



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Now that the month of **September** has come and gone, let me take a moment to thank all members of our school community for a great start to the school year. Some highlights of our first month together include:

- The 30 members of our **Holy Cross** community who participated in the **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run** at **St. Lawrence College** on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Many participants wore **Crusader** Spirit attire, making our participation clearly visible. **Every September**, we come together as a school community in the broader community to kick off our fundraising efforts for cancer research.

- Our **Students' Council**, led by **Mr. Richard Coleman**, for spearheading our initiatives to welcome Grade Nines into our school from our day in **August** set aside to make sure students had their books and their lockers and were able to locate their classrooms, to the **Grade Nine Orientation** morning, which was good, if not clean, fun, as well as a BBQ the day before. Our **Students' Council** are now collaborating with **CICs Executive** to organize our **Thanksgiving Food Drive**.

- Our fall sports teams, which are well underway, are demonstrating **Crusader** spirit in their preparations and fierce but fair play. We are very excited about the annual **Pep Rally Day** on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** and **The PH Classic**, being played at our school on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**.

- Our **Arts Department**, many of whom are preparing for this year's school musical, **Jesus Christ Superstar**. Many hands have been hard at work transforming our stage and rehearsals have begun. Our upcoming production is a re-imagined and re-interpreted version of the musical which places the characters and situations in modern day. Our production, through the use of technology and contemporary images, will explore the socio-political themes of Christ's message within a 21<sup>st</sup> century context.

- Mr. Forster** with our **Students' Council** and **CICs** members who led over **240 Grade Nine** students in a day-long retreat at **Rideau Acres**. The day included motivational ("The Hero Inside") speaker **Ian Tyson** as well as **Fr. Byrne** and **Fr. Kusyk**, challenging our incoming grade nine class to make choices that strengthen both self and community.

### October at Holy Cross

Tues, Oct 1.....Public Health "Drive 4 Life" Gr. 11 P1 Assembly  
 Wed, Oct 2.....Public Health "Drive 4 Life" Gr. 11 P1 Assembly  
 Gr. 9 P2 Library Orientation Class Day 2  
 Fall Team Photos  
 St. Francis Xavier University Visit, NS 11:15  
 Wilfrid Laurier University Visit 2:30  
 Wed & Thurs, Oct 2 & 3 ..... Graduating Athletes & Artists Photos  
 Thursday, October 3 .....EOSSAA 2013 Golf Pembroke  
 Development & Peace Student Leadership Day  
 Gr. 9 P2 Library Orientation Class Day 3  
 College Application Process Overview 11:00  
 Fall Team Photos  
 Western University– Brescia College Visit 2:30  
 TISS Invitational Cross Country Meet (Brockville)  
 Friday, October 4.....World Teachers' Day  
 Gr. 9 P2 Library Orientation Class Day 4  
 Graduation Portrait Orders due in Rm. 129  
 Graduation Write-ups due in Rm. 129  
 Saturday, October 5.....E-waste Collection Day at Holy Cross  
 World Teachers Day  
 Sunday, October 6 ..... 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run for The Cure  
 Ontario Fire Prevention Week Begins

