



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued on the first school day of each month.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On **Thursday, April 11th**, over **300** students will write the **Literacy Test** at **Holy Cross**. I am very confident that our students are very well prepared thanks to our **classroom teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers, the HC Literacy Committee and our EQAO Test Preparation Team** led by **Literacy Co-ordinator Kristi LeSarge, Vince Stabile and SERT Anne Poels**. I thank all parents for the encouragement and support they offered to their sons and daughters in the acquisition and development of their literacy skills. The **Individual Student Reports are expected by the end of June**.

Students who plan to return to **Holy Cross** for next year should ensure that they have completed the course selection process and have made selections based on their interests, abilities and destinations. At this time, many registrations have been received for the **Class of 2017**. Please ensure that you have completed the course selection process while space is still available. Classes do become full quickly.

To celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of our students, the **Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** hosted a **"Beacons of Hope"** celebration at a series of community breakfasts in our region. Two **Holy Cross** students, **Rosie Planetta** and **Nick Zelizniak**, were selected for this honour, which took place on **Friday, March 22nd** at the **Days Inn**. Congratulations also to **Chris Waltner** who captured a provincial gold medal at the **OFSAA Wrestling Championships** and to **Jennifer Jang** for winning first place in the provincial **Remembrance Day** poster contest.

Catholic Education Week runs from **May 5th to May 10th** this year and the theme is **"Growing Together in Faith."** In our schools, our faith resounds throughout the curriculum. Take a careful look around our building. You will hear the marvellous work of the students and staff reflecting God's graciousness in their learning and teaching. During this **Catholic Education Week**, let's open our doors to our faith in a special way and celebrate humble servant leadership as demonstrated by our new pope, **Francis**. I pray that the Risen Christ blesses you and your families with His peace and love.

Paul A. Walsh

PASTORAL REPORT

Holy Cross held many fundraisers during this year's **ShareLent Campaign**. A big thank you to our staff, students and parents, as well as the wonderful ladies from the **Brown's Cafeteria Staff**, who

APRIL EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS

April 2013.....	Skilled Trades Month
	Autism Awareness Month
Tuesday, April 2.....	World Autism Awareness Day
Wed, April 3.....	Halpern's HC Spring Uniform Sale, 3:30 – 8
Thurs, April 4	HC Sears Drama Festival Presentation, <i>The Butterfly Collector</i>
Friday April 5	Course Verification Sheets Issued
	Graduates' Retreat
Tuesday, April 9	Vimy Ridge Day (flags at half-mast)
	S2 Mid-Semester Test Period Begins
	KASSAA Transfer Deadline
Wednesday, April 10	Spring Team Photographs
	Literacy Test Preparation Assembly, P2
	Year of Faith Video Contest Judging, Lecture Theatre, Lunch
	Spring League Basketball begins (every Wed 'til May 23)
Thurs, April 11	OSSLT (independent study for Gr.11 & 12)
April 11 – 13	Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference, Ottawa
Friday, April 12	Course Verification Sheets returned
Monday, April 15	HC Blood Donor Clinic, small gym
Tuesday, April 16	Mid-Semester Test Period Ends
	Grade 10 Careers and Civics (Term 1) courses end
Wednesday, April 17	Sears Drama Festival, Cornwall
	Second Term Courses Begin (Careers/Civics)
	Transitioning Presentation, Mary Walsh, P3
	Gr 12 Euclid (Mathematics) Contest
Thurs, April 18	3 rd Annual Dodgeball at Frontenac, 6:30 pm
	Easter Season Mass
Friday, April 19	Craig Kielburger Presentaiton, RND, noon
Saturday, April 20	Eastern Ontario Skills Qualifier
April 21 – 27.....	National Volunteer Week
	Administrative Assistants' Week
April 22 – 26	Earth Week
Monday, April 22	Earth Day
Wednesday, April 24	Secretaries' Day
April 24 - 28	HC Bands trip to NYC
Thursday, April 25	World Malaria Day
Friday, April 26	Marks sent to OUAC/OCAS
	Pitch-in Kingston Day
April 26 & 27	HC Sr Girls' Soccer Crusader Invitational Tournament.
Sun, April 28	HC Students' Council Executive Election begins
Mon April 29	Semester Two Midterm Report Cards Issued
	2013 Grad List Published
	Start of Spring Uniform
	ALCDSB Student Trustee Election
April 29 & 30	HC Students' Council Election Videos

