



our graduating students. Based on their reaction, the audience thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and felt inspired by the talent displayed by our students.

The spring sports season is coming to an end. Highlights include our **Senior Boys and Girls' soccer teams** capturing **KASSAA** and **EOSSAA** championships, moving on to North Bay and Thunder Bay respectively. Our **track and field team** currently had a large contingent heading to **East Regionals**, following competition at **EOSSAA**. Congratulations to the thirteen **Track and Field athletes** that have advanced to **OFSAA** on **June 5-7th** in **Mississauga**. Good luck to all at **OFSAA**. The **Athletic Awards Banquet** is another time for our students to shine. The **2014 Athletic Awards Banquet** on **Wednesday, May 28th, 2014** was a huge success. The guest speaker was **HC 2000** grad **Gavin Cosgrove** who ran cross country and track and field for eight semesters at **Division 1, Manhattan College** in **New York City**. The pursuit of excellence best describes this year's two recipients of the **Holy Cross Letter**. **Devan Anderson** and **Jeremy Pendergast** are hard-working, conscientious and determined student athletes who committed themselves to practices and games. In addition, both of these Crusaders spent countless hours of camaraderie with their **Crusader** teammates. Their focus, their commitment and their passion for their competitions make them positive athletic leaders within the **Holy Cross** community.

Congratulations to these athletes for their commitment and leadership to the **Holy Cross** community:

Grade 9 Athletic Recognition – **Mary Besselink**

Junior Male Athlete – **Devin Leblanc**

Junior Female Athlete – **Caleigh Patterson**

Greg Hulse Leadership Award – **Eric Macrow**

B'nai Brith Award – **Alison Dodwell, Christina Papadakis, Jonathan Besselink, and Chris Kimmerer**

Senior Male Athlete – **Devon Christian**

Senior Female Athlete – **Devan Anderson**

Sports Leadership Award – **Chris Corcoran**

Much appreciation to all of our student athletes and volunteer coaches who bring sport to life at **Holy Cross**. Most recently, we offer congratulations to **Mr. Hunter, Mr. Gervais** and the brand new **Fishing Club**. A special honour goes to **Adam Flisikowski** who placed second at the team's first ever competition in a derby of over 750 students. Another special achievement goes to **Jessiya Vandenberg** who competed this past weekend at **McMaster** in the **Canadian National Brain Bee**.

At this time, I'd like to thank to **Mrs. Isabelle Pollock**, who will retire this June. On behalf of staff and students, I would like to thank Mrs. Pollock especially for her contributions to our French classes. I thank also the following staff members who at this time are moving on to other opportunities: **Nadia Bernabei, Nicole Brioux, Matt Clarke, Angela Dalton, Terri Daniel, Virginia Holmes, Jennifer Ireland, Elizabeth Mulvenna, Stephanie Pacheco, Shannon Perugino, Julie Roantree, Chelsea Sandrin, Curtis Stanzel, Carey Varga** and **Thomas Wagner**.

Good luck to all students preparing for their culminating projects and final exams. Please buckle down and focus on achieving the best results possible. To all students and staff, may you have a safe, joyful summer, filled with many blessings.

Paul A. Walsh

JUNE PASTORAL UPDATE

On Thursday, May 29th eight **Holy Cross** students and two staff members from **CICS** represented our school at the "**Poverty Challenge**". Over 100 student delegates from every high school in **Kingston** travelled to **McArthur College** to attend this annual event which provides us with the opportunity to experience what it is like to live in poverty for a day. We were impressed with the commitment and sacrifices made by the volunteers who put on this day and encouraged to continue to both support those who live in poverty and to find ways to reduce the level of poverty in our communities.

On behalf of our **Crusaders in Community Service (C.I.C.S.)**, a big thank you to staff, students and parents who helped out with the **Hotel Dieu Food Blitz** on **Wednesday, May 14th**. We especially thank the students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes** who canvassed door-to-door and helped us to load close to 26,000 pounds of food donations onto the trailer here at our school. Congratulations to all for their donations and for their help in making this year's **Food Blitz** such a great success and for supporting the **Partners In Mission Food Bank**.

