

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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A big thank you to the 200 students, staff and parents who were part of the Holy Cross team for this year's Food Blitz. We especially thank **Investors Financial Group** for the Tents and members of the **St. Paul the Apostle Youth Group** who along with students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes**, **John XXIII** and **Mount Carmel** elementary schools helped us to load over 75,000 pounds of food unto the truck at Loeb's (last year's total was 55,000 lbs.). Across the city, the total collected for this year will be over 152,000 pounds. Congratulations to all for their donations and their help in making this year's Food Blitz such a great success. Holy Cross also continues to be involved in fundraising for Kingston Habitat for Humanity by collecting empty pop cans here at school. This effort at recycling also raises money for local housebuilds by Habitat.

The *Da Vinci Code* – Resources: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has assembled links that address many of the issues that the popular novel and recently released movie have raised. Whether the questions have arisen in your own mind or from conversations with others, you will find this a rich and informative site:

http://www.cccb.ca/Backgrounders.htm?CD=&ID=1841

Our last retreat of the year took place on **Friday May 19**th at Rideau Acres as Grade 11 students joined us to reflect and pray together on social action. And we are now looking forward to celebrating our last **School Mass of the year on June 8**th. At this Mass, we will recognize our Graduating Students and celebrate their contributions to our school community during their years with us.

Blessings on all our students, staff and families as we look forward now to exams and to the summer holidays which follow.

2005-2006 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The 2006 **Holy Cross Crusade Yearbook** was distributed on Wednesday, May 24st. There are a few additional copies available for sale \$50.00. Please see Mr. Prior in room 129 to purchase your copy. Thanks to both **Mr. Prior's period 3 Grade 10 class** and the **yearbook staff** who co-ordinated the distribution process.

REQUEST FOR ENUMERATION INFORMATION

You <u>may</u> be receiving a Request for Enumeration form from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MCAC). This form contains information to determine who should be on the voters' list for the November 2006 municipal and school board elections. This form is <u>due to MPAC by June 1, 2006</u>. We would ask that you specifically review the School Board Support designation section. This information contained in the

School Board Support designation section of this form will be used to determine the number of Trustees each school board is permitted to field during the future Trustee elections. Your support of Catholic education by designating your support as an English – Separate supporter is greatly appreciated.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

June 1Early Dismissal Day # 4, periods 3 & 4 only.
June 1-3OFSAA Track and Field in Toronto
June 7-9 OFSAA Senior Boys Rugby in Markham
June 8Last School Mass (Commissioning Mass for the Graduates)
June 12Final Instructional day for Grades 11 and 12
June 12-13 OFSAA Golf in Ingersoll
June13-19Grade 11 and 12 Examinations
June 14-19 EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment
June 19 Final Instruction day for Grade 9 and 10
June 20-26Grade 9 and 10 Examinations
June 22Pre-Owned Uniform Sale
June 29Graduation for Holy Cross Class of 2006
June 30 . PA Day # 4-Examination/Report Card Pick Up (am)
June 30

JUNE 2006 EXAMINATION PERIOD

Classes for <u>Senior student courses</u> will conclude on **Monday June 12**. The examination period for these courses will begin on **Tuesday June 13** and will be completed on **Monday June 19**. The last day of regular classes for <u>grades 9 and 10 courses</u> will be **Monday June 19**. The examination schedule for these courses runs from **Tuesday June 20** until **Monday June 26**. Morning examinations begin at **8:30 a.m.** while afternoon examinations start at **12:00 p.m.**. Students should be in their assigned exam room 15 minutes prior to the start time. Students will be required to wear uniforms during the June examination period.

EXAMINATION RETURN AND REPORT CARD PICK UP DAY

Students may pick up their June examinations and semester II report cards the morning of **Friday**, **June 30**th from **9:00 to 11:15 am**. Examinations may be picked up from subject teachers in their classrooms while report cards will be available from the secretaries in the Main Foyer. *Report cards not picked up will be mailed home on Thursday*, *July 6th*, *2006*.

2005-2006 HOLY CROSS DVD YEAR DISC

The DVD Year Disc will be distributed during exam return day on June 30th. Graduates will be able to pick up their copies the evening of the graduation ceremonies.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2006 GRADUATION

This year's graduation ceremony will be held on **Thursday June 29, 2006** in our gymnasium **beginning at 7:00 p.m**. The **\$30.00 graduation fee**, which covers the gown rental fee, graduation cap, and the class gift, should be brought to student services no later than **June 10th**, **2006**. Invitations will be mailed the week of June 6th directly to graduates' home addresses. Each graduate will receive **four tickets** which must be presented by their family and guests at the door on the evening of June 29th. 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.

