



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

April 2016

Principal's Message

On Thursday, March 31st, our grade 10 students wrote the Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test to complete this important step toward graduation. Special thanks to grade 10 classroom teachers and our Literacy Committee, led by Mr. Vince Stabile and Mrs. Anne Poels, who organized, delivered and assessed preparation materials, and to Miss Emily Withers, who ran our after school literacy support programs. Individual student reports will be available by the end of June.

Last month, students at Holy Cross were called down to the library for a series of course selection workshops. By now, all students should have entered course selections based on interest, ability and, most importantly, post-secondary destination or pathway. The fear? If students wait, they may not get into classes they need or want. If you have not selected courses for 2016-7, do so quickly!

On March 29th, I had the pleasure of presenting the Holy Cross 'Beacon of Hope' Awards to Anna Stafford and to Dan Amaral at our annual breakfast celebration. Further congratulations go to five OFSSA qualifying teams and their coaches: swim, wrestling, boys' basketball, girls' hockey and boys' hockey. A special congratulations to Connor Quinton, who won a bronze medal at 57.5 kgs., but who was also selected the top wrestler at the OFSSA meet out of a field of 800 competitors. That honour is truly impressive.

Our grade 12 homeroom classes collected the most money for our Share Lent Campaign this year. Mrs. Grady's grade 10 class raised the most money overall and will receive a breakfast compliments of the Wellness Team and CICS.

At Holy Cross, we are truly thankful for our caring staff and student body. I continue to be impressed by the works of charity I see carried out in our school each and every month. ***Ian Stuart, Principal***



Joe, Theresa and Anna Stafford; Dan and Lisa Amaral at the Beacon of Hope breakfast

Spring Uniform Sale

The spring uniform will go on sale at the Halperns in-school uniform shop starting after the March Break from 9:00 to 3:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, for your convenience, you may purchase the spring uniform on Tuesday, April 5th, and Thursday, April 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in our library, or Tuesday, April 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the uniform shop. Call 613-634-1709 or order online at www.halperns.ca. The spring uniform starting Monday, May 2nd.

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HC GREEN TEAM NEWS

April is Earth Month and we, the Green Team, have some suggestions to help celebrate the Earth all month long;

1. Meatless Mondays - every Monday in April make meals without meat - Vegetarian or Vegan, or just cut down on meat that day if you really can't give it up!

2. Walk/Wheel Wednesdays - big prizes to be won for those who enter the draw by tweeting pictures of themselves walking or wheeling to and from school: #HCSSgreenteam.

Pictures can/will be posted and prizes will be given to those who walk/cycle the most. Walk or Wheel every day but especially on Wednesdays!

3. Limit the lights Fridays - every Friday in April classroom and hallway lights will be reduced to a minimum, you can do the same at home.

During Earth Week, April 18-22, the Green Team will be actively promoting Meatless Monday, Walk/Wheel Wednesday and Limit the lights Friday. Other events that week will include Crusader Compost pick up on Tuesday and Thursday and the community clean up event, Pick up Kingston.

Athletics Update

The Holy Cross Swim Team represented the school well at OFSAA. Although no medals were won, both **Lucas Rollins** and the relay team composed of **Sage Hartmann, Katrina Hartmann, Sophia Smith and Taylor Howe**, beat their personal best times. An excellent finish to the season! Special thanks to our Swim Team coach, Mrs. Johnson.



2016 Walk 4 Kids Mental Health

Saturday, May 7th

Front Lawn of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

130 Clergy St. East

Crafts, Food, and Fun at 9:00AM



Walk to City Hall - 11:00AM

The Arts

The Holy Cross Arts Department invites you to the annual Spring Cabaret. It will take place in the Holy Cross Cafetorium on April 13 at 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at lunch the week before or at the door for \$5.00. Refreshments will be available during intermission.



The Cabaret is produced by the grade eleven Dramatic Arts class and features the theme of the Roaring '20s.

Join us on **April 13th at 7:00** in the Holy Cross caf for great performances by our talented singers, dancers, and musicians.

The Holy Cross dance team will be travelling to Scarborough to compete in "STRIVE Dance Challenge" on April 6th. Fourteen dedicated dance students will be competing! Look for an update in next months newsletter.

Looking ahead, plan to attend the Genesis Awards, held at Holy Cross, starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 19th. Don't miss it!



Science Contest: The Sir Isaac Newton physics contest - SIN for short—will take place **May 5th**. Contact your science teacher for more information.