Monday, October 7 ..... University of Waterloo Visit  
 Ottawa University Visit  
 Grade Nine Friends Photos, lunch, Room 129  
 Tuesday, October 8 ..... Gr 9 Library Orientation Class  
 Semester One Practice Lockdown Drill  
 Grade Ten Friends Photos, lunch, Room 129  
 McMaster University Visit  
 Wednesday, October 9 .....Photo Retake Day  
 Gr 9 Library Orientation Class  
 Humber College Visit  
 Grade Representative Elections  
 Grade Eleven Friends Photos, lunch, Room 129  
 Thursday, October 10 ..... College Application Process Overview  
 Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends  
 Green and Silver Pep Rally Day  
 Semester 1 Early Progress Reports issued  
 Grade Twelve Group Photos, Room 129, lunch  
 ALCDSB Student Senate Meeting #1 Napanee  
 Friday, October 11 .....P.A. Day #1 (no classes)  
 Staff Faith Development Day  
 Sunday, October 13 ..... World Food Day  
 Monday, October 14 ..... Thanksgiving Day (no classes)  
 Tuesday, October 15 ..... Trent University Visit  
 Queen's U Teacher Candidates begin placements  
 Oct 15 & 16 ..... Grade 9 Library Orientation Sessions continue  
 Team Photos  
 Wednesday, October 16 ..... Thanksgiving School Mass  
 Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends  
 Semester One IEPs mailed home  
 Laurentian University Visit  
 Loyalist College Visit  
 HC Catholic School Council meeting, library, 6:30  
 Thurs, Oct 17..... Parent-Teacher Interviews, 3:30-5:30, 6:30-8:00  
 Cross-Country Championships  
 University Online Application Workshop  
 Univ. of Ontario Institute of Technology visit  
 Friday, October 18 ..... Sr. Girls' SOSI Super 12 Bball  
 Oct 18 & 19 ..... Jr. Girls' Basketball Tournament  
 Sr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament  
 Saturday, October 19 ..... Archdiocesan Youth Rally  
 Sun, Oct 20 ..... International Action Day on Climate Change  
 Monday, October 21 ..... University Online Application Workshop  
 Tues, Oct 22 .... University Information Program @ HC, 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Oct 22- 23 ..... Grade Ten Retreat Days – Personal Growth  
 Wednesday, October 23 ..... Parent-Teacher Interviews  
 Thurs, Oct 24 .....13<sup>th</sup> Annual PH Classic, Tootie for Non-Uni  
 Girls' Field Hockey Championship  
 Catholic Cup Football Games  
 Friday, October 25 ..... Non-Uniform Day (tentative)  
 Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work permission forms due  
 Saturday, October 26 ..... KCVI Jr. Girls' Bball Tournament  
 Sr. Boys' Volleyball Invitational Tournament  
 Monday, October 28 ..... One Match Assembly, Gr 11 12s  
 Tuesday, October 29 ..... KASSAA Sr. Football Semi-Final Game  
 Wednesday, October 30 ..... S1 Mid-semester Test Period Begins  
 S1 IEP Review and Comment Entry Deadline  
 Thursday, October 31 . OFSAA Girls' Field Hockey Championship  
 Hallowe'en

On **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, our Grade 11 and 12 students will gather in the **Cafeteria** for a **One Match Assembly**. A student at our sister school, **RND, Mackenzie Curran**, requires a bone marrow transplant and, at the request of her family and her friends both at **HC** and **RND**, our students will have the chance to learn more about the **Bone Marrow Registry** as well as the possibilities of becoming a potential donor. Student volunteers, led by **Meagan Kirbyson**, will be selling bracelets in **October** at a cost of **\$2.00**. This, **Holy Cross**, is **faith in action**, and a student-led initiative that shows the bonds between our schools are stronger than the rivalries.

In terms of staffing, **Mr. Stabile, Ms. Bouvier, Mrs. Dalton** and **Mr. Clarke** have secured full-time positions here, and we have added **Amerdale Hudson** and **Chelsea Sandrin** as EAs in our **Bridges Program**. Due to higher than expected enrolment, we do still have a few part-time teaching positions to fill. Some classes will be split in the coming weeks. We welcome teacher candidates throughout this month (and again in late **November** and early **February**) to **Holy Cross**. This year's teacher candidates are **Jim Clarke, Sonja Costa, Aman Dhaliwal, Conor Doan, Catherine Helferty, Kathleen Jerome, Jane Krol, Jeffrey McCarthy, Nicole Porco, Alana Sargeant, John Sasso, and Will Reed**. I hope and trust you'll enjoy your experiences at **Holy Cross** as much as we gain from your enthusiasm and talents.

