, or concerns: at **613-384-1919, Ms. Gavan Knox, Department Head/grade 12 @ ext.3426, Mrs. Hulse, Grade 9(M-Z),10@ext 3428** and **Mrs. Poels, grade 9 (A-L),11 @3425**.

**Course selection for students on IEPs, 2013-14** If assistance in the course selection process is needed, contact your special education resource teacher (SERT).

**Learning Strategy Credits:** Students on IEPs are allowed to take four GLE courses as part of their elective credits to complete their **Ontario Diploma** requirements. All students with IEPs are tracked by a SERT during their studies at **Holy Cross**, whether they take a GLE course or not.

SEA Laptops are loaded with semester two courses. Please phone or have your son or daughter visit room 117 to expedite this process as there are over 100 students with SEA laptops @ **Holy Cross**. If more training is needed, please contact **Mrs. Hulse @ ext. 3428**.

**EQAO Mathematics and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** questions: Contact **Mrs. A. Poels @ext. 3425**

**Post-Secondary Education Transition Planners** are available in **Room 117** Contact **Ms. Gavan Knox**; Financial Assistance Programs and Scholarship information for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities: [http://www.studentawards.com/english/can;\\_\\_](http://www.studentawards.com/english/can;__) Contact the **Learning Disabilities Association** for their upcoming events at <http://www.laokingston.com.enrolled>.

The **Online to Success Course** for students with learning disabilities/ADHD has ten students from Holy Cross registered. We wish these students well as they complete the modules with online support from the **Queen's** staff.

## ATHLETICS

All winter teams resumed their practice schedules on **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. **Basketball Championships** will take place on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** at **1 pm** and **3 pm**, with **Volleyball Championships** on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** at **noon** and **2 pm** at the new **Queen's ARC** facilities. **Holy Cross** is set to host the **Senior Boys EOSSAA Basketball Championships** the following week.

## HC PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILL

In order to maintain an atmosphere that addresses the safety of all members of our community, we will be running a Lockdown Drill on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, to rehearse what staff and students should do in the unlikely event that a dangerous intruder invades our school; this practice is intended to inform and empower rather than alarm. Teachers will discuss and review the Lock Down procedures with each of their classes.

## SEMESTER 1 FINAL REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Final Report Cards will be issued to students in their Homeroom classes on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Any parent or guardian who did not receive a report card on this date is asked to contact **Student Services** at **613 384-2023**.

## U OF WATERLOO GR. 9, 10 & 11 MATH CONTESTS

The **Pascal, Cayley** and **Fermat** math competitions are an opportunity for students to have fun and to develop their mathematical

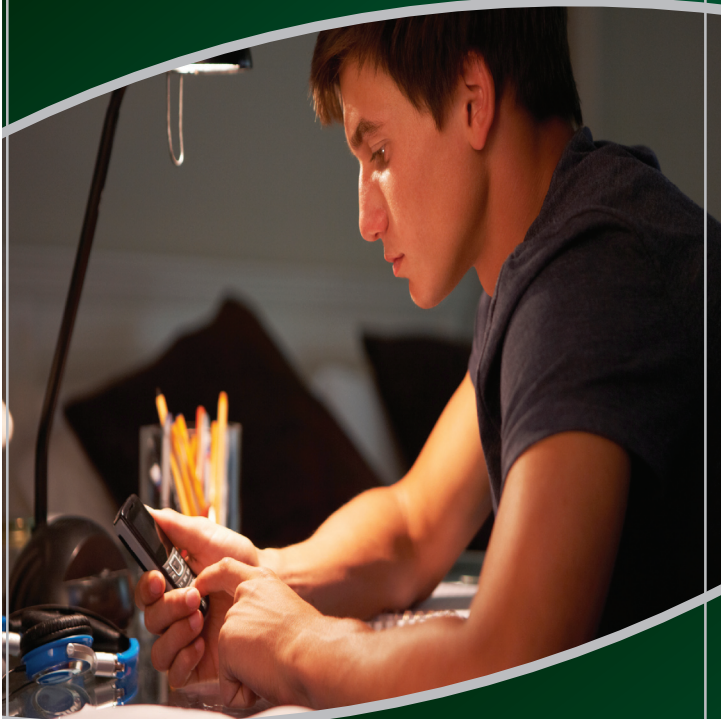
problem solving ability. Each contest is sixty minutes in length, and should begin at 9:00 a.m. or as close to 9:00 a.m. as the school schedule allows, on **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. The contests are supervised by teachers of mathematics in the school.