Events in April

Apr 4 – Course verification sheets issued

Apr 5—Spring Uniform sales begin at school

Apr 6– Spring League Basketball league begins and continues every Wednesday into May; Silent Vigil @ HC; Dance Competition @ Scarborough

Apr 7—Spring Uniform sales continue at HC; The Inside Ride @ 12:00 noon

Apr 8—Cheerleading Nationals, Niagara Falls

Apr 11—Sem 2 Mid-Semester Testing period begins

Apr 13—2016-7 Nomination Packages for Students' Council are due; Cabaret @ 7:00 in the Cafeteria

Apr 15—Course Verification Sheets due in Student Services

Apr 18—Term 1 Civics and Careers classes end;

Apr 19– Term 2 Civics and Careers classes begin; Sem 2 Mid-Term marks submitted by 3:00 pm

Apr 20—HC Band Trip departs for NYC (return on Apr 24); Wellness Wednesday #8; Apr 20—Junior Faith Conference @ Holy Cross in lecture theatre and Chapel

Apr 22—Mid-Term marks submitted to OCAS

Apr 25—Report Cards issued;

Apr 28– Marks submitted to OUAC; Life Bus @ 11:10

Apr 29—April Non-Uniform Day

Apr 30– Food Blitz at local

COMPASS Returns To HC—On April 12th, HC students will complete the fourth in a series of anonymous surveys designed to gather a health profile for our school (and the province when all data is compiled). The survey takes 30 minutes and is voluntary—parental permission required (letter home).



Doors of Mercy, Holy Cross



PASTORAL UPDATE FOR APRIL AND THE EASTER SEASON

This April School Liturgy will be held at Holy Cross on **Thursday, April 7th starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Gym**. The 2016 Holy Cross Jamaica Mission Team will be presenting along with Fr. Leo Byrne. The focus will be on our school theme of "Justice for the Poor – of Jamaica". All members of our community are invited to attend. The service will conclude with a pilgrimage led by Fr. Byrne out of the gym and through our '**Doors of Mercy**' at the front of the school. Don't forget the Food Blitz on Saturday, April 30 at Loblaws and the Metro Bayridge. Holy Cross student volunteers may sign up through Ms. Vella-Bowry (Student Services) or Mr. Forster. A great way to earn Community Service hours. Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader

EQAO and the OSSLT

Thanks to our Literacy Team, and especially Mrs. Anne Poels, Ms. Emily Withers and Mr. Vince Stabile, who organized the preparation for and administration of the Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test, and to our scribes and supervisors for their professionalism this past March 31st. Everything came off as planned thanks to the cooperation of parents, guardians, staff and students. School and board results will be available in late May and will be reported here and individual student results will follow shortly thereafter.

Counsellor's Corner

Mid Semester Report Cards

On **Monday, April 25th** mid-semester report cards will be issued to all students in Period 1. Students will be directed to take the report cards home that day. No formal interviews are scheduled at this time. Parents with concerns are asked to contact **Student Services**.

Course Selection Verification Forms

Although it may seem early, the planning for the 2016-17 school year is well underway at Holy Cross. Students will receive Course Selection Verification sheets on Monday, April 4th, which indicates the courses that students have selected for next year. Our students are asked to select their courses in consultation with their teachers and parents. In addition, students are asked to bring the course verification sheet home and to return signed verification forms by **Friday, April 15th, 2016**. Alternatively, students and parents may view the courses selected for next year by visiting the Maplewood Access button on our website, clicking on **Timetable** and then selecting **Choices**. The courses selected for next year will be indicated. Students who plan to return to Holy Cross for next year should ensure that they have completed the course selection process including verifying their courses. Students who do not plan on returning to Holy Cross should inform Student Services.

Change the World United Way

Change the World is a way for students to earn volunteer hours while doing good in their community. From April 10th to May 23rd students are encouraged to volunteer in their community and bring in their volunteer hours to Student Services.

First Year 40

Grade 9 students who complete their 40 hours of community service graduation requirement by Tuesday, May 24th, 2016, will be invited to a recognition ceremony on Friday, June 3rd. All students must complete 40 hours of community service before the end of grade 12 in order to be eligible to graduate. Grade 9 students who have completed the hours before the end of their 1st year of high school will be recognized at an assembly on Friday, June 3rd. Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours and submit the volunteer form to Student Services.

University and College Acceptances

Final first semester marks have been forwarded to both OUAC and OCAS.

