



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of the school's teaching staff, support staff and administrative team, I would like to welcome all students, parents and guardians to the 2010 – 2011 school year at **Holy Cross**. As the year begins, I extend my best wishes for a successful school year to all members of the **Holy Cross** community. We began our school year on **Tuesday, September 7th, 2010** with approximately 1290 students. Our staffing for the school now appears to be nearing completion and we would like to welcome at this time the newest staff members **Mr. Jeff Brady** (in the science and religion departments), **Ms. Kristin Check** (in the French department), **Mrs. Mary Lynn Jeffries** on temporary assignment in the Bridges to Community Program, **Ms. Melissa Breault** and **Ms. Carolyn Fenrich** in the English department, **Mr. Ryan Perkin**, rejoining our educational assistants in the Bridges Program, **Mrs. Hazel Conway** and **Mrs. Kim Nowak** to our office staff and **Mr. Mark Thorley** who has joined our caretaking team.

We encourage parents and guardians to keep the lines of communication open with your sons and daughters and with us. Please talk to your children about their daily experiences as well as the high and sometimes low spots. Talk to them about their academics as well as their extra-curricular involvements.

The first day of school went very successfully and our students looked starched and pressed and shiny white in their fall / winter uniforms. The girls, in particular, looked smart with the addition of black tights to the kilt option of the fall/winter uniform. During the warmer autumn days, girls who do not wish to wear leotards should wear the grey HC pants instead.

On behalf of the school community, I offer my prayers to the **Courneya family** on the loss of their daughter and sister, **Angela**. I would like to thank you in advance for your prayers, support and co-operation. May God bless.

Paul A. Walsh

SEPTEMBER AT HOLY CROSS

- Monday, September 6.....Labour Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, September 7..... First Day of School
 - Try-outs for Fall Sports Teams Begin
 - International Literacy Day
- Sept 7 - 10..... Sign up for Grad Photos in Room 129
- Thursday, Sept 9.....Large Group Photos in Foyer
 - Semester One Grade Assemblies
- Friday, Sept 10....Gr 9 Orientation Morning and BBQ
- Sat, Sept 11.....Sr. Boys' Vball PreSeason Tournament
- Sunday, September 12.....Grandparents' Day
- Monday, September 13.....First Fire Drill
 - 2010 Honour Role List Posted
- 13, 16, 20 & 21..... Grad Photos in Room 129
- Tues, Sept 14...Picture Day -Smile! Payment required
 - Triumph of the Cross Feast Day
 - KASSAA Transfer Eligibility Appeal Deadline
- Wed, Sept 15.....Opening School Mass
 - Absentee Photo Day (afternoon)
 - University Info Sessions, 11:45 & 2:35
 - School Council Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00, Library
 - Boston 2011 Band Trip Parent & Musicians Mtg, 6:30
- Thurs, Sept 16.....**Pippin** InfoMeeting, 2:45, Rm 246
- Fri, Sept 17.Last Day for Sem One Timetable Changes
 - First Students' Council Dance
 - KCVI Field Hockey Tournament at Tindall Field
- Fri&Sat....Sr. Girls' Limestone Basketball Tournament
- Saturday, Sept 18.....RMC Jr Boys' Vball Tournament
 - HC Jr. Girls' Bball PreSeason Tournament
- Sunday, September 19.....Terry Fox Run
- Monday, September 20.....**Pippin** Auditions Begin
 - 2010 EQAO Math Ind'l Student Results distributed
 - KROCK Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
- Tuesday, September 21.....Int'l Day for Peace
 - Post-Secondary Scholarship Info Meeting, 11:10
- Wed, September 22.....Trinity Cross-Country Meet
 - Post-Secondary InfoNight for Parents, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Sept 23.....KASSAA Golf Championships
 - Pippin** Call-backs
- Friday, September 24..... Tentative Non-Uniform Day
 - Terry Fox National School Run Day
- Fri - Sun, Sept 24-26... Carleton Sr Girls' Bball Tourn.
- Saturday, Sept 25.....La Salle Jr. Girls' Bball Tourn.
- Thurs, Sept 30.....Eagle/Falcon Cross Country Meet

PASTORAL SERVICES

Our Pastoral Team, **Fr. Labelle, Ms. Melo Jordan** and myself, look forward to meeting both returning and new students as another academic year begins. Through our monthly School Masses, daily prayer and liturgies in the Chapel, retreats and CICS' outreach programs, we hope to challenge all our students to answer God's call in their daily lives. We are especially mindful of the people of Pakistan whose country has been devastated by the recent floods, and whom we will be assisting through our fundraising efforts in the coming weeks. Our school theme this year "**Re-joice and give thanks to the Lord**" reminds us that we do need to be thankful for all our blessings.