Our last **CICS** Outreach of the year to the **Rosewood Retirement Home** will take place on **Monday, June 2nd**. Special thanks to **Mr. Drumm** and **Mr. Gervais** who have been part of these visits all year and to all the **CICS** students who took time out of their busy schedules to visit our "Senior" friends at the **Rosewood**. Our visits there were much appreciated.

We will celebrate our last **School Mass** of the year on **Wednesday, June 4th** with **Fr. Jan Kusyk** presiding. And on **June 26th** at **12:00 noon** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church**, we will gather with our graduating students, family members and staff for the 2014 Graduation Mass. May God bless all our students as they prepare for final assignments and exams, and our graduates as they look forward to beginning a new chapter in their lives.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

STUDENT COUNCIL

Did someone say **June**? There must be a mistake. There's no way that I'm writing my final **Student Council News** segment of my **Communications Officer** career. **Student Council** has minimal plans for **June** in order to maximize time for culminating presentations, projects and assignments. I'd like to start off by congratulating the newly elected members of the **2014-2015 Student Council**. Every candidate ran a fantastic campaign and should be proud of their efforts. Next I'd like to congratulate all **Genesis** and **Athletic Award** recipients who were recognized for their talents last month. I'd like to say congratulations too to all spring athletes who've finished their seasons' and good luck to those who are continuing to compete. Grade 11 students wishing to be take part in the **Grade Nine Orientation** in **September** can sign up on **Monday, June 2nd**. This is a great opportunity to help the school welcome the incoming grade nine students and show off your **Crusader** spirit. During this week, **Student Council** will be hosting a **Grade Eight Night** for all students entering **Holy Cross** next year. There will be games and dinner to help our newest **Crusaders** to transition to our school. This month's Mass, the last of the year, will take place on **Wednesday, June 4th**. Also this week on **Friday, June 6th** is the **First Year Forty**



celebration for Grade 9 students who have completed the minimum amount of volunteer hours needed for their **OSSD**. **Student Council** wishes the best of luck to all Grade 9 math students participating in **EQAO** testing on **June 11th** and **12th**. **Father's Day** is celebrated on **Sunday, June 15th**. It's time for the fathers in your life to be showered with lots of love this second **Sunday of June**. The climax of **June** is the final exams which begin for senior students on **Thursday, June 19th**. Exams run until **Tuesday June 24th**. I too dread the amount of studying exams demand (especially with four this semester), however it is crucial to prepare to do your best and to work hard until you complete your final exam. For graduating students, the **Graduation Mass and Ceremony** is planned for **Thursday, June 26th**. I'd like to end off by saying that I am deeply honoured and unimaginably thankful to have been given the opportunity to serve as **Holy Cross' 2013-2014 Communications Officer**. On behalf of the **Council**, I thank each and every student and staff member who has helped make this year a success, especially you **Mr. Coleman!** There is so much to love and miss at **Holy Cross** and my wish is that none of it is taken for granted, and that every student feels this way upon parting. **L. Frank Baum** once wrote, "Everything has to come to an end, sometime", however, **Mr. Kallevig** compared life to chapters of a book, saying that "The end of every chapter leads to the beginning of another".

Sarah Flisikowski, **Communications Officer**

EQAO GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

For those who are currently registered in Grade 9 Academic and Applied Mathematics courses, the **Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Academic Mathematics** will be written on **Wednesday, June 11th** and on **Thursday, June 12th** in regularly scheduled math classes.

TECH NEWS / BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

All community members are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, sent to you automatically. Anyone interested in subscribing to the **HC** newsletter online, please visit our school website, hctoday.ca. Similarly, if you or your son or daughter is graduating, you could email an "unsubscribe" request to us.