**Paul A. Walsh**

#### **PASTORAL UPDATE**

We are now well into our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** which runs until **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Once again, we are thankful to the staff, students and parents of our **Holy Cross School Community** who are generously donating money and non-perishable food items which we will go to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** this year. This annual campaign provides us with a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings with those less fortunate than ourselves. Our **Crusaders In Community Service (CICS)** are now meeting regularly during lunch hours on **Mondays** and new students are welcome to get involved in our **Social Action Projects**, including the **Food Drive**, seniors outreach to **Rosewood Retirement Home**, and service opportunities both at our school and beyond.

**"CALLING ALL TEENS"**: Keep in mind that we are hosting the **"Shine Like the Son" Catholic Youth Rally** again this year at **Holy Cross**. High School teens will be gathering at our school on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** from **9 to 4** for a day of upbeat music, workshops, guest speakers and a closing **Mass** at **4:00 p.m.** with **Archbishop O'Brien**. We also have the **Life Teen Evenings** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** on **Taylor-Kidd Blvd** every **Sunday**. All teenagers in our area are invited to the dinner which begins at **5:00 p.m.** followed by a talk, games, group discussions and an upbeat **Youth Mass** in the church at **7:30 p.m.**

We are looking forward to our **Grade 10 "Personal Growth: Body, Mind, Spirit" Retreats** which will take place on **October 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **Rideau Acres**. All of our Grade 10 students will participate in these retreat days which will be focusing on sexuality, dating, and relationships. The format for the day has been developed in consultation with our Religion Department, Pastoral Services, Youth Worker, School Board, Archdiocesan Youth Office, school administration and the local Health Unit. As Catholics, we believe that our sexuality is a gift from God, but that it must be respected and seen from the perspective of a healthy and well-balanced Catholic moral framework. We are especially fortunate that **Fabian Brown**, from **Jamaica** will be a Guest Speaker on our retreats this year, along with **Lisa Lollar** our **Health Unit Nurse**, and **Nadia Gundert**, **Archdiocesan Youth Coordinator**.

And, members of the **Holy Week Jamaica Mission Team** invite you to their **"Jamaica Fish Fry"** on **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. **Mike Mundell** will be serving up the fish and chips, and members of the **Jamaica Team** will be providing the salads, buns, desserts and refreshments. It runs from **3:30 - 7:00 p.m.** and Take-Out is available. **Cost: \$15.00** with all proceeds going to the **Jamaica Mission Projects**. Blessings to all this **Thanksgiving** and throughout the month ahead.

**Christopher Forster, Chaplaincy Leader**

#### **NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL**

The season of autumn is upon us as we begin the month of **October**. The annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** has begun at **Holy Cross!** Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items to the

**Partners in Mission Food Bank**. A friendly competition between homerooms adds excitement to the spirit of giving. For junior students interested in getting involved in a leadership position at **Holy Cross, Student Council** is holding interviews for this year's **Junior Rep** the first week of **October**. Two junior reps are chosen to assist **Student Council** with a variety of activities throughout the year! On **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** an electronic waste collection is being held at **Holy Cross** from **9 am to 2 pm**. Members of the community are invited to drop off old or unwanted electronics; for each tonne, **Brenda Environmental** will donate money towards the **2014 K2K Jamaica Mission Trip**. The much anticipated **Green and Silver Pep Rally** is being held on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Students dress in green and silver and show fantastic school spirit! Also this month is the **Grade 10 Retreat**, being held on **October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This mandatory retreat gathers Grade 10 students at the **Rideau Acres Campground** to reflect on relationships, responsibilities, and faith. One of my favourite events of the year takes place during the last week of **October**. The **Hallowe'en Costume Contest** is a friendly and fun competition between students in the cafeteria at lunch. Individuals and groups will be judged according to the scariness, cuteness, and creativity of their costumes which bring out the trick-or-treaters in all of us. **Student Council** wishes sports teams the best of luck as the fall season is in full swing. During **October**, it is crucial to enjoy the colourful leaves and crisp air. **September** flew by, and already we are preparing for turkey roasting and pumpkin carving. Remember to be thankful for what you have, and give what you can.