Our school chaplain, **Fr. Labelle** will preside at our Opening School Mass on **Wednesday, September 15th** as we celebrate together our school feast day, **The Triumph of the Cross**. We are also looking forward to having many of our students and staff involved in the "**LifeTeen**" evenings which begin on **Saturday, October 17th** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** and which will continue throughout the coming year. Come and celebrate your faith with other young people.

Throughout the coming year, let us take time to rejoice in our faith and to thank God for all our blessings, especially for the gift of our families, our friends and for our faith community here at **Holy Cross**.

Chris Forster, Coordinator of Pastoral Services

TRANSPORTATION

All students and parents/guardians are reminded to record their bus number and bus company in case of inclement weather or emergencies. The Triboard Transportation website, <http://www.triboard.on.ca/>, will provide parents who register with them up-to-date information on any delays or cancellations for their children's buses.

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS – ALL STUDENTS

Students in every grade are prohibited from smoking at **Holy Cross**. Therefore, students are not allowed to gather in the former smoking area and are not allowed to be in possession of cigarettes or tobacco products. Students are also reminded to be courteous to our neighbours. Gatherings off-campus, which can be bothersome both in terms of noise and littering, will not be condoned. If a student is found to be smoking or to be in possession of cigarettes, he or she will be given a warning. There will be a progression of consequences for subsequent infractions, including suspension from school. Smoking is the number one preventable cause of premature death and disease in Ontario.

TERRY FOX RUN

This year, the **30th Anniversary** of the **Terry Fox Run** for Cancer Research will be held on **Sunday, September 19th** starting at 1:00 p.m. In past years, **Holy Cross** has been awarded the **Barry Brady Trophy** for having the largest number of participants participating in the **Terry Fox Run** at **St. Lawrence College**. Since Terry's run in 1980, there has been great progress in cancer. Hopefully, we can all contribute to this worthy cause and walk, run, bike, or roll as participants in this great Canadian tradition.

SCHOOL DANCE

The first school dance will be held on **Friday, September 17th** from 7:30-11:00 p.m. All are encouraged to participate appropriately. Students must show ID to gain admission. All students and their belongings will be searched before being admitted. The cost of admission is \$10.00.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT HOLY CROSS

Get involved! **Holy Cross** students can be proud not only of their academic achievements, but also of their achievements in music, drama, yearbook, Students' Council, Crusaders in Community Service, athletics and many other initiatives. The extracurriculars offered at **Holy Cross** are supported by the teachers, administrators, Board office officials and support staff because of the contribution that extracurriculars make to the general educational experience of our students. Our extracurricular programs are second to none and a source of pride within our community.

ARTS NOTES

The **Arts Department** is excited to begin work on this year's major musical production –**Pippin**. A musical-within-a-musical, **Pippin** follows one young individual's quest for purpose and fulfillment in a world of false images where positive role models are few. With music and lyrics by **Stephen Schwartz** of **Wicked** fame, this challenging and highly theatrical show will require a large cast of singers, dancers, and actors, as well as musicians, scenic artists, and stage technicians. The production will open on **November 24th, 2010**. There will be a general information meeting on **Thursday, September 16th** at lunch in the drama room. Auditions will take place after school **Monday, September 20th** through **Thursday, September 23rd**. Grade nine students are encouraged to audition!

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the **2010/2011 Catholic School Council** will take place on **Wednesday, September 15th, 2010**, at 6:30 p.m. The election of the school council executive, if necessary, will be announced. If you are interested in being a member of the **School Council Executive**, please contact **Mr. Paul Walsh** at **384-1919 ext. 3411** or walshp@alcdsb.on.ca prior to **September 15th**. Check our website regularly for Council news.

CRUSADER GEAR SALE

The Holy Cross Tuck Shop will be open ahead of our first Spirit Days in October. Listen for announcements. Check out our **Holy Cross** clothing and show your Crusader pride by wearing green and silver!

ECOCORNER

Welcome back to our Green and Silver School! Due to the hard work of our students, staff, and the **HC Green Team, Holy Cross** is a **Silver-certified Ontario Ecoschool** for a second year. As part of our environmental efforts, we encourage all students and staff to use the paper and container recycling bins provided in the classrooms and hallways, as well as the collection center for used batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, and eye glasses located on the way to the gym, across from **Room 129**. We also promote using reusable water bottles which can be refilled at the chilled water fountains located near the gym and main foyer. We invite everyone to get involved in our green efforts and help **Holy Cross** reduce the human impact on the environment.

SCHOOL PICTURES AND GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photographs will be taken during the second and third weeks of September during period 2, during the lunch hour, and during some period 3 sessions. Graduating students are asked to sign up for their portrait session in room 129 during the first week of school. These photographs will be used in the school yearbook publication and will be made available for purchase.