2014 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The **2014 Holy Cross Crusade** was distributed on **Wednesday, May 28th, 2014**. Thanks to both **Mr. Prior's Period 1 class** and the **yearbook staff** who co-ordinated the distribution process. If you have not yet picked up your pre-purchased copy (included in your September student fee), please see **Mr. Prior** in **Room 129** during periods 1 or 2, or during the lunch hour. If you have a friend that you know is no longer at **Holy Cross**, you may also pick up their copy for them.

GRADE TWELVE GALA VOCAL CONCERT

On **Thursday, June 12th, 2014**, the **Grade Twelve Vocal Class** will present their final gala concert. The performance will take place in the

cafetorium and curtain time is **7:00 p.m.**. Tickets are only **\$5.00** at the door. Come out and enjoy an exciting evening of vocal performance. Sorry for the change in date – **Mr. Sicoli** and those **Senior Boys' Soccer** players heading to **OFSSAA** prompted a date change!

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of Community Involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to **Student Services**. If you still have not done your community involvement, you need to see **Student Services ASAP**. – Last call – **Monday, June 2nd**. Graduating students who applied for admission to an **Ontario** university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other **Ontario** universities through the **OUAC** starting **June 6th**. Go to www.ouac.on.ca/ais/ or call **519-823-1063**. To be considered students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs, as well as an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on *volunteer* and *employment* opportunities, please contact **Student Services**.

Student timetables for the **2014- 2015** school year will be available online on **Friday, June 6th**. Students can access their timetable by using the **Maplewood Portal** on the **HC Today** website. Student timetables will not be mailed over the summer. A copy will be available in the text book room during text book pick up in late **August**. It is the intent of **Student Services** to have timetable problems/ changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course. Senior students wishing to upgrade also require the appropriate prerequisite. Please see your counsellor for details.

Summer School 2014

New Credit: July 2 – 29. 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning.

Courses available are: ENG3U, ENG4U, ENG4C, MCF3M, MHF4U, MAP4C, MCR3U, PPZ3O, CHV2O5 Civics, and GLC2O5 Careers.

* Please note that Grade 11 and 12 "U" and "C" level courses will have an onsite exam on **July 29th, 2014** at **Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education**.

Co-op Program: July 2 – 29. 4 week co-op program (one credit) will be offered if there is sufficient enrolment.

The **Limestone Board** will also be offering summer school classes. All program details and registration packages are posted on the Board's website and in **Student Services**. See your counsellor to sign up.

First Year Forty

Grade 9 students who have completed 40 hours of community service will be invited to a celebration taking place in the **Cafetorium** on **Friday, June 6th**, during period 2. 80 students will be recognized at this year's event.



Exam Return Day

Teachers will be available for students to pick up their Semester 2 exams on **Wednesday, June 25th** from **12:00pm – 2:00pm**.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Thursday, June 26th** beginning with the **Graduation Mass at St. Paul the Apostle at 12:00 p.m.** followed by the **Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.** here at the school.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2014 JUNE REMINDERS

Wednesday 18th June..... Final Course documentation deadline
 Thursday 26th June..... Graduation
 12:00..... Mass for the grads, guests & HC Staff at St. Paul the Apostle
 5:30..... Gown Fitting in the Library with Ms. Dowsley & Committee
 6:15..... HC Class of 2014 portrait by Mr. Prior in the Main Foyer
 6:35..... Grads line up alphabetically for Procession of the Graduates
 6:50..... Graduate Processional begins to move to the gymnasium
 7:00..... Graduation Ceremony begins
 9:00..... Reception in the Cafetorium for the Grads, Family, Guests, & HC Staff
 A list of students who are potential graduates of **Holy Cross** and eligible to receive their **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** and take part in the **June 2014** graduation ceremony was published in the **May 2014** newsletter. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories), forty (40) hours of Community involvement, and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all requirements (including night school courses and on-line courses) have been completed or will be completed. The final marks for on-line and night school courses must be submitted to **Student Services** by **Wednesday, June 18th, 2014**.