**Sarah Flisikowski, Communications Officer**

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Council** met for the first time this school year on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** in the school library. **Michelle Iliescu** will serve as Chair. **Frank Cameron** was named Vice-Chair, and **Lynn MacKinder** agreed to serve as Secretary. Parent members for 2013-2014 include: **Adam Check, Denise Clifford, Chris Murphy, Darlene Johnson, Jennifer Coleman, Patricia Robson, Tracy Ottenhof** and **Rachel-Veins Biringer**; **Christopher Forster** as Nonteaching Representative; **Marie Gavan-Knox** returns as teacher representative; **Lisa Lollar** as Community Representative; members from the Administration Team and from **Students' Council** also participate regularly in these meetings. School Council is an advisory body that forms an important link with the school. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to join meetings. Please see the minutes on **www.hctoday.ca** for **Catholic School Council** information.

#### **HC ATHLETICS**

Our fall sports teams, who are underway, are demonstrating **Crusader** spirit in their preparations, and fierce but fair play. The 13th annual **PH Classic** will take place on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** at **HC**, with Juniors at **1 pm** and Seniors following at **2:30 pm**. The **Catholic Cup** will be held on the same day as the **PH Classic**, and will kick-off under the lights at the Invista Field with Juniors at **5 pm**, and Seniors at **7 pm**. Come out wearing green and silver and support your **Crusader** athletics this month, and especially on the **24<sup>th</sup>!**

#### **THE PAUL HALLIGAN CLASSIC**

On **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1997**, our fellow school community, **Regiopolis - Notre Dame**, lost one of its greatest supporters. Paul Halligan died of cancer after a two year battle with the disease. **Paul** was a graduate of **RND**, a basketball and football coach, an organizer of the **Alumni Association**, founder of the **Irish Ontario Basketball Club**, and the driving force behind the **Peter Carty Memorial**. **October** is **Breast Cancer Awareness** month; therefore we have decided to focus our efforts in the direction. This year alone 25,000 women will develop breast cancer and 5,500 of these women will die from this disease. We are hopeful that through your donations, we will continue the progress in "Shooting For A Cure!"

#### **FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE**

Parents are reminded that if their child is going to be absent from school they must call the attendance office (**613-384-1355**) before **8:30** on the day of absence.

Parents are asked to remind their children that they must not leave school without going through the Attendance Office first.

#### **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR APPOINTMENTS (E.G. MEDICAL/ DENTAL)**

Students must have parent/guardian permission and show the note to the Attendance Secretary to obtain permission to leave the school.

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER Post-Secondary Information

Application information session #1 for students applying to universities has been completed. College information sessions will take place **October 1<sup>st</sup>** and **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **11:10 a.m.** In the upcoming months, **Student Services** will be hosting many presentations from **Ontario** colleges and universities as well as workshops for the application process. Students may access dates for presentations and the application process online at **www.hctoday.ca**. A note to parents that the power point presented at the **Post Secondary Info Session** is available on the **HC website www.hctoday.ca**.

## University Information Program (UIP) At Holy Cross

A travelling **UIP** is coming to **Holy Cross on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **1:00 to 3:00** in the **Cafeteria and Library**. The afternoon offers a fair- or presentation-style event for students in the **Kingston** area. The **UIP** provides secondary school students with the opportunity to gather information about **Ontario's** 21 universities. Students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from each **Ontario** university about programs, campus life and anything else that may help you make a decision about which **Ontario** university to choose. Each university has its own booth, staffed with representatives who can answer questions and provide additional materials about programs, admission requirements and student life. Each university also offers a scheduled information session several times throughout the **OUF** weekend.

## Parent-Student Maplewood Portal access

All students have access to their credit history through the parent-student **Maplewood** portal on the **Holy Cross** website. Passwords and usernames are available from **Student Services**. Grade 12 students are encouraged to check their credit histories to ensure all requirements are fulfilled for graduation and post-secondary applications.

## Volunteer Opportunities/Part time Jobs

Students are reminded to check the **Information Board** outside **Student Services** for volunteer opportunities. Some part time jobs opportunities are also posted. Volunteer opportunities are available at the **Boys and Girls Club** and **The United Way**; see your Counsellor for more information.

