



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2015

Principal's Message

June is a very busy time at Holy Cross. The spring athletic season is coming to an end for our baseball, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, and track and field teams. The Green and Silver Athletic Banquet was held May 27th. Look below, in our "Athletic Update", for information on award winners and thanks to our Athletic Director, **Mr. Robin Dziernienjko**, and his sports leadership group, who hosted a great night. The Genesis Awards, celebrating achievement in the arts, was held May 21st. Again, for a list of honorees, see "Arts News" below. Special thanks to Arts Department Head **Mrs. Stacy Check-Drumm** for her leadership. June will bring us to Graduation 2015, another opportunity to celebrate together the academic achievements of 275 Crusaders over the past four years. We are keenly aware of the capacity problem at Holy Cross and we will be working with our new Students' Council, School Council and staff to seek out a solution to the overcrowding issue for 2016. Our goal? Every one who wishes to see their Crusader graduate - live - will be able to do so.

Finally, I would like to highlight the Communication Technology program at Holy Cross. **Claudia Pawlak's** success in winning the Ontario Skills Competition and travelling to Saskatchewan to compete in the National Skills Competition is a tribute to her ability and perseverance. And her success is also a testament to the hard work of our Head of Technological Education, **Mr. John Esford**, who leads the *Secondary School High Skills Major program*. We acknowledge the financial support of our School Council and the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in making this trip possible. We wish her well in Saskatchewan. *Ian Stuart, Principal*

Congratulations to **Mrs. Gavan Knox**, Head of our Special Education Department, on the occasion of her retirement. **Mrs. April DiRinaldo** and **Ms. Waller** will be on leave next year. In addition, we say thank you to staff members **Mrs. Hill**, **Mrs. Mulvenna**, **Ms. Pacheco** and **Ms. Peruginno**, who move on to other opportunities, and to **Mrs. Madeline Bouvier**, from our front office, who transfers to RND. Good luck to all .



Partners in Mission Food Blitz, May 13th. "Faith in Action" at Holy Cross

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Congratulations KASSAA Champion Senior and Junior Boys' Soccer



Above: (left) Jr. Boys' Soccer; (right) Sports Leadership Group.

Athletics Update

Track News: Eastern Ontario Meet Results - Capturing **gold** was Max Taylor in the 400m, Abbey Lanzo in the 400m, Emily Fawcett in the discus, Jonathan Besselink in the 2000 m Steeplechase, Brayden Raymond in the long jump, and Jonah Johnston in the shot put.

Silver winners include Max Taylor in the 200m, Tommy Pendergast in the Intermediate hurdles, Mary Besselink in the 800m, Jonathan Besselink in the 800m, Courtney Norman in the triple jump, and Ryan O'Brien in the 100 m.

Bringing home double bronze was Anna Greentree in the 100m, and 200m, Emmett Bravakis in the 200m and 400m. Single bronze went to Jonathan Besselink in the 1500m, Nikki Godin in the triple jump, Emily Fawcett in the shot put Sage Hartman in the 400m, and finally the junior girls 4 x 100m relay comprised of Amanda Lalonde, Anna Greentree, Nicole Skolnick, Abbey Lanzo.

Major Athletic Awards 2015 from Our Green and Silver Assembly

Athletic Recognition Award – *Joey Cantarutti*

Junior Female – *Mary Besselink*

Junior Male – *Sam Pierson*

B'Nai Brith Female – *Donya Hojabr*

B'Nai Brith Male – *Devin LeBlanc*

Senior Female – *Laura Collings*

Senior Male – *Jonah Johnston*

Greg Hulse Leadership – *Marilyn Doherty*

Sports Leadership Award – *Paul Walsh*

Counsellors' Corner

Graduates 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 1st. 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 4th. Go to www.ouac.on.ca/ais/ or call 519-823-1063.

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

Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course.

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 5th, during period 2. Grade 9 students can still bring in their volunteer hours until Monday, June 1st.



The 2015 Genesis Awards, Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Genesis Awards

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Darryl Jordan, Madeline Bouvier

RICK THOMPSON

Abbey Anson Kaitlyn Philip

DOMINO THEATRE

Eliot Tang

DRAMA CLUB

Matt McGlashan

ART CLUB

Kaitlyn MacDonald

DANCE CLUB

Kiana Gouveia

SHSM

Nick Kingan

BUDDING ARTIST

Colin Watts

MAJOR GENESIS AWARD WINNERS

DRAMATIC ARTS

COURTNEY DAY

VISUAL ARTS

JEWEL NEILL

MUSIC

CHRIS KIMMERER

VOCAL MUSIC

BAILEY GREENWOOD-VIDAL

YEARBOOK & COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

COURTNEY STREET

GRAPHIC DESIGN/PHOTOGRAPHY

CLAUDIA PAWLAK

AUDIO AND VIDEO PRODUCTION

KATIE CROSS, HARMONY HOLLAND

Arts News

On Thursday, May 21st, 2014, the Genesis Awards for Achievement in the Arts was celebrated here at Holy Cross. This year's theme was "New York, New York" and included highlights from the 2014-15 artistic year as well as the debut of our grade 9 band. It also featured the jazz ensemble, the vocal ensemble, the improv team, the HC dance team, a Shrek medley and wonderful videos produced by Mr. Esford and the Com Tech program. The evening also highlighted the artistic works of our students in the art and photography exhibit mounted in the library especially for this awards night. We are also very proud to announce our next musical production - **GUYS and DOLLS** running November 25-28th, 2015. You don't want to miss it! Special thanks to our Emcees for the evening, Art – **Kaitlyn Macdonald**; Music – **Kaitlyn Philip**; Drama – **Matt McGlashan**; Comm. Tech – **Riley Richmond**.