helped make these fundraising events possible. Monies from the collection will go to two local charities this year, the **Boys & Girls Club of Kingston** and the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, as well as development projects overseas through the **Catholic Organization for Development & Peace**. Fundraisers included a **Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday** which raised over \$900.00, a staff "Soup & Bread" lunch which raised close to \$350.00, a **CICS Bake Sale**, Plinko Games in the Main Lobby, a "Pennies for Change" collection in homeform classrooms, and of course our annual overnight **Thinkfast** which took place **March 22 – 23rd**. Close to 40 students and 5 Staff participated raising over \$2000.00 for D & P and taking part in the **Thinkfast** activities which focused on the basic human right to free, clean drinking water. Special thanks to the staff who stayed overnight at **Holy Cross - Ms. LeSarge, Mr. Jeff Brady & his wife, Bobby Jo** - along with **Ms. Deb Myers** who came in to cook breakfast for us on **Saturday** morning. On **April 5th** close to 70 students took part in our annual **Grad Retreat at Rideau Acres**. The **Catholic Christian Outreach** team from **Queen's University** organized a fantastic day for us again this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS: On **April 10th** the final judging for our 'Year of Faith' Video Campaign will take place in the **Lecture Theatre** during lunch. The winning video will be shown at our **Easter Season School Mass** on **April 18th**. On **May 9th**, **Holy Cross** is organizing a bus trip to Ottawa for the annual "**March for Life**". Join us for this important opportunity to speak up for the rights of the unborn child. And, on **May 15th** our school will be busily collecting and sorting food donations for the annual **Partners In Mission Food Blitz**. Call the **Chaplaincy Office (ext. 3436)** to sign up for any of these upcoming events.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

ATHLETICS

OFSAA RESULTS

Congratulations to **Chris Waltner** who represented **Holy Cross** well at the **Wrestling** championships, earning **HC** a gold medal.

The **Boys' Hockey Team**, despite being seeded 16th out of 16 teams at the **OFSAA AAA/AAAA championship** in **Mississauga and Brampton**, played hard but unfortunately finished third in their pool and were beat out by some of the top seeds at the tournament.

The **Girls' Hockey Team** qualified for the **OFSAA** championship for the first time in their long history. The ladies beat **St Mary's** and **St. Maximillian Kolbe** in pool play, but ultimately lost in the quarter finals to eventual silver medalist, **St Ignatius of Loyola**.

The **Senior Boys' Basketball Team** competed in **OFSAA** in **Windsor** as the 5th seed. They won handily, beating out **IE Weldon** and **St Paul** in the opening rounds, before falling to Bronze medalist, **Notre Dame**.

DODGEBALL: **Mr. Dzierniejko's Sports Leadership Class** are organizing the 3rd annual **Dodgeball Games** vs. **Frontenac**. This year, **Frontenac** will be hosting the event on **Thursday, April 18th**, with games starting at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome. The entrance fee, **\$2.00**, goes towards **Frontenac's** campaign to help a village in **Africa**. All are welcome!

HOLY CROSS STUDENTS' COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Students who are interested in becoming a member of Students' Council executive for the 2013-2014 school year are required to complete a nomination package. **Holy Cross Students' Council 2013-14 Executive** election packages are available from **Mr. Coleman**. Completed packages are to be submitted to a current **Students' Council Executive** member by **Wednesday, April 10th**. The **Town Hall Assembly** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 2nd** and voting will take place on **Friday, May 3rd, 2013**.

To be eligible to stand for election a student must:

- i) Attain and maintain a minimum 75% academic average

- ii) Be a student in good standing

- iii) Submit a nomination form with 50 signatures from peers

- iv) Submit 3 teacher references.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Mid Semester Report Cards

On **Monday, April 29th** 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 2013-14 school year is well underway at **Holy Cross**. Students will receive Course Selection Verification sheets on **Friday, April 5th**, 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 12th, 2013**. 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.

Volunteer & Job Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the bulletin board for volunteer and part-time job opportunities. Ontario summer job opportunities are available through Ontario.ca/summerJobs. Volunteer opportunities are available with the **Breast Cancer Action Kingston** for their run/ walk on **Saturday, May 11th, 2013**, please see **Student Services** for more details.