Students are encouraged to contact their counsellor regarding any questions concerning graduation. Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers as class representatives: **Valedictorian, Jordan Allen; Salutatorian, Sarah Flisikowski; and 2014 Class Representatives, Kenya Costa-Dookhan and James Hickey.**

Each graduate has received four tickets which are required by their family and guests at the door on the evening of **June 26th**. All graduates are reminded to notify Student Services once they have accepted admission to a college or university and if they have received any scholarships or bursaries.

This year each graduate who has paid their **Crusader Student Activity Fee** will receive a photo CD, containing images from the graduation ceremonies. The CD will include the large group photograph, graduates receiving their diplomas, and award winners.

Post-Secondary Education Transition Planning: After accepting entrance to college/university of your choice, students on IEPs make an appointment with their Centre for Disabilities/Counselling and Accessibility Centres to share their Individual Education Plan and all assessments/documentation to access accommodations. Grade 12 students have been updating the IEP to reflect the Strengths, Needs and Accommodation Sections with **Ms. Gavan**

Knox in preparation for their intake appointment.

Identification, Placement and Review Committee Letters were mailed to Parents/Guardians. If you have already returned the Request/Waiver Meeting Forms, thank you; if not, please return these forms so that they be sent to **ALCDSB Office, Napanee (Ontario Ministry of Education requirement).**

Final Exams for Students on IEPs Your child's use of accommodations during the semester are entered by subject teachers in their subject box on the IEP. Teachers may invite students who use "quiet location" and "time only" to write with their class or in **Resource Room 117**. **Mrs. Marie Hulse, SERT**, coordinates this process with subject teachers, student. For further information, contact **Mrs. Hulse** at **613-384-1919, ext.3428**.

Grade Nine EQAO Math Assessment - A letter has been mailed to you outlining your child's accommodations. The accommodations indicated in the letter are the ones that the student has requested and agreed to use (all accommodations were offered as outlined in the IEP, but the student may have agreed to some and declined others). For further information, contact **Mrs. A. Poels** at **613-384-1919 ext. 3425**.

Orientation for the Grade Nine Students on Individual Education Plans, **Class of 2014-15**, will be on **Tuesday, August 26th**, which is the date for "Grade Nine Textbook Day". Orientation activities will identify the "Go to Persons", the routines in the learning strategies classroom 136, resource room 117, classroom locations, and SEA laptops. The first session will be 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in room 136; the second session from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in room 136. Register for one of these sessions by contacting **613-384-1919 ext.3410** or **gavankno@alcdsb.on.ca**.

LOCKER CLEANUP AND CLEAN-OUT PROCEDURES

All students must clear and clean their locker of personal belongings on the day of their final examination or at the latest, before the end of the day on **Wednesday, June 25th**. In the last week of **June**, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents with items being donated.

JUNE TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Textbooks issued by **Holy Cross** are the property of the school and are on loan to a student on a semester basis only. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to care for their books and to return all items in good condition. Mix-ups can occur in classrooms, and a student may inadvertently have another person's textbook in their possession. Students are responsible for returning the textbooks assigned to them. Please search your house, car, locker, etc. for any textbooks which may not have been returned. **HC textbooks are due back on the day of the individual student's final exam.** Students are to personally **return the textbooks they were issued (exact barcodes)** to the **Textbook Room** or to the **Library**, to ensure that their account is cleared. Textbooks left in the classroom or exam room remain the student's responsibility. The \$100.00 deposit cheques will be cashed for unreturned or damaged books beginning

June 28th. After that date no information or refunds will be available until school starts in **September**. If there are any questions about textbooks, please call **Mr. Mike McGonegal** or **Ms Mary Pryal** at **extension 3413**, before then.

