



Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

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Newsletter – November 2014

School Pastoral Theme for 2014-2015 “BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS” (Matthew 5:9)

Message from the Vice-Principal

“Blessed are the Peacemakers”, is a wonderful theme for our school year. The goal of ‘peace’ will offer us many opportunities to grow together and to make a difference. Most recently, during the Thanksgiving Food Drive, our students and staff donated approximately 2100 kilograms of non-perishable food to the local Food Bank, which has seen a 15% increase in demand this year. Holy Cross exceeded last year’s donation and we extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed through your generosity and efforts. In the near future, there are numerous opportunities for students and staff to share and spread our peace. Our staff continues to gather and deliver weekly donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. These types of initiatives allow all people in our community to feel valued, and to have the dignity and peace they require.

During the 2014-2015 school year, we turn our attention to Pope Francis, who stands as a remarkable role model for peace in our world. Let us follow him and lead a life of humility, show concern for the poor and build relationships among peoples of various backgrounds and faiths. Together, we make every day meaningful for ourselves and others.

Wendy Gallant, Vice-Principal

Poinsettia Sale in Support of Our Bridges Program

- Orders are still being taken by Bridges to Community Students in room 201.
- All orders due by November 12th. Do not be disappointed.
- Delivery date will be December 3rd.
- Call **Greg Walker** for more details: 613-384-1919 ext. 2258.

November 5th – Take Our Kids to Work Day – Grade 9; Term 1 Careers/Civics courses end;

November 10th – College Application Workshop @ HC; Mid-term marks submitted;

November 11th – Remembrance Day Assemblies;

November 12th – Catholic School Council Meeting #3; *Shrek: The Musical* tickets go on sale; Wellness Wednesday Veggie Blitz;

November 14th – Jamaican Mission Trip Fish Fry @ HC;

November 17th – Bullying Awareness Week begins; Mid-Semester Reports issued and marks available on-line Monday morning;

November 24th – Matinee Performance of *Shrek: The Musical*; Day of the Arts, Day 1

November 25th – Day of the Arts @ HC Day 2;

November 26th – Opening Night: *Shrek: the Musical*;

November 27th – November Non-Uniform Day;

November 28th – Professional Activity Day #3;

November 30th – First Sunday of Advent.

Counsellors' Corner

Honour Roll Ceremony

A ceremony honouring last year's Honour Roll students will take place during Period One on Wednesday, November 5th. Our guest speaker will be Gavin Cosgrove, a Holy Cross Graduate, who is currently a trustee for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.

Take Your Kid to Work Day

Grade 9 students will participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 5th. This day is important in that it gives students the opportunity to gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces, and gain a better understanding of exploring career choices. Regular classes for grade 9 students will not be held on this day. Signed permission forms must be returned to Student Services in order for students to participate.

Post-Secondary Information

Workshops for on-line application to OUAC (Universities) were conducted October 16th and October 23rd. Workshops for on-line applications to OCAS (College) will be held **Thursday, November 6th and Thursday, November 16th at 11:15**. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information at the Holy Cross Website (www.hctoday.ca and click: "Academic" – Student Services "Post-Secondary Info"). **Students applying to Ontario Universities can now pick up their "PIN" in Student Services.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the Information Board outside Student Services for volunteer opportunities.

United Way Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services links students looking for volunteer work with agencies and organizations that have opportunities. Visit www.unitedwaykfla.ca to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community.

Enrichment Opportunities

Waterloo Unlimited

Grade 11: Design Theme MID March, 2015

A Message from Students' Council

Yes, what you heard is true, the month of November is upon us! October was a great month for everyone here at Holy Cross, with such great events like the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the grade 10 retreats. As we always do we are finishing the month off with a spooky Halloween costume contest! As November approaches, the Holy Cross Students' Council, on behalf of all students, wish to give thanks for our friends and family: we are working to make sure that the coming months are as great and as fun as these last two were!

Gabe McDonald

Communications Officer, Students' Council

Arts News

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School proudly presents ***Shrek The Musical*** this November. Based on the 2001 DreamWorks film, ***Shrek The Musical*** is the heartwarming fairytale featuring a crusty but loveable ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim the deed to his land. Together with a wise-cracking donkey, a feisty princess, a

vertically-challenged villain and a gang of storybook misfits, this unlikely hero discovers that real friendship and true love are not only found in fairy tales.