## Take Our Kids to Work

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** is **Take Our Kids to Work Day**. Information sheets, including permission forms, will be distributed to Grade 9 students on **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Students are required to return a signed permission form by **October 25<sup>th</sup>** in order to participate.

## Scholarship News

The deadline for two prominent scholarships is approaching. **The Loran Award** (formerly known as the **Canadian Merit Scholarship**) website is **www.loranaward.ca**. We can sponsor/nominate three candidates and if you are not chosen as the sponsored candidate you can apply to the direct entry pool. You must download the application and read it carefully. If you are submitting your application for consideration as the school sponsored applicant please see **Mrs. Hill** by **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The deadline date for **Queen's** major entrance scholarships and awards is **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students interested in being nominated for the **Queen's Chancellor's Scholarship** must see **Mrs. Hill** by **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Students must have an average of 90% to be eligible.

If you have any questions about these or any other scholarships, please contact **Mrs. Hill** in **Student Services**. Students can access general scholarship information on the **HC Today** website under **Student Services** in the **Financial Aid** link.

The deadline for the **TD Canada Trust Scholarships** for **Community Leadership**, **www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship/indes.jsp** is **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Other universities offer major entrance scholarships. Be sure to check specific university websites for further information.

## EARLY SEMESTER REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS

On **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**, the **Early Report Cards** for Grades 9 – 12 students will be distributed in homeroom classes. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** and from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** and **Wednesday,**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Each parent-teacher conference is scheduled for ten minutes, and should be booked by appointment, in advance, in the days prior to the interview. Students will be bringing home their report card and a teacher appointment booking form which will require the teacher's signature in order to confirm the appointment time. Parents and guardians should feel free to contact their son or daughter's teacher at any time in order to learn more about his or her performance, but this time, in particular, is reserved for the essential link between home and school.

## KFLA HEALTH UNIT PRESENTS DRIVE FOR LIFE

An impaired driving prevention program for Grade 11 students, this event features four interactive presentations that address the consequences of alcohol use, strategies to avoid drinking and driving, and strategies to manage situations where alcohol is involved. The presentations took place on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the **Duffey Gymnasium** and **Lecture Theatre** during **Period 1**. For additional information, contact **Youth Worker Terrie Hoey**.

## EQAO GRADE NINE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT

The **Grade Nine EQAO Math Assessment Individual Results** were mailed on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** shortly to all students who wrote the assessment last year. The detailed results will be available on the **Holy Cross** website by **mid-October**. All staff, especially the math department, will continue to work diligently to help this year's grade 9 students achieve at or above the provincial standard. We were very pleased with the results of students in our **Grade Nine Applied Mathematics** program last year - well done, students and staff!

## SCHOOL SAFETY

**The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** has taken steps to ensure your child's safety while in school. Each school has developed school safety plans including the steps staff will take in the event of an emergency, including a parent communication plan and evacuation plan.

## FIRE SAFETY

In accordance with **Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997** and the **Ontario Fire Code** (O Reg. 388/97), it is necessary to practice proper fire evacuation procedures three times per semester. We have had four successful fire drills to date with the next drill to be determined by the **Fire Department** during **Fire Prevention Week** set for **October 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## LOCKDOWN DRILLS

A lockdown is an emergency situation which prevents the safe evacuation of a school building and requires steps to isolate students and staff from danger by requiring everyone to remain inside the building. In order to empower our students and staff with the knowledge of what to do in the event of a lockdown, we will be holding a lockdown drill sometime during the month of **October**. Teachers will review proper procedures and protocols with the students prior to the drill.