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 21st to May 20th** 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 **Monday, May 27th, 2013**, will be invited to a recognition ceremony on **Tuesday, June 4th**. 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 **Tuesday, June 4th**. Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours and submit the volunteer form to **Student Services**.

US College Expo

Meet US University Admissions officers and Athletic Directors, **Saturday, April 20th, 2013** from **9 -3, Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto**. For more information call **1-866-973-7737** or go to info@uscollegeexpo.com.

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** on **April 26th**. 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 29th** (latest). **June 3rd** is the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission. Grade 12 student's enrolled in e-learning courses must have a midterm mark submitted to **Student Services** by **April 25th** and a final mark by **June 19th**. 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 9th**. This program provides students the opportunity to experience one of the following career pathways: Justice Studies, Community Services, Business, Health Sciences, Applied Science and Computing, and Skilled Trades and Tourism. Contact Student Services for a registration form. Application deadline is **April 4th**.

College Bound Students

Dorothy Campbell from **St. Lawrence College** will be here on **Thursday, April 4th** at 11:15 in the lecture theatre to discuss scholarships, bursaries and OSAP for college bound students. Parents are welcome to attend.

Enrichment Opportunity

YSP – University of Toronto

Students in grades 10 – 12 spend between 1 – 5 weeks in the Faculty of Law. For course dates and more information visit www.yp.utoronto.ca/law

Interaction 2013 – University of Guelph

A full day conference for university bound students currently in grade 10 and 11. The interaction program is offered on **Wednesday, April 24th** or **Thursday, April 25th** for \$30. Please come to Student Services for an application. Deadline is **April 10th**.

Forensic Science Camp 2013 – Trent University

A unique summer camp focusing on DNA Technology, forensic science and related social issues. Dates are **August 11th - 16th**, and **August 18th – 23rd**. The cost is \$750 (food and residence is included). Please register on line at forensiccamp.nrdpfc.ca.

Transitioning to Post-Secondary Education Assembly

Transitioning to post secondary school is a time of significant change in a student's life and with these changes come challenges and often stress. Preparing our students for this transition will help foster resilience and start them on a path to success. The **KFL&A Public Health School Team** has partnered with **Queen's University** to bring **Outreach Counselor Mary Walsh** to **Holy Cross** on **Wednesday, April 17th** in Period Three for a workshop on transitioning to post-secondary education. This 40 minute presentation will address the top differences between high school and post-secondary, creating and maintaining balance and structure to combat stress, and tips for coping with increased workload, social stress, and academic uncertainty. A question and answer period is welcome if time permits.

Holy Cross Class of 2013 Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th** beginning at **7:00 pm** in the gymnasium. A Graduation Mass will be celebrated at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** on Taylor Kidd Blvd at **12:00** for the graduates, their families, friends and staff.

Holy Cross Class of 2013 Reminders

Potential graduates should take note of the following significant dates:

Monday, March 18th	100 Days until Graduation
Wed, March 20th (10:40 am)	HC Class of 2013 info meeting
Friday, April 5th	Graduates Retreat at Rideau Acres
Wed, May 1st	Potential HC Graduates List Published
Week of May 6th	Grad Invitations distributed in Period 1
Wednesday, May 8th	Valedictorian Election
Fri May 10th	Community Service Hours documentation due
Wed, June 19th	Final Course documentation deadline
Wed, June 26th	Graduation Mass & Commencement Exercises

A list of students who are potential graduates of **Holy Cross** and eligible to receive their **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** and

take part in the **June 2013 graduation ceremony** will be published in the **May Newsletter**. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories), forty (40) hours of Community involvement, and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by **Friday, May 10th, 2013**. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all requirements (including night school courses and on-line courses) have been completed or will be completed. The final marks for on-line and night school courses must be submitted to Student Services by **Wednesday, June 19th, 2013**. Students may contact their counselor regarding any questions concerning graduation.