Please be aware of the fact that universities vary widely in when they send their offers of admission. Some students may have already had an early acceptance, but this is not the norm. Mid-term marks will be forwarded to OUAC/OCAS by April 28th. Universities will then begin to send offers of admission. Please reassure your son/daughter that they should not be alarmed if they do not hear at the same time as their friends. Students should expect a response from Universities by **May 27th** (latest). **June 1st** is the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission. Grade 12 students enrolled in e-learning courses must have a midterm mark submitted to Student Services by **April 20th** and a final mark by **June 20th**.

College applicants must confirm their acceptance of a college offer by **May 1st**.

St. Lawrence College Connections

Some grade 10/11 students have the opportunity to attend a one-day enrichment program at St. Lawrence College on **May 5th**. This program provides students the opportunity to experience one of the following career pathways: Justice Studies, Community Services, Health Sciences, Applied Science and Computing, and Skilled Trades and Tourism. Contact Student Services for a registration form. Application deadline is April 5th.

Discovery Days in Health Science

Queen's University is hosting workshops related to careers in medicine and health sciences on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016. This event is open to grade 11 and registration is free. See Mrs. Cantarutti for Registration forms.

Graduation Award

Transplant Advocate Association – a \$500 award will be offered to a graduating student from a Kingston area high school that has been affected by the organ or tissue transplant process as a donor or as a recipient. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Toronto and Region Conservatory Authority is offering an Archaeology summer opportunity in Pickering, Ontario. The 17 day course offers a credit in IDC4U related to archeological studies. See Mrs. Cantarutti for more details.

University of Toronto offers youth summer programs in the fields of Law and Medicine, for more information visit www.ysp.utoronto.ca

2016 GRAD RETREAT

Friday, April 8 Rideau Acres

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- + - BBQ Lunch and Snacks provided
 - Cost \$5.00 / Transportation Provided
 - Join your fellow classmates for one last time before heading off to post secondary education
 - Permission forms can be obtained from Mr. Forster or homeroom

Holy Cross Students Attend the Harmony Movement Social Changemakers Conference in Belleville.



Group members from Holy Cross are: Melanie Janiuk, Phyllis Scully, Jack Anson, Jaiden Dias, Connor McNally, Kaelin Grassie, Turner Gazeley, Hanna Norton, Alexis Pascoal, Emmy Fabbro

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

...that multilingual exposure improves not only children's cognitive skills but also their social abilities?

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

Math Department News

Students from Holy Cross will be participating in the following activities sponsored by the Math Department in April and May:

- Grade 12 **Euclid Math Contest** on Tuesday, April 12
- Grades 9 – 11 Fryer, **Galois** and **Hypatia** Contests on Wednesday, April 13
- Grade 9 – 10 **Junior Math League** Competition in early May
- *Practice Sessions will be held every Wednesday at lunch in room 110*

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT
Inspiring Catholics

Speakers: Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Christopher West, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, Sherry Weddell, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Michael Dopp, Angele Regnier

Live in Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across North America!
Streaming to Kingston, April 15-16
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd.
(613) 929-2161 or newevangelization.kingston@gmail.com

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and information, please visit newevangelization.ca



Athletics Update (continued)

To the left you will see Holy Cross student **Connor Quinton** at the All Ontario (OFSSA) Wrestling championships in Windsor last month, receiving his bronze medal in the 57.5 kg weight class. Congratulations to Coach Brady and the entire wrestling team, as well as the Girls' Hockey and Boys' Hockey programs, which also competed at OFSSA in Stratford and Windsor respectively, and to the Swim (picture in this newsletter) and Boys' Basketball programs which also competed at the highest level possible in high school sports at OFSSA. While we congratulate our student-athletes, we must also recognize the commitment and talent of our coaches without whom experiences like OFSSA would be impossible.

This spring we host OFSSA Soccer—20 of the best soccer teams from each athletic association in the province will be in Kingston from June 2nd to June 4th. We have a fantastic soccer community here in Kingston, and if there's always jobs to do. If you are interested in volunteering to assist in organizing our event, please contact the school.

Join in on the Conversation at this **Free** Community Event!!!

Kingston Community Conversations about Ongoing Support and Resources For School Volunteers

“How do we, as a community, leverage social media to promote and support Catholic School Council work?”

Starting at 6pm enjoy our Keynote Speaker, Jenny Mitchell, CFRE followed by time to discuss and work on developing plans for your schools future goals.