A **photo CD**, containing several hundred images from the graduation ceremonies will be available for purchase for \$10.00. The CD will include the **large group photograph**, most **graduates receiving their diplomas**, and all **award winners**. Order your copy at the photo desk in the foyer at the graduation ceremonies.

GRADE 9 EQAO MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT

This month students who are currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Applied or Academic math courses will take the **province** wide standardized Grade 9 Math test. This mandatory assessment of mathematics will involve multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions. This assessment will be administered over two of the students' regular mathematics classes. Dates for this test at Holy Cross are June 14 & 15 for Academic and June 16 & 19 for Applied.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Susan Conway Williamson, Principal of School Effectiveness at the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and former Principal of Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School, who was awarded the 2006 Principal of the Year Award at the annual Catholic Principal's Council of Ontario Annual General Meeting held in Markham, Ontario on Friday, April 28th.

The following students who were selected by their fellow graduates:

Rob Dorey	Valedictorian
Matthew Hulse	
Stephanie Pacheco	2006 Class Rep
Michael Veryzer	2006 Class Rep

The following students who were elected to **Student Executive Council 2006/07**

Allie Tripp	Head Girl
Simon Finn	Head Boy
Alicia Kenny	Secretary
Justin Tulluch	Treasurer
Leigh Matassa	Communications
Becky Stewart	Senior Girl
Jermaine Edwards	Senior Boy

The following students who were selected to the North All Star Boys Soccer Team: Peter Boyle, Murray Ley, Andrew Nador, Nathan Proulx.

The following students who were selected to the North All Star Girls Soccer Team: Joanne Boyle, Megan Dalton, Laura Martindale.

The Holy Cross Senior Boys Rugby team on continuing their season with a solid EOSSAA championship win in Napanee on May 26th. The senior side beat Thousand Islands Secondary and then Cornwall Collegiate to secure the championship. The team now advances to OFSAA, in Markham, on June 7th – 9th.

Christopher Ho, for winning a silver medal at the Junior KASSAA Badminton championship.

PRE-OWNED & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED UNIFORM SALE

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy and sell previously enjoyed uniforms on **Thursday June 22, 2006**. The sale will be held in the Holy Cross Foyer between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross is providing this opportunity by creating a venue for this event, but will not be involved in the direct sales. Sellers will be responsible for their own sales. Holy Cross will provide tables for sellers. Uniforms must be in good repair and clean. Sizes and prices should be clearly marked. A list of price suggestions will be available from the office. Graduating students who are not interested in selling their uniforms are asked to donate them to Holy Cross through **Ms. Gallant**.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

The fourth and final **Early Dismissal Day** will be held on **Thursday, June 1**st. Periods on this day, **Periods 3 and 4** will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. respectively. **Buses will be at the school to pick up students at 11:05 a.m**. In the afternoon, Holy Cross staff will meet beginning at 12:00pm to review the ALCDSB Assessment Evaluation Policy.

AN EVENING WITH BARBARA COLOROSO

Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice. She is an educational consultant for school districts, the medical and business community, the criminal justice system and other educational associations. Barbara is the author of several international bestsellers, including the presentation topic <u>Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right.</u> Barbara will be speaking on Monday, June 5th at Ecole Catholique Cathedrale.

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

On May 10th and 11th, fifteen Holy Cross students explored careers in an interactive two-day Connections program at St. Lawrence College. It was an exciting opportunity to investigate first-hand such careers as hairstyling/aesthetics, carpentry, police foundations, law and security, and early childhood education.

MUSIC NOTES

From April 25- April 30, the Holy Cross Symphonic Band and the Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble competed in Festival Disney at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Both

ensembles received "Excellent" ratings and the Symphonic Band received a "Disney Best in Class" Award in the AAA category. (The Jazz Ensemble was the only entry in the AAA Jazz Band category and therefore was not eligible for a Best in Class Award.) While at Disney the Bands stayed at Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort and visited Epcot Center, The Magic Kingdom, MGM Studios, Downtown Disney and Disney Quest, Blizzard Beach, and Typhoon Lagoon.

On **Thursday, May 25**, the Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble and the Grade Nine Beginning Band performed at the Genesis Awards, the Arts Departments' annual awards and recognition evening. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners and to our graduating musicians.