AUGUST TEXTBOOK PICK-UP

Students will be able to pick up their next year's first semester text books during the week before classes begin. The textbook room will be open from **Tuesday, August 26th** to **Thursday, August 28th** from **9 – 3 pm**, and the **Wednesday evening** also from **6 – 9 pm**. (**Tuesday, August 26th** is reserved as a **"Grade 9 only"**. Only the new grade 9 students will be served on that day.) Other students can pick up their books on the other days. In order to get textbooks each student's account of the previous year must be clear. Students must have their green textbook card to be validated. (New grade 9 students will be given their cards at textbook pickup time.) A separate textbook deposit cheque must be submitted. This cheque is to be made out to **Holy Cross Secondary School**, in the amount of **\$100.00** postdated to **March 1st, 2015**, and should have the student's **full name** printed at the top left of the cheque. *Please be advised that any textbook account problems that have not been resolved from the previous semester will not be able to be addressed during the busy textbook pick-up days. Replacement green textbook cards are \$5.00 and cannot be issued the same day.*

EXAMINATION RETURN AND REPORT CARD PICK UP DAY

Students may pick up their June examinations the afternoon of **Wednesday, June 25th** from **9:00 to 10:00 am**. Examinations may be picked up from subject teachers in their classrooms. **Report cards will be mailed home beginning on Monday, July 7th, 2014.**

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their **Holy Cross** school uniform sale on **Wednesday, July 30th** from **3:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. It is advisable to purchase the uniform on this date to ensure that everyone is in full uniform on the first day of school. If you cannot make the sale, uniforms may also be purchased at the school in late **August**. Please check www.hctoday.ca for further information.

PRE-OWNED & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED UNIFORM SALE

Is your youngest child getting set to graduate from Holy Cross? Have you grown several centimeters in the past year? If you no longer have any use for your (or your child's) uniform and are interested in donating it to the school, please bring the uniform to **Ms. Daniel** in the main office. **Holy Cross Catholic School Council** will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy previously enjoyed uniforms for reasonable prices on **Monday, July 28th, 2014**. Any monies raised from this sale will go to support the learning experience (including uniforms and extracurriculars) for students and families in need. The sale will be held in the **Holy Cross Foyer** between **6:00 p.m.** and **8:00 p.m.**

SHSM SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR IN COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to be an Animator, Journalist, Photographer, Video Producer, Web Page Designer? Then you will want to check out the **Holy Cross SHSM Specialist High Skills Major in Communications Technology**. Students who participate in this grade 11 & 12 focus program

receive additional opportunities, extracurricular experiences, travel, and training. SHSM students graduate with a special red seal diploma. For more information on SHSM go to: <http://hcss.alcdsb.on.ca/hctoday/TechEd/SHSM/SHSMsite>.

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDS CAMP

Dates: Camp Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
July 14-18 2014 *Parents can drop players off at 8 am
August 18– 22, 2014 Fee: \$190.00
Location: Holy Cross C.S.S
 * Open to Boys & Girls in grades 3-8
CAMP DIRECTORS
 Kelly Dixon and Alfie DeMelo

JULY & AUGUST	
July 1	Canada Day
July 7	Report Cards Mailed Home This Week
July 2 - 29	Summer School
July 28	Holy Cross Main Foyer, Used Uniform Sale, 6 - 8
July 30	Halpern's Uniform Sale, 3:30 - 8, HC Cafetorium
August 26	Grade Nine only Textbook Pick-up , 9 - 3 pm
August 27	Textbook Pick-up, 9 - 3 pm and 6 - 9 pm
August 28	Textbook Pick-Up, 9 - 3 pm
August 28	Staff Meeting

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

7. A Responsible Citizen

FAITH IN ACTION: the eighty grade nine students who have completed at least forty hours of community service within their first year of high school; all of our students who are completing culminating activities and final examinations; Bill Miklas of the United Way let us know that our students had excellent participation in this year's "Change the World" Ontario Youth Challenge; our students and staff who participated in the Youth Poverty Challenge at McArthur

