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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Picture Day– September 14,  
Retakes– November 1

Grade 9 Curriculum Night–  
Tues. Sept. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Jostens Ring Sales– Sept. 14

P.A. Days– September 30,  
October 28, November 25

Grade 9 Dance–Sept. 29 from  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Food Drive–  
October 3–6

Thanksgiving Prayer Ser-  
vice– October 7

Thanksgiving Mon. -Oct. 10

School Advisory Council  
Meetings @ 6:45 -October 4,  
November 8, December 13

Terry Fox Run– October 12  
Rain date: October 13

Progress Reports–Oct. 19

Parent Teacher  
Interviews– Thursday, Octo-  
ber 27th from 3:30-7:00 pm

Dress Down Days– Septem-  
ber 23, October 21, November  
18, December 23

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to  
Work Day - November 2

# Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

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Believe, Love, Act: “The greatest among you will be your servant.” Matthew 23:11

## *Principal's Remarks...*

*It is my pleasure to welcome all of our new students and returning students to Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. Holy Cross is a very special place. Together, with an exceptional student body, supportive parents and a dedicated staff, Holy Cross offers an outstanding academic and co-curricular program committed to Catholic education. Catholic education at Holy Cross views human life as an integration of body, mind and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Holy Cross graduates, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.*

*I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new grade 9 students as well as other students that have moved to Holy Cross.*

*In our first week of classes, our Administrative Team addressed all students in our opening grade level assemblies. We spoke to the students about commitment, faith, respect and responsibility. We encouraged our students to contribute to the school community through care for one another, service to others and consideration of our environment. By putting faith into action in our extended community activities, students are given the opportunity to make connections between their faith and future goals.*

*At our grade level assemblies we also spoke to our students about the role that everyone plays in establishing a safe and comfortable school environment conducive to teaching and learning. We also took the opportunity to specifically reinforce the integral connection between regular school attendance and academic success. Please see contained in this newsletter the Holy Cross Attendance Procedures and Detention information that was reviewed with the students.*

*Finally, at our assemblies, all students were encouraged to become active and involved in all of the co-curricular opportunities that Holy Cross offers.*

*On behalf of the entire Holy Cross staff, I welcome all of our students and their families to the new academic year. We wish everyone all the best and good health.*

*Mr. Tim Moloney*

## **Holy Cross Would Like to Welcome New Staff to our Community:**

Teachers– Danielle Buttell, Katie Clancy, Jennifer Dunn, Sarah Ryan, Erin Wilson

Custodians– Lou D'Addazio, Marilyn Rossitter

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## A FEW REMINDERS...

- 1. Attendance**– Students who are ill or missing classes for appointments are asked to get an admit slip from the office upon their return. Parents are asked to report their child's absence with either a note from home or by calling the school at 705 748-6664 Ext. 302/304. Please see pages 7-9 of the agenda book for further information.
- 2. Detentions**– There is a change in detentions this year. Detentions will be held AFTER school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:35-3:15. Students who need to serve a detention will have to arrange their own transportation home at 3:15. For further information, please contact your vice-principals, Tobi Ryan, ext. 301 or Jackie Craig ext. 361.
- 3. Backpacks/ School Bags**- The policy at Holy Cross is that bags are not allowed in classrooms and must be kept in the students' lockers.
- 4. Cell Phones** may not be used in class or during instructional time. Students may use their cell phones in school during non-instructional time.
- 5. Dress Code**- The school dress code is outlined in the Student Agenda Book. Each Friday is HCSS Spirit Wear Day. Only on this day, students may wear green, white and grey HCSS athletic wear, Holy Cross Club or Team clothing or "House" t-shirts in lieu of the HCSS dress code clothing. The last Friday of each month is usually our Dress Down Day. These dates and guidelines for that day are listed in the agenda book .
- 6. Student Registration/Activity Fees**-Thank you to everyone for paying the Twenty Dollar Student Registration Fee and if you have not done so please have it into the school as soon as possible. The Student Activity Fee helps support Retreat Programs, Student Council, Student Cards, Agenda Books, Course Calendar, Lock and Locker, Athletic Program, Guest Speakers and our Graduation.
- 7. Student Verification Sheets**– were sent home earlier this week. Would you please verify the information we have for your son/daughter. Please be sure to update any **MEDICAL INFORMATION** that is not already noted, including use of epi-pens, allergies, asthma, medications etc. as well as parent work numbers and emergency contacts. Please return even if there are no changes to be made. Thank you.

Greetings everyone!