On Friday, May 26, the Holy Cross Grade Nine Band participated in the Trills and Thrills Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland. After a phenomenal performance which earned the Band a "Superior" rating, the musicians spent the rest of the day in the Park. Congratulations Grade Nine Band.

KINGSTON SUMMER MUSIC

Get professional instruction on your band instrument from Kingston Symphony members, Queen's University music instructors and local music teachers at **Kingston Summer Music 2006**. The program will run from **July 10**th – **July 14**th **from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at **Regiopolis Notre Dame**. The cost of the program is \$90.00. **For information please call 549-2225**.

GENESIS AWARDS BANQUET 2006:

The Genesis Awards Ceremony celebrates student achievement in Drama, Music, Visual Art, audio video production and photography. This year's event featured the Student Gallery showing works from many of our students and portfolios of graduating artists.

The evening's performance featured the Holy Cross Jazz Band, Grade Nine Band, as well as highlights from video class works, Cabaret and Les Miserables.

The ceremony recognized key members of Kingston's Theatrical community – Stuart Payne, John and Moira Davies- with the Genesis Award for Community Spirit for their generous involvement in the Holy Cross production of Les Miserables.

The evening recognized many new and rising artists as well as our major award winners.

Special Awards:

Domino Theatre Award	
Drama Club Award	Jessica Pickles
Art Club Award	Stephanie Pacheco
Music Award	Ashley Lloyd
Visual Arts Award	Jennifer Taylor
Dramatic Arts Award	Robert Dorey
Audio / Visual Production Award	
Photography	Stephanie Buck

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. Happily, the vast majority of students are responsible users of their textbooks. Nonetheless, at this time of year it is well to remind all users of school policy.

Books are costly to replace/repair and are sometimes unavailable for purchase. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to care for their books and to return all items in good condition. Please search your house, car, locker, etc. for any textbooks which may not have been returned. The school needs these missing copies.

Textbooks for this semester are due back no later than the day of each student's last exam. As always, it is best to return items personally to the Textbook Room or to the Library, to ensure that your account is cleared. This happens only when the textbooks with specific barcodes (at the time of loan) are returned. Textbooks left in the classroom or exam room remain the student's responsibility.

To help in this process each student receives, **before June 9**, a personalized letter indicates the titles AND barcodes of text-books owing.

Please be aware that \$100.00 deposit cheques will be cashed for unreturned or damaged books beginning **June 30.** 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. Cortis or Mrs. Shea at 384-1919, extension 3413, preferably before June 23.**

Students should plan to come to the school during the **last** week in August to collect books for Semester 1, 2006-2007. The August newsletter will contain detailed information about this process.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Student timetables for the **2006-2007** school year will be issued by **mid June.** Students will be asked to connect with Student Services as soon as possible to deal with any necessary changes. 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 (English/Math/Science) in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that completion of a "crossover material" package is strongly recommended. This package is available from your counsellor. Senior students are required to complete a 'half credit' transfer course (Summer School) in order to switch from applied to university/college (English/Math/Science).

Students looking for part-time jobs or volunteer opportunities are encouraged to check the bulletin board outside Student Services.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer school will operate at **Bayridge Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 4** and concludes on **July 28**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school in available in Student Services. **Students may select to take courses to improve on a mark**

already achieved or enroll in a new credit course.

Summer school applications are available now in Students Services. <u>Students must see their counselor to obtain this information and not just pick it up.</u>

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INFORMATION SERVICE

Students who have applied for admission to an Ontario university and have not received an offer of admission may use this service between <u>June 16 – August 25, 2006.</u> Students can inquire about possible openings by checking <u>www.ouac.on.ca</u>

HOLY CROSS ATHLETIC LETTER

In pursuit of excellence "best describes the following six Holy Cross athletes as they competed for the Crusaders over the past four years.

John Halligan, Melissa Reade, Janelle Taylor, Matt Hulse Kori Cembal, Kelsi Ball.

All are recipients of the Holy Cross Letter. These six individuals were hard working, conscientious and determined student athletes who committed themselves to over 300 hours of practice and 120 highly competitive games. In addition, these six Crusaders had countless hours of camaraderie with their Crusader teammates. Their focus, their commitment and shared passion for their individual competitions portrays them as positive athletic leaders within the Holy Cross community.

Congratulations to John, Melissa, Janelle, Matt, Kori and Kelsi. May each of you take your Crusader spirit and work ethic into your future academic and athletic endeavours.