This year, we will have our school Photo Day on **Tuesday, September 14th** in our large gymnasium. Those who are absent on the 14th will have their pictures taken on **Wednesday, September 15th** in our small gymnasium. Students will receive proofs this year, and pictures will be available to you for purchase. A copy of each student photograph will be maintained at the school for the purposes of record keeping, identification, and use in the school yearbook publication. Any other use of these photographs would require your consent. That consent would be requested prior to their use. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of the student photographs, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Prior** or a member of administration.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 school year. One year ago, the **Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** implemented a voluntary, confidential self-identification procedure. Self-identification is a way for parents and guardians of students under eighteen and student over eighteen to let the Algonquin and Lakeshore schools know if a student is of Aboriginal ancestry. If you are new to our system, you may self-identify at the time of registration. If you are currently attending one of our schools and wish to self-identify this year, you can do so by filling out the Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Self-Identification form and submitting it to your school. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential. No proof of ancestry is required. More information is available on our website under “Aboriginal Education” at <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/parents/aboriginal.aspx?master=/parents/parents.master>. At **Holy Cross**, we are pleased to offer a Native Studies course in the Grade Eleven program.

PAUL HALLIGAN CLASSIC

Girls' basketball teams will be promoting breast cancer awareness by participating in the **10th Annual PH Classic** games against **RND** on **Thursday, October 28th** with games at **Regiopolis-Notre Dame** at 5:00 and 6:30. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements regarding upcoming activities that will support fundraising efforts.

CRUSADER'S GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY 2010

We are coming off a strong 2009 season and are looking to build on our successes, with the goal of making this coming year our best season yet! We have the foundation for an extremely talented team. We are on the lookout for rookies who are passionate about the sport and have the potential and desire to be really positive contributors to the **Holy Cross** program this upcoming season and beyond.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Course Load

All students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 are required to carry a course load of 4 courses each semester. Even in Grade 12, only students who have already earned 24 credits may take a spare. All are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester.

Course Changes/Deletions

Students are to consult with a counselor prior to any decisions being made to their timetable. It is advised that any course changes required be dealt with by the end of the first week of the semester. Further to this, it is required that all changes be completed by the end of the second week of the semester. It is recommended that no changes to schedules occur after **Friday, September 17th**.

Post Secondary Information Sessions

In the upcoming months, Student Services will be hosting many presentations from Ontario colleges and universities. Below is a schedule of the visits. Unless otherwise mentioned, all presentations will be held in the lecture theatre. The time of the events will be posted. Students will need to sign up for all presentations in Student Services that do not take place over the lunch hour.

Sept. 15 University Information Session
Sept. 22 Parent Post Secondary Info Night 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 Eastern University Fair @ Regi
Oct. 1 and Oct. 4 College Application Sessions
Oct. 19 University Information Program @ Regi
Oct. 26 & Nov. 1 Online University Application Workshops
Nov. 3 College Information Program @ St. Lawrence College
Nov. 9 & 12 Online College Application Workshops

Individual College and University Presentation Dates

Sept. 14 York University 11:15 a.m.
Sept. 16 Ryerson University 11:15 a.m.
Sept. 27 University of Western Ontario 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 Trent University 11:10 a.m.
Sept. 29 Eastern University Fair @ Regi
Oct. 4 Loyalist College 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 St. Lawrence College 11:15 a.m.
Oct. 6 Memorial University 11:15 a.m.
Oct. 7 Bishop's University 1:15 p.m.
Oct. 8 University of Waterloo 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 McMaster University 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Redeemer University 11:15 a.m.
Oct. 19 University Information Program @ Regi
Oct. 26 Queen's University 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 Lakehead University 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 28 Brescia College (UWO) 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 29 Nipissing University 11:15 a.m.
Nov. 2 Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia) 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 College Info Program @ St. Lawrence College 9 - 11
Nov. 4 Huron College 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 Laurentian University 11:15 a.m.
Nov. 8 Algonquin College 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 Guelph University 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 University of Toronto 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 11 St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 Seneca College 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 15 Brock University 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 Wilfred Laurier University 11:15 a.m.
Nov. 25 University of Guelph – Humber 2:30 p.m.

Due to the volume of material (application and scholarship related) handled in **Student Services**, graduating students are asked to regularly visit the HC website for current information on university and college presentations, the application process and scholarship information.

A reminder to graduating students to hand in volunteer hours as soon as possible. Students require 40 hours to graduate, and 60 hours to receive a **Crusader Certificate**.

HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS

The fall of 2010 sees the return of a strong extracurricular athletics program at Holy Cross. Tryouts and practices begin the first week of September. This fall will see no less than eight teams carrying the green and silver of Holy Cross. **Permission forms, complete with parent signature, must be submitted prior to participating in try-outs or practices.**

The commitment of our student athletes and coaches generates dividends for all in our community. The parental support our teams have grown accustomed to over the years is most welcomed and appreciated. Grade 9 students should not hesitate to get involved. There are a wide range of teams to join and all are age appropriate. High school sports are a great way to develop lasting friendships while learning and developing many skills. The values, beliefs and invaluable life skills which school sports provide allow our student-athletes the opportunity to fully develop themselves. If you have any questions regarding a team, contact one of the coaches or see your homeroom or physical and health education teacher.