HOLY CROSS OPTIONAL SPRING UNIFORM

The **optional** spring uniform may be worn beginning on **Monday, April 29th, 2013**. The spring uniform consists of a school-crested green golf shirt and school-crested beige shorts offered for purchase at **Holy Cross**. Flat front shorts for girls will be offered once again this year. Footwear for the spring uniform is either sandals or running shoes. Students may continue to wear the fall/winter uniform. **Combinations of the seasonal uniforms are not permitted. Students can expect that all staff will be particularly vigilant that only school-crested khaki shorts and green uniform shirts are worn in their classrooms.**

HC SPRING UNIFORM SHOPPING

On **Wednesday, April 3rd from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** the Spring Uniform was available for purchase from the **Halpern's Mobile Store** in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. Please note **Halpern's** accepts cash, **Master Card, Visa** and debit cards. **Halpern's** does not accept cheques. This will be the only day students and their families may purchase the spring uniform at Holy Cross. After this date, the spring uniform will be available at the **HC Uniform Store located in the Tuck Shop**. Available clothing and prices may be viewed at the Halpern's web site at www.halperns.ca.

Boys	Men's green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested	
	Youth \$19.95	Adult \$24.95
	Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested	\$29.95
Girls	Ladies' green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested	
	Youth \$21.95	Adult \$26.95
	Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested	\$29.95

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, on **Thursday, April 11th**, will be written by students on IEPs with all accommodations approved by parents/guardians.

Identification Placement and Review Committee Meetings: Letters of invitation have been mailed to parents/guardians to attend the annual review meeting to review the identification or placement of their son or daughter. Please complete the form and return it to **Room 117**.

Grade 12 students, Parents/Guardians were sent a Post-secondary Transition Checklist to ensure a successful first year at college or university. Several colleges and universities offer free Transition Programs such as **Project Advance(two weeks) Pre-Flight(one week), Campus Compass (two-day), and Orientation workshops** are offered in the summer and prepare students with different disabilities for success at college and university. Check your college/university for such a program. **The graduating student is solely responsible for sharing all confidential documentation pertaining to disabilities with the postsecondary institution.** Please contact **Ms. Gavan Knox** for details.

Parents/Guardians of students moving from **Children's Developmental Services to Adult Funding/Services** are invited to attend a meeting "Accessing Adult Services" on **April 16th, 2013** from **6:00-8:30 p.m.** at **QECVI, Main Gym, 145 Kirkpatrick Street.**

The Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston Newsletter

presents **Aaron Bailey** who will speak on " My Journey Towards Success, Living with ADHD and a Learning Disability" on **Monday, April 22nd, 7-9: pm.** at **Ongwanada , Room 453A, 191 Portsmouth Ave.** Check out their website: www.ldakingston.com.

Postsecondary financial assistance information is available on our **Holy Cross website** and also www.disabilityawards.ca and www.studentawards.ca.

World Autism Awareness Day was celebrated on **April 2nd**. A number of events, programs, and activities are planned for this spring. For information , contact www.autismontario.com/kings-ton; kingston@autismontario.com Join the **Autism Awareness Run/Walk Fundraiser** on **Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 am.**

Child Development Centre presents a workshop on tips to improve self-advocacy skills. **Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital** present "Telling Your Story: Presentations That Work" on **Tuesday, April 9th, 2013, 6:00-8:30 pm.**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is an organization dedicated to improve the lives of individuals affected by mental illness . For information please visit www.mnami.org/familytofamily/1-800-950-6264.

Kingston's ADHD Parent Support Group supports families who have children with ADHD. Please contact www.adhdsupportgroup.ca

Social Skills Program is offered at **Quintilian School** on **Tuesday** evenings from **6-8:30 pm.** Please contact **Laura DeSousa** at **613-542-0400.**

Kingston Mood Disorders Support Group (Ontario Trillium Foundation) offers confidential support for people who struggle with depression or bipolar disorder (manic depression) their families and friends. Please contact **The Family Resource Centre** at **613-544-2886**, or frc@fcmhas.ca.

Katarokwi Native Friendship Centre is committed to bringing positive changes to the daily lives of the Aboriginal community. For further information, contact **613-548-1500**/email knfc@cogeco.net.