Congratulations to all the following athletes for their commitment and leadership to the Holy Cross Community. The following individuals were recognized at the **2006 Athletic Banquet on May 29th 2006.**

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Grade 9 Athletic Recognition	. Riley Shkimba
JR Male Athlete	David Halligan
JR Female Athlete	Kate Running
JR Leadership Award	Chris Ho
SR Leadership Award	Kelsi Ball
B'nai Brith Award Heather Donohu	e, Kevin Hogan
SR Male Athlete	Matt Hulse
SR Female Athlete	Kelsi Ball
Athletic Council Award	Mike Lazure
Outstanding Achievement Award Chaz Mu	rnhy Tim Cronk

HOLY CROSS LACROSSE

Holy Cross Lacrosse won the first Kingston Secondary School Lacrosse Championship title defeating Frontenac 7 to 5. Stars of the game go to Captain Davey Hallett with 5 goals, Captain Timmy Bergin with 1 goal, and Brandon Gilmour with 1 goal. A special thank you is extended to graduating lacrosse athletes Pat Bogle, Mike Newton, Nick Cross and Brock Patterson. Crusader lacrosse ended the season with a record of 6 wins and 3 losses. Coaches Tony Clarke and John Esford thank our athletes for a great season! See you next spring!

THE TRAINING CENTRE (TTC) VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Now in it's twentieth year, TTC is a four evening camp (Aug 28, 29, 30, 31). Between 4:30 and 8:30 each evening, there will be skill development and intense scrimmaging. Many of the top local high school, post secondary and club coaches facilitate each session. The camp is divided into two sections: Senior Players (Gr.11 and Gr12 in Sept) will travel to Ernestown Secondary School in Odessa. Junior Division Athletes (Gr. 9/10 in Sept) will train at Holy Cross Secondary. The cost is \$70.00 per player. Registration forms are available at Holy Cross and most of the area high schools and must be returned to Mike O'Brien at Holy Cross CHS, 1085 Woodbine Rd. Kingston Ont., K7L4V2

YOUTH ROWING SPORTS CAMP

Camps are designed for youths ages 12 – 15 who are looking for an opportunity to learn to row, improve fitness, and grow as athletes. The three levels of camp are: Youth Camp 1 for new rowers. Youth Camp 2 for **rowers with previous experience**, and Youth Camp 3 for trained athletes who are interested in competing in rowing at the high school level. Camps will run in July and August in the mornings from 8:15 to 12:15. For further information see our website www.rowkingston.on.ca or contact Peggy Smith at middle@kos.net or call 385-2745 and leave a message.

Year	A.M. P.M.	Day 1 Tuesday, June 13	Day 2 Wednesday, June 14	Day 3 Thursday, June 15	Day 4 Friday, June 16	Day 5 Monday, June 19
Grade 12	A.M.	MDM 4U0	CIA 4U0 MGA 4U0	BOH 4M0 HZT 4U0	SCH 4U0	BAT 4M0
	P.M.	ENG 4C0 ENG 4E0 ENG 4U0	MAP 4C0 MCB 4U0	CGR 4M0 LVV 4U0 SCH 4C0 HHS 4M0 HRE 4M0 PSE 4U0 SPH 4U0	CGW 4U0 ETS 4U0 SBI 4U0	FSF 4U0 SES 4U0
Grade 11	A.M.	ENG 3C0 ENG 3U0	CLU 3E0 CLU 3M0 SPH 3U0	HRT 3M0	CHA 3U0 HSP 3M0	BAF 3M0 FSF 3U0 SBI 3C0
	P.M.	CHW 3M0	MBF3C0 SCH3U0	MCF 3M0 MCR3U0	SBI 3U0	BMI 3C0 BMX 3EC

FINAL JUNIOR EXAM SCHEDULE

Year	A.M. P.M.	Day 1 Tuesday, June 20	Day 2 Wednesday, June 21	Day 3 Thursday, June 22	Day 4 Friday, June 23	Day 5 Monday, June 26
Grade 9	A.M.	ENG 1D0 ENG 1P0	MPM 1D0 MFM 1P0	SNC 1D0 SNC 1P0	CGC 1D0 CGC 1P0	FSF 1D0 FSF 1P0
	P.M.					HRE 100
Grade 10	A.M.					BBI 200 FSF 2D0 FSF 2P0
	P.M.	CHC 2D0 CHC 2P0	SNC 2D0 SNC 2P0	ENG 2D0 ENG 2P0	MDM 2D0 MFM 2P0	HRE 200