## OCTOBER NUTRITION TIP FOR HC- GO FOR ORANGE!

**Canada's Food Guide** recommends eating at least one serving of an orange vegetable each day such as squash or carrots. Some orange coloured fruit such as mango, cantaloupe, and papaya can be eaten in place of an orange vegetable. This month try eating mango and squash as two of your recommended 8 vegetables and fruit/day. Purchase squash to microwave, cook, or bake. Mix with pasta, soup, or eat as a side dish. A half cup of squash provides 100% of your daily requirement of Vit A, 17% of your daily requirement of Vit C, and 2 g of fibre. Mangos can be purchased fresh, frozen, or canned. A half cup of mango or half a mango provides 48% of your daily requirement of Vit C, 1g of protein, and 1.9 g of fibre. Taste test a Mango Smoothie or Mango Salsa. (**www.eatrightontario.ca**)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY CROSS LIBRARY

In **October**, we devote one class period to introduce all **Grade Nine** students to our **Holy Cross Library** and to give them information about our facilities and services. New students to our school will need to start developing advanced research skills and will need to become familiar with the resources available to them. During the **Orientation Class**, students will learn about the various areas of

the library including the fiction, non-fiction, and reference sections, the PC computer lab, the OPAC computers, the newspaper and periodicals section; as well as the various on-line databases and eBooks accessible to them. As well, students will be given the opportunity to register on the **Math Homework Help** website and to create an account on the **My Blueprint Education Planner**. We see the library as a focal point of our school and our aim is to have each and every student feel welcome and comfortable with the use of all our facilities.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE

Welcome to all new students on IEPs & their Parents/Guardians. All grade nine students on IEPs have had an orientation visit to resource room 117 during the first two weeks of **September**. On a separate occasion, **Mrs. Hulse** reviewed the protocol with students who have SEA laptops.

An **Individual Education Plan (I.E.P)** is developed each semester for your son or daughter. As part of the consultation process, we receive your input through I.P.R.C. meetings, your returned IEP Consult Form, transition meetings, parent-teacher-counsellor meetings, notes, phone calls, assessment reports, case conferences etc. As you are our valued partner, we invite you to communicate any recent information on your child that might affect his/her learning process.

**Contact information for Special Education Resource Teachers:**  
**Grade 9, A-L: Mrs. Poels ext.3425; Grade 9, M-Z: Mrs. Hulse, ext.3428; Grade 10: Mrs. Poels, ext.3425; Grade 11: Mrs. Hulse, ext 3428; Grade 12: Ms. Gavan Knox, ext.3426; and Ms. Terri Daniel, vice-principal for Special Education, ext.3406.**

The Draft IEP as formulated by the IEP Team will be mailed to you on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Provincial legislation requires that parent(s)/guardian sign the Consult Form and return it. An I.E.P. will be sent home each term with the provincial report card, and will reflect any changes that are made to the plan during the term. Please note that the IEP box is not checked on the early, mid-term or final reports if accommodations only are being used. The box is checked for students who are receiving modified and/or alternative expectations.

Support: If you are a parent/guardian interested in meeting with other parents/guardians to discuss the challenges/issues facing either parents of /or children with disabilities, contact **Ms. Gavan Knox**.

**On-Line to Success** course for senior students in grade 11 or 12 with a Learning Disability: There will be a parent information meeting for **On-Line to Success Program** at the **Faculty of Education, Duncan MacArthur College**, later in the semester.

**Post-Secondary Transition Planning – Graduating Students on IEPs** It is strongly recommended that graduating students on an Individual Education Plan focus on their self-advocacy skills and complete a **Transition Portfolio**. Please see **Ms. Gavan Knox** for details. Please see our website **hctoday.ca** for further information.

### GRADUATION PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK WRITE-UPS

Graduation photos and grad retakes were taken during **September**. Proofs have been distributed to students. Graduation photo orders and grad yearbook write-ups are both due on **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** by **11:30 am** in **Room 129**.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be distributed during the first week of **October** through home room. School photo retakes will be taken on **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** during period 1 in the **Cafetorium**. To qualify for a retake, please bring the original photo package to the photographer on **October 9<sup>th</sup>**. You also qualify for a retake if you were absent on the original photo day.