OFSAA operates with a Five Year Eligibility and a Transfer Eligibility Rule. Student-athletes now have a maximum of five years of eligibility to compete in high school athletics. Any student who has transferred into Holy Cross from another high school remains ineligible for all sports until they go through the transfer appeal process and are ruled upon. Any transfer student should contact **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko** or **Mr. Tim Hunter**, Co-Athletic Directors, to begin the appeal process.

The costs of running an extracurricular athletic program are great. Our teams are most fortunate to have the financial support of the **Holy Cross Students' Council**. Even with this support, user fees are required for all sports at **Holy Cross**. User fees for individual teams are listed in the **Holy Cross Student Agenda** and are due in full for all athletes before their first competition. Have a great season and we hope to see you on the sidelines supporting the **Green and Silver Crusaders of HC**.

2010 – 2011 CRUSADER STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

Most students have now paid their student activity fee, which covers the Holy Cross Agenda, the Students' Council ID Card, a Holy Cross Spirit T-shirt, backpack or 25th Anniversary water bottle (a new addition this year!), three Twoonie for Non-Uni Days, and a 2010 – 2011 Holy Cross Yearbook. **Students from Grades 10 – 12 must pay \$68.00. Graduating students will pay \$103.00, which includes the Grad Fee. The Grade Nine rate is \$87.00, which also includes a French Cahier and a school lock.** Students may opt out of receiving the yearbook by signing the "opt out" form. For parents with more than one child at Holy Cross, a reduction of \$4.00 per additional child is available when purchasing a yearbook. By ordering in bulk, Holy Cross is able to pass the savings on to the community. Therefore, Students' Council is better able to support the extra-curriculars that make Holy Cross such an easy place to get involved.

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS, OCTOBER 2010

- 1.....College App. Timeline & Process, 10:50 a.m.
- 1 & 2.....RND Jr. Girls' Basketball Tournament
Queen's U TriColour Sr. Girls' Bball Tourn.
- 2.....Uni of Toronto Sr. Boys' Vball Tourn.
- 3.....CIBC Run for the Cure
Fire Prevention Week Begins
- 4.....College App. Timeline & Process, 10:50 a.m.
Fall Team Photographs
Loyalist College 2:30
- 5.....Fall Team Photographs
World Teachers' Day
Public Health Unit Drive for Life, Gr 11s
- 6.....Fall Team Photographs
TISS Cross Country Meet
Carleton University 2:30
Public Health Unit Drive for Life, Gr 11s
Memorial University, NFL, 11:15
- 7.....John McRae Field Hockey Tourney, Ottawa
Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
Bishop's University, 11:15
Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work permission forms out
- 8.....Uni of Waterloo, 2:30
4th Annual Friday Night Lights, Tindall Field
Green and Silver Pep Rally Day
- 11.....Thanksgiving Holiday
Grad write-ups due in Room 129
- 12.....McMaster University, 2:30
OFSAA Girls' Golf, Richmond Hill
- 13.....Grade Representative Elections
OFSAA Boys' Golf, Barrie
- 14.....October School Masses
- 15.....Bay of Quinte Cross Country Meet
School Photograph Retakes
Early Semester Report Cards Distributed
- 15-17.....Sr. Girls' St. Michael's Tourney
- 16.....World Food Day
Preliminary SAT, at RND, 11:00 a.m.
- 17.....Make Poverty History Day
Life Teen Events Begin, St. Paul the Apostle Parish
- 19-22.....Gr 10 Sexuality Retreat
- 19.....University Info Program @ RND, 6:30-9:00
- 20.....Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30
- 21.....Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work forms due
- 21.....Parent-Teacher Interview Night #1
- 22.....KASSAA Cross Country Championships
- 22-23.....St. TM Jr Girls' Bball Tourney
- 24.....84th World Mission Sunday
Int'l Action Day on Climate Change
- 25.....ALCDSB PD Day #2 – no classes
2010 Municipal Elections Day
- 26.....Online Uni Application Workshops
Queen's University, 2:30
- 27.....Lakehead University, 8:30
Uni of New Brunswick, 2:30
KASSAA Field Hockey Championships
Drama Field Trip, Wicked, Toronto
Parent Teacher Interview Night #2
- 28.....Brescia College (UWO) 11:30
10th Annual PH Classic at RND
- 29.....Tentative Non-uniform Day
EOSSAA Cross Country Championships
- 29 & 30.....Sr. Boys' Volleyball, Ottawa
HC Sr. Girls' Crusader Fall Classic