Show dates are **November 26-29th, 2014 at 7:00pm** with a special matinee performance on Saturday, November 29th at 1:30pm. Tickets are

\$18 for adults and \$15 for students/children and will go on sale at lunch in the front foyer November 13th. Purchase your tickets early so you won't be disappointed! You won't want to miss out on the exciting Kingston premiere of ***Shrek The Musical!***

The creative work of Mr. Lobo's grade 12 visual art class and Mr. Esford's communications technology class will be highlighted in a special exhibit in the school library during the week of **November 24th-29th.**



Athletics

The weekend of November 20-22, Joanna Besselink and Paul Melim will be co-convening the OFSAA AAA Boys' Volleyball Championships in Kingston, Ontario. Games will be played at Holy Cross, Regiopolis, and Queen's University. The championship will see 20 of Ontario's best volleyball teams travel to the Limestone city to compete for an OFSAA medal. You can find out more information on the championship by visiting www.ofsaa.on.ca/boys-aaa-volleyball. November is championship time for all KASSAA fall sports. Check out www.hctoday.ca for updates on locations and times for all playoff and championship games.

On a related note, we still have openings for **three coaching positions** in the winter season: the senior and junior girls' volleyball teams and the swim team. If you can help us run these three important programs, please contact Mr. Robin Dzierniejko at 613-384-1919 x 4064.

At press time, these are the times and locations of quarterfinal games involving Holy Cross teams for Tuesday, November 4th: JUNIOR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL... HC at SHS at 2 pm; SENIOR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL... LSS at HC at 2 pm; JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL...RND at HC at 4 pm; SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL...LCVI at HC at 5:30 pm. Come out and cheer on your *Crusaders!*

Kingston Community Conversation about Creating Literate Kids

Holy Cross is hosting a second parent evening for parents and children, this time, building on a well-attended and successful discussion of numeracy last month, focusing on literacy. The evening begins at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th at Holy Cross** with pizza and healthy snacks. Children will then attend a choice of two workshops and will present their dramatic and artistic creations at 8:00 p.m. Parents will enjoy a panel discussion moderated by Maegan Kulchar of CKWS-TV and featuring Susan Conway Williamson, past principal, John Lazarus, playwright, Caroline Pignat, author, Peggy Lunn, Queen's Librarian, and Aaron Bailey, motivational speaker. Sponsored by the Algonquin and Lakeshore District School Board and the Ministry of Education, *Creating Literate Kids II* looks to be another informative and inspiring event for families to enjoy.



Looking Forward to December

30th November – Advent begins

1st – Crusaders in Catholic Service Advent Collection begins

4th – Grade level Reconciliation in the library; winter team photos begin

6th – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

9th and 10th – Crusader Bands Foyer performances at lunch

11th – Advent School mass; Katherine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert at 7:00 in the gymnasium

15th – recommended date for on-line post-secondary applications

17th – Wellness Wednesday; Coffee House at 7:00 in the HC Cafeteria

19th – December Non-Uniform Day; final day of instruction before Christmas Break

PASTORAL UPDATE

As we do every year, the Holy Cross School Community will take time on November 11th to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the Great Wars of the last century or while on Peacekeeping duty. This year our Remembrance Day observance will take the form of a dramatic presentation created by the students of senior drama, vocal music and dance. It will be 35 minutes in length and will take place in Period One in the Cafeteria at the following times: **8:40 – 9:15**

All Grade 12s, Mr. Scarpazza, Mrs. Macrow, & Mr.

Gervais' Gr. 9 home form classes; 9:20 – 9:55

All Grade 11s, Ms. Coombs, Mr. Stabile, Ms. McLean & Mr. Manion's Gr. 9 home form classes; **10:00 – 10:35**

All Grade 10s, Ms. Agostino, Mr. Chambers, & Mrs. Waters' Gr. 9 home form classes. November 11th will be an Activity Day timetable. During the month of November, we also remember loved ones who have died. Students and staff are invited to write their names in a **Book of Remembrance** located in the chapel. On Friday, November 14th we will host our 5th Annual Jamaica Fish Fry here at Holy Cross from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to this year's Jamaica Mission Trip. Tickets are \$15.00 for take-out or an "All You Can Eat" sit-down dinner. Call my office (ext. 3436) for tickets or more information.

A Reminder about Tobacco and Tobacco Related Products

Holy Cross is a no smoking, no tobacco products site, as is referenced on page 18 of the student agenda. We need to be clear: this includes the so-called "smokeless tobacco" products that we often see and known as chew, spit, plug or snuff. These products, while less obvious to observers, are equally, even more harmful to health. This month, we will be mounting an information campaign warning students about these highly addictive, youth-marketed products. If you need more information, see www.hctoday.ca or www.KnowWhatsInYourMouth.ca.