**TRIBAL VISION DANCERS**

On **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at the beginning of Period 3, Gr. 11 students from **Grade Eleven** world religion classes, as part of their aboriginal spirituality unit, will be called down to watch the **Tribal Vision Dancers** as they perform the multimedia presentation “**Visions of Turtle Island**” **Powwow** and **Haudenosaunee** dancing..

*Holy Cross Catholic School Council is hosting a presentation and Q&A session on*

# Parenting in the Social Media Generation



*A presentation by*  
**Jesse Miller**

*International Public Speaker, founder of Mediated Reality - based in Vancouver, British Columbia*

Jesse will speak to the positive and the negative aspects of Social Media use with respect to its prevalence in all aspects of our children's lives, including how the opportunity for communication 24/7 through texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media platforms is affecting the development of children and teenagers.  
This presentation is for parents/guardians of children of all ages.

*Tuesday, February 25th 2014 • 7:00pm*

*Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School • 1085 Woodbine Road Kingston  
Admission is free • All are welcome*

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**NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS**

- Sat & Sun, March 1/2 .. Cheerleading Provincial Championships, Kitchener
- Tuesday, March 4 ..... Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, March 5 ..... Kingston Street Retreat  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
London/Paris Trip Departs
- Thursday, March 6 ..... Queen's Student Teachers end practicum  
Last Day of Classes for students before March Break  
ShareLent Collection Begins
- Friday, March 7 ..... P.A. Day for staff  
Jamaica Mission Trip Departs
- Sat, March 8 – Sun, March 18.....March Break (no classes)
- Saturday, March 8 ..... International Women's Day
- Sunday, March 9 ..... Daylight Savings Time
- Friday, March 14 ..... London/Paris Trip returns  
Pi Day
- Sunday, March 16 ..... Jamaica Mission Trip returns
- Monday, March 17 ..... 2014 Spring Season Team Tryouts Begin  
Return to classes after March Break  
S2 Early Progress Reports Issued  
St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday, March 19 ..... 100 Days Until Graduation  
Graduation Information Meeting  
ALCDSB Beacons of Hope Breakfast
- Thursday, March 20 ..... Spring Equinox  
Grade Level Reconciliations in the Library
- Friday, March 21 ..... Gr 10 Comm Tech Trip
- Saturday, March 22 ..... World Water Day
- Monday, March 24 ..... S2 IEPs mailed home  
2014-15 Students' Council Exec Election Packages Avail.
- Tuesday, March 25 ..... COMPASS survey, Period 3, all grades  
Parent – Teacher Interviews, 3:30 – 5:30, 6:30 – 8:30
- Wednesday, March 26 ..... KASSAA Mixed Doubles Badminton  
Gr 10 OSSLT Assembly  
HC and RND Bands' Night at Grand Theatre
- Thursday, March 27 ..... OSSLT  
Gr 11/12 Independent Study Day (unless have to complete test)
- Friday, March 28 ..... Holy Cross Earth Hour  
Tentative Non-Uniform Day  
Course Selection Verification Sheets Issued  
Grade Twelve Retreat
- Saturday, March 29 ..... Earth Hour 2014
- Monday, March 31 ..... ALCDSB Student Senate Meeting

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**5. A Collaborative Contributor**

**FAITH IN ACTION:** our mathletes who are preparing their mathematical prowess in readiness for the upcoming contests, report cards that reflect our diverse learners, the Jamaica Mission Trip Team 2014, those students and staff participating in the Kingston Street Retreat, parents, students and staff who will learn more about the Social Media Generation, our boys' track team who will represent Ontario at the Nike Grand Prix