Keynote Speaker:

Jenny Mitchell, CFRE

(Certified Fundraising Executive)

Jenny Mitchell's company Chavender, empowers and educates fundraisers to raise more money for their organizations. Jenny is passionate about bringing her knowledge of "Fundraising Fundamentals" to organizations all across North America through online fundraising training sessions – Fundraising Masterminds. She lives in Ottawa, Ontario with her two ringette-playing daughters, and her hockey-loving husband.

Access for 10 volunteer leads people to Sponsorship Superstar Modules (Value of \$149 per session – group purchase for this community). Self-directed online course to educate volunteers about Sponsorship Success - how to raise money through sponsorship.

Bonus Follow Up:

Two .1 hour follow-up sessions with Jenny over the phone with the key volunteers from each school to ask questions, seek advice and plan for September 2016 event and fundraising success. Key volunteer follow-up sessions to be scheduled for late April and early May. We will connect via telephone conference call.



5:30 Free Pizza, Fruits & Veggies, and Beverages

6pm Children are invited to attend a workshop with **Claire Bouvier from *The Claire Closet*, “How to spread your Awesomeness through Curiosity & Creativity!”**

8pm There will be a presentation from all the children that participate in the workshops!

**Childcare will be provided for anyone with small children*

This event is sponsored by;



**The Algonquin and Lakeshore
Catholic District School Board**

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The Ministry of Education

FREE Dinner, Seminar and Childcare!!!

April 6, 2016 from 5:30—8:30 pm

**Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School
1085 Woodbine Road, Kingston**

Looking Forward to May

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

May 1—College applicants confirm admission offer

May 2—Spring Uniform begins; Students' Council election campaign begins; Catholic Education Week begins: 'Opening the Doors of Mercy'; Graduate List issued.

May 3—Full Disclosure day for semester 2; CEW Mass at the Cathedral

May 4—Student Council candidate videos available for viewing

May 5—Town Hall Assembly; Catholic Education Week School Mass @ Holy Cross

May 6 — Grade 8 Day and Spring Carnival; OFSSA Badminton in North Bay today and tomorrow

May 9 — Grad invitations mailed to homes

May 11—Valedictorian Election begins; Partners in Mission Food Blitz from 6:00 to 9:00

May 12—March for Life in Ottawa; Life Bus @ 12:00

May 13— HC Class of 2016 Community Service hours deadline for submission to Student Services; Bubble Soccer Event @ HC over lunch period

May 18—Wellness Wednesday #9

May 19— Genesis Awards @ HC starting at 7:00

May 20—PA Day #6

May 24— Field Trip moratorium begins;

May 25— Edu-Cast Fishing Tournament; Green and Silver Athletic Awards Banquet starting at 6:00; Yearbook distribution

May 27—Trills and Thrills HC Concert Band Music Festival in Toronto

May 30— OFSSA Tennis and Rugby,

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Mother Teresa Catholic School 25th Anniversary

We invite all present and former staff and students of Mother Teresa Catholic School in Kingston to the 25th Anniversary celebration being planned for **Saturday April 16, 2016**. The events planned for the day include a Family Fun Run beginning at 10:00am at the school, Mass at St Paul the Apostle Church at 2:30pm and an Open House beginning at 3:30pm at the school.

HC Technological Education Department News

Holy Cross Transportation Technology students **Jack Lawrence, Sebastian Pawlak and Aidan Flynn** participated in the daylong Loyalist College Skills Challenge on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016. The competition was fierce but friendly as each student moved through the different automotive challenges. In a field of 17 students Jack scored in 9th place while Sebastian and Aidan followed closely behind him in 11th and 12th place respectively. The competition is designed to build awareness and excitement around potential careers in skilled trades.

On April 6th, Communications Technology students **Angelica Peters and Shannon Dunphy** will be competing in the Limestone Skills Competition in the TV/Video Production Competition. The skills competition is designed to draw attention to our student's passion for learning while showcasing the skills they are acquiring in the field of their choice to pursue post secondary school studies and a career. The students follow up the city championships with the Skills Qualifier on April 16th which draws students from schools from across eastern Ontario. If successful the students would advance to the Provincial Skills Competition on May 3rd in Waterloo.

Technological Education Department Chicago trip **Thursday, April 28th to Monday May 2nd, 2016**. The cross discipline trip will visit attractions related to communications, computers, construction, design and transportation technologies. Trip highlights include the Willis Tower, Museum of Science and Industry, Movie location tour, Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House, Architectural boat cruise, Second City Comedy Show, and a Chicago Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field. The trip is an excellent first hand experience for students to enrich their technological education.