SEARS DRAMA FESTIVAL

On **Thursday, April 4th**, *the one and only Kingston performance of Holy Cross' entry for the Sears Drama Festival will take place in the school cafeteria at 7pm. Tickets will be sold April 2-4th and at the door for \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Charles Robertson's The Butterfly Collector, directed by grade 12 student Kieran Broekhoven, is a dark story of a successful romantic poet in London in the late 1800s. The cast and crew of 17 students will next perform this incredible show at Holy Trinity CHS in Cornwall at the Regional Sears Drama Festival on Wednesday, April 17th.*

TECH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SKILLS COMPETITION

Communications Technology students are once again participating in the City Skills Competition this year. Grade 12 student **Stephanie Donovan** is representing **Holy Cross** in the Photography category. Two teams of grade 12 students **will** compete in the Video / TV Production category.

The **Specialist High Skills Major** students will advance to the **Eastern Ontario Skills Qualifier** on **Saturday, April 20th**. Grade 11 SHSM Specialist High Skills Major in Communications Technology student **Julia Szczesniak** and **Courtney Matheson** are representing **Holy Cross** in the **Skills Qualifier Competition** on **Saturday, April 20th at St. Lawrence College.** The students are challenged to video record and edit a 30 second television commercial on selling "Apples". If the students are successful at the **Eastern Ontario Regional level**, they would advance to the **Skills Ontario Competition May 6 to 8th** against 40 of the best student video producers in the province.

ECO-CORNER

Thank you to all staff and students for participating in **Earth Hour** last month. Lights in the hallways and classrooms were turned off

showing **HC's** support for reducing our energy use and also to take action on climate change. **April** is certification month and the **Green Team** will be working at completing our application for certification as an **Ontario Ecoschool** for a fifth year in a row. We have also been planning our activities for **Earth Week** which will take place from **April 22 to 26th**. This year's theme is about making sustainable food choices. More on this in the next newsletter! Keep it Green **HC!**

CRAIG KIELBURGER PRESENTATION

As part of **National Volunteer Week, April 21st through 27th**, the spot light will shine on dedicated individuals including youth, families and groups, in celebration of their significant contribution to the community through volunteerism. Volunteers will get the chance to take a well-deserved bow, with awards being handed out at a special Breakfast event on **Friday, April 19th, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** at the **K-Rock Centre**. Celebrated Canadian philanthropist and media personality, **Craig Kielburger**, will be the featured speaker of the morning. Following the Volunteer Breakfast, **Kielburger** will be speaking to **high school students from both local school boards at Regiopolis-Notre Dame**. **Holy Cross** has been allocated 150 spots for Grade Nine students to attend this presentation sponsored by the **United Way** and the **Investors Group** beginning at **12:00.**

HOLY CROSS PITCH IN DAY

On **Friday, April 26th**, Participating classes will clean up the school grounds as well as public areas near the school. See **Mr. Gervais** or **Mr. Forster** if you would like your class to participate.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Approximately every minute of every day, someone in **Canada** needs blood. In fact, according to a recent poll, 52 per cent of Canadians say they, or a family member, have needed blood or blood products for surgery or for medical treatment. **The good news is that one blood donation - in just one hour - can save up to three lives.** A **Holy Cross Blood Donor Clinic** is scheduled for **Monday, April 15th from 9:00 to 12:00** in the **Small Gym.**

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS	
May 1	College applicants must confirm admission offer Make the CUT at Algonquin College
May 2	Students' Council Executive Town Hall Assembly Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest
May 3 & 4	Destination St Lawrence Transition Camp
May 3	Kids Helping Kids Twonie for Non-Uni Day (prepaid) Students' Council Executive Election
May 5	Catholic Education Week Begins
May 6 & 7	Provincial Skills Competition, Waterloo
May 7	Catholic Education Week Mass, Belleville
May 8	Grade Eight Orientation Day at HC Holy Cross Valedictorian Election Catholic School Council Meeting, Library, 6:30
May 9	March for Life (Ottawa)
May 10	Catholic Education Week ends
May 13	ALCDSB Summer School Info available
May 11	Class of 2012 Community Service Hours Due Date KASSAA Girls' Rugby Championships
May 15	Hotel Dieu Partners in Mission Food Blitz
May 20	Victoria Day (no school)
May 21	S2 Field Trip Moratorium Begins
May 22	Genesis Awards Evening, 7 p.m.
May 24	P.A. Day (no classes)
May 29	Green and Silver Athletic Awards Banquet
May 31	World No Tobacco Day Grade Nine Bands Trills and Thrills Music Festival