Holy Cross began its 2011-2012 year with our **opening mass on Wednesday Sept. 14**, the feast day of our school. We also began our year with fund raising for Africa, a blue ribbon campaign. Students were asked to donate a loonie or more to help raise funds for the African Crisis. In return, they received a blue ribbon which they were to wear all week.

In October we will have our annual **Farm Credit Canada food drive, October 3-6** where students will be asked to bring in canned goods to their period one class. The food will be picked up on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, weighed and brought to Kawartha Food Share and/or St. Vincent De Paul food bank at St. Alphonsus parish. We are asking you to contribute non perishable food items, and we appreciate your support on this. **October 7<sup>th</sup>** also marks our **Thanksgiving prayer service**, where the classes will present their bags of food. Everyone is welcome to attend our prayer service at 9 am.

I hope you have a wonderful Fall, and thank you for all your continued support.

Teresa Cosentino  
Chaplaincy Team Leader

## WHICH HOUSE IS YOUR HOUSE?



The House System is up and running and some of our grade nine students have already earned points for their respective houses on Orientation Day. For families new to Holy Cross, staff and students are divided into 4 houses- Earth, Water, Wind and Fire. Each house has its own colourful t-shirt which students are able to wear on Spirit Wear Fridays. The purpose of this endeavor is to increase school spirit and have fun. Many activities throughout the school year will be tied into earning points for each House. The first major activity will of course be the Terry Fox Run. Money collected will be tracked into Houses and the winning House will be recognized. Other activities will include Intramurals, Food Drive, Shoe Box Drive and Spirit Day Events.

Your House Committee- Jennifer Chadwick, Christine Clarke, Jennifer Dunn, Kim Fletcher, Kerry Hayes, Margie Hickey, Tammy Horton

### Notes from the Music Room...

Things are off to a flying start. Our choir, Mass Appeal, was happy to welcome some new members and prepared the music for our opening school liturgy on September 14 with only 2 rehearsals. They will continue to meet on Friday's at lunch to prepare for our other masses and prayer services. Concert Band had their first rehearsal on September 13 with lots of representatives from last year's grade 9 and 10 classes. This group is open to grades 9-12 with at least one semester of high school music or 2 years in elementary school. Students do not have to be enrolled in the music program although this is highly encouraged to improve their performance skills. The concert band has been asked to play at the Festival of Trees again this year, November 24. Don't forget the Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm. Jazz band will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 21. Students must also be a member of the concert band. We have a new group in town! We are starting another choir that will focus on vocal jazz, pop and more traditional choir repertoire. This group meets on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. **New Grade Nine Students...**parents are asked to encourage their son/daughter to practice at home and to make sure they are signing practice logs.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Kraus at the school ext. 522.

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK!!!!** All music students from first and second semester and those involved in our extra-curricular groups need to listen for announcements about our April trip to the Big Apple. Information will be coming soon and a parents meeting will be held in October. Start saving your loonies and be sure to have a valid passport!

Mrs. Janina Kraus

### ECOSCHOOLS

We are all geared up for another year of eco-schools. Last year we achieved celebrity status by being awarded **Silver Certification!** This year we are going for **GOLD!** We would like to remind students to think about packing those litter less lunches, bringing reusable water bottles instead of single use ones. We all have a responsibility at the school to put our garbage/recycling in the appropriate bins. Extra signage and bins have been put in place for this year to increase this. Just a reminder that we have battery, toner cartridge and small electronics recycling available in the main office in the hopes that our students and families will consider this eco-friendly disposal method. We are hosting an environmental symposium at Holy Cross next week for students of the other eco-schools in our board with guest speakers on a variety of environmental topics.

If you are interested in joining the Ecoschool Committee come on out to our meetings on Thursdays at lunch in Room B124.

Hope to see you there!



## **GRADE 9 CURRICULUM NIGHT**

**All Grade Nine parents are invited to Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 20th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and see what a day in the life of Grade Nine is all about! Please plan to attend.**

### **Catholic School Council News...**

We had our first meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and it was nice to see some new Holy Cross parents attend! Everyone is welcome to our next Catholic School Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We will meet in the Holy Cross Library from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At this meeting we will hold elections for our 2011/2012 School Council. Nominations for School Council are currently being received and we encourage parents/guardians to consider joining our Council. Interested parents should complete the nomination form below and return it to the school no later than Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Please note that following the election of parents to our Council, the new Council will vote to elect Council members for various positions i.e. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer etc. It is important to specify that not all parents on our Council are required to hold a formal role. Please come out and join our Council!

If you have any questions regarding our Catholic School Council, please contact Mr. Moloney at 748-6664, ext. 303.



### **Catholic School Council Nomination Form**

I hereby give notice of my intention to stand for elections to become a member of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council.

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Name of Nominee

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Signature