### ECO-CORNER

As **Thanksgiving** approaches, we encourage **Holy Cross students** to show their gratefulness through stewardship. A great way to express thankfulness is by taking care of the world God has blessed us with. One way to demonstrate stewardship is to recycle rather than throw out. Do you have old electronics sitting in your house? You can bring them to our **E-waste Collection** that will take place on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from **9 to 2 pm** at **Holy Cross**. This represents a good start to this year's **Green Team** theme which focuses on energy saving technology both within and outside the school. As newer and more energy efficient electronics replace the old ones we must ensure that the old ones do not end up in landfill. In addition to recycling your old electronics, the proceeds from our e-waste event will be given to our **Jamaica Mission trip**. A win-win situation. *Keep it Green HC!*

### NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

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|---------|--|
| 1       | ..... All Saints Day<br>Jamaica Mission Trip Fish Fry<br>OFSAA Girls' Field Hockey Championships   |
| 2       | ..... Veteran's Week Begins<br>All Souls Day<br>KASSAA Sr. Football Championships  |
| 3       | ..... Daylight Savings Time Ends   |
| 4       | ..... Tyndale University Visit   |
| 5       | ..... College Online Application Workshop, 11:00 a.m.<br>Lakehead University Visit   |
| 6       | ..... Honour Roll Celebration, Period One<br>Take Our Kids to Work Day, Grade Nine<br>Term One Careers & Civics Courses End<br>Mid-semester Test Period Ends |
| 7       | ..... Term Two Gr 10 Careers & Civics Begin<br>College Application Workshop, 11:00 a.m.  |
| 9       | ..... KASSAA Junior Football Championships   |
| 10      | ..... KASSAA Boys' Volleyball Championships  |
| 11      | ..... Remembrance Day Liturgies<br>Guelph University Visit   |
| 12      | ..... Crusader Winter Season Tryouts begin<br>University of Guelph-Humber Visit  |
| 13      | ..... EOSSAA Junior Girls' Basketball Championships<br>Jesus Christ Superstar Ticket Sales Begin<br>Kingston Street Retreat                                  |
| 14      | ..... Nipissing University Visit<br>Winter Transfer Deadline<br>EOSSAA Senior Girls' Basketball Championships  |
| 15      | ..... Sem 1 Mid-term marks due to OCAS<br>Sem 1 marks available online   |
| 16      | ..... Kingston Santa Claus Parade  |
| 17      | ..... Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week begins  |
| 18      | ..... S1 Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued<br>Brock University Visit  |
| 19      | ..... Canadian Senior & Intermediate Math Contests   |
| 20      | ..... National Child Day<br>Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30  |
| 21 -23  | ..... OFSAA AAA Girls' Bball & Boys' Vball   |
| 21      | ..... Student Senate Meeting   |
| 25      | ..... Afternoon Performance of Jesus Christ Superstar<br>Day of the Arts One   |
| 26      | ..... Sem One Full Disclosure Day (Gr 11/12)<br>Afternoon Performance of Jesus Christ Superstar<br>Day of the Arts Two<br>Application Data Sent to Colleges  |
| 27      | ..... Opening Night of Jesus Christ Superstar  |
| 28      | ..... Jesus Christ Superstar, 7 p.m.   |
| 29      | ..... Tentative November Non-Uniform Day<br>Jesus Christ Superstar, 7 p.m.   |
| 29 – 30 | ..... Crusader Senior Boys' Basketball Classic   |
| 30      | ..... Closing Night of Jesus Christ Superstar  |

### ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION

1. *The Graduate is expected to be a discerning believer* formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection, and moral living.

**Faith in Action examples:** daily prayer, monthly and weekday Mass, Grade 11 World Religions participation in Aboriginal Dancers celebration, Thanksgiving Food Drive, One Match Assembly, Ms. McLean's MAT1/2L class leading a table football tournament for the food drive, the K2K Mission group organizing a bake sale at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Sunday night Youth Groups at the Church, holding open the door for another person, visits to Rosewood Retirement Home, harvesting our own school garden, becoming a Gold-Certified EcoSchool