The Crusade—The Holy Cross Yearbook 2015

Congratulations to Mr. Prior and the Yearbook class on the release of another tremendous publication. We encourage every parent to take a look at their son/daughter's book: we know you will see its quality. If any Crusaders are in any way interested in pursuing a career in journalism, publishing or photography, the Yearbook course is a great opportunity to learn what it actually takes to bring a concept to print.

Attention Returning Students

Student timetables for the 2015- 2016 school year will be available online on Friday, June 5th. 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.

Summer School Information

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 on-site exam on July 29th, 2015 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. All program details and registration packages are posted on the Board’s website and in Student Services. See your counselor to sign up. The Limestone Board will also be offering summer school classes.

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

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca

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EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 2nd – Bake Sale *Relay for Life*

June 3rd - *One Match* Event in the foyer (am only)

June 4th – Final School Mass; Vocal Music Concert

June 5th – Student 2015-6 timetables available on-line

June 6th – *Relay For Life* Event @ Westbrook Sportsplex

June 9th – Gd.11 and 12 Culminating Task and Exam Review days begin

June 11th – Gd. 9 EQAO Math Day 1; Last Wellness Wednesday of the year

June 12th – Gd. 9 EQAO Math Day 2; Gd. 9 and 10 Culminating Activity and Review Days begin

June 15th – Gd.11 and 12 Culminating Task and Exam Review days end

June 17th – Gd. 9 EQAO Math Day 2; Gd. 9 and 10 Culminating Activity and Review Days end; textbook return

June 18th – Examinations begin and end June 22nd;

June 25th - Exam return day at HC

GRADUATION IS JUNE 24

12:00 NOON – ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE - GRAD MASS

5:30 GOWN FITTING IN THE LIBRARY

6:15 CLASS OF 2015 GRAD PHOTO

7:00 GRADUATION CEREMONY IN OUR GYM

BELOW: (L TO R) CLASS REP, HANNAH SMITH; SALUTATORIAN, CHRIS KIMMERER; VALEDICTORIAN, RAJIV TANWANI; CLASS REP, STEPHANIE GAGNON.



Looking Forward to July and August

July 1st - Custodians begin removing locks and locker content

July 3rd - Ontario Colleges Final Grades and Proof of Graduation submitted

July 7th - Ontario Universities Final Grade and Proof of Graduation submitted; Credit Recovery period ends.

July 23rd - Gently Used Uniform Sale from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in our foyer run by School Council

July 29th - Halpern's Uniform Sale in our Cafeteria from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.

August 24th - In-School Uniform Sales begin in the Library Seminar Room

Wolfe Island Day Camp 2015 - July 6 to August 7

**Cost of registration is \$135.00 per child
for a one-week session**

(with a 10% discount for multiple week and
child discounts)

**Camp will be held at St Thomas More
School @ 234 Norman Rogers Drive**

**Drop off and Pick up At Artillery Park and
open to children 5 to 12 years of age**

To register visit www.alcddb.on.ca/widc or
contact Jennifer Wilson 613-544-3361

News from Holy Cross Catholic School Council

Holy Cross Catholic School Council is pleased to offer our community the opportunity to purchase gently used school uniform items, at our annual "Nearly New Sale". This year's sale will be held on Thursday July 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Funds raised go towards supporting financially needy families in our school community.

Graduating this year? Please consider donating your gently used Holy Cross uniform to us! Items may be dropped off at the main office weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm, during the month of June (please note that the annual Halpern's uniform fitting event for the purchase of new school uniform items will be held the following week,

Crusaders In Community Service (CICS) Executive

Recently six students were appointed to serve on the Crusaders In Community Service Executive for 2015-2016:

- **Anna Stafford (Co-chair)**
- **Olivia Lynch (Co-chair)**
- **Naomi Gazendam (Secretary)**
- **Hayley Maloney (Communications)**
- **Reid Cameron (Senior Rep – Grade 11)**
- **Faith Lollar (Junior Rep – Grade 10)**
- **TBA in September (Junior Rep – Grade 9)**

These students all have experience working on various social action projects here at Holy Cross and next year they will inspire even more members of our school community to put their "Faith Into Action". If you have a charitable group or a social action project that you would like to see supported here at Holy Cross please see any member of the CICS` Executive.

Chris Forster, Chaplain

during the last week of July).

Catholic School Council meets regularly, once per month, in the school library resource centre. All members of the Holy Cross community are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Current projects include planning our annual spring speaker events for students and for parents. Stay tuned for news about our dynamic 2016 speaker!

Are your children returning to Holy Cross in the fall? We'd love to have you join us next year. For further details about meetings, or about Holy Cross Catholic School Council in general, please feel free to contact me at eliescu@cogeco.ca. **Michelle Iliescu, Chair**