



Holy Cross
SCHOOL

50th ANNIVERSARY

January 2012

shalom
Acting justly...
Living peacefully...
Celebrating joyfully!



Canadian Tire Money & Canned Food Collections

Holy Cross School students collected \$273.33 in Canadian Tire money. This amount was donated to the Salvation Army and families in our area were able to purchase some much needed household items. Our students enthusiastically collected canned foods and we were able to make a large donation to the Knights of Columbus Christmas food drive. Thank-you for your generosity during the busy Christmas season.

I Chose It Myself Sale

The 2011 "I Chose It Myself" sale was once again an incredible success. Approximately \$2,700.00 was raised.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who contributed to this successful event by decorating bags, categorizing donations, wrapping presents, and helping our young children choose the perfect gift for their loved ones. Thank-you to our families for the wonderful donations. The money raised will be put towards the purchase of technology items for the classrooms.

Coming in February:

PA Day	3 rd
Report Cards home	15 th
EARLY DISMISSAL	17 th
Family Day—no School	20 th

A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the staff of Holy Cross, I would like to extend to your family best wishes for a healthy, holy and prosperous New Year.

We are now part way through second term. This is a very productive time for our students. Students are very familiar with their teachers, routines and the expectations which allow them to optimize their learning. The continued support you provide at home assists your child in reaching their potential.

I encourage all parents to keep in close contact with us regarding your child's performance, academic or otherwise during the remainder of the school year. Second term report cards will go home on February 15th.

Our Vice-Principal, Mr. Crossan, is on leave for a brief period. Mrs. Kennedy has been appointed as Acting Vice-Principal in his absence. Mrs. Sawinski will assume Mr. Crossan's teaching duties.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. C. Empey,
Principal

Hot Lunch Changes

Happy New Year from your Parent Council!

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing to provide nutritious lunches at school!

Pizza: Our new pizza will follow the Ontario Ministry of Education School Food and Beverage Policy (P/PM150). The Policy requires the dough be made with whole grains, and the toppings include a part skim milk cheese, vegetable and lean meat toppings, and low sodium pizza sauce. The cost of the pizza slices has increased as the slices are larger and the ingredients used are more expensive for the supplier to purchase. Pizza days will remain the last Thursday of each month.

Subs: These whole wheat subs can be filled with your choice of turkey, ham, roast beef or vegetarian (cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, assorted peppers). All subs include hard cheddar cheese, lettuces and tomato. Mustard and ketchup packages and a bottle of mayonnaise will be given to each class. Students have the choice between a 3 or 6 inch sub. Meat and buns are cooked on site in a completely nut free environment. We will be offering subs as a lunch option on a trial basis. The first sub day will be Thursday, February 9th.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year

Was your child born in 2008? If so, it is time to register for Junior Kindergarten. The following items are required to register your child: immunization records, birth and baptismal certificates.

If your child was born in 2007 and is not already enrolled in school, registrations are being accepted for Senior Kindergarten.

Parents who already have children attending Holy Cross School can phone the school to register their child and arrangements will be made to send home the necessary paperwork.

Mrs. Empey would be pleased to meet families during the week of January 23rd to provide information about the program. Appointments can be scheduled between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is Friday, January 27th, 2012. This day is held annually to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically. Holy Cross School is working with our School Council to provide special activities during that week.

Monday	Literacy Trivia Challenge
Tuesday	Literacy Trivia Challenge
Wednesday	Book Fair
Thursday	Book Fair
Friday	Book Fair, Pyjama Day, Read-a-Thon (p.m.) and Special Guest Presentation featuring Author Jill Bobula.



Book Fair

Holy Cross School is hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair in the library on Wednesday, January 25th to Fri. January 27th**. Both parents and students are welcome! We are hosting the fair during this week in recognition of Family Literacy Day, which is celebrated on Friday, January 27th.

Please see below a class schedule for the book fair so that you will know when your child will be visiting the book fair. With your permission, your child may bring funds to school on the day that they are to attend the book fair to make a purchase. If sending **cheques**, please make them payable to **Holy Cross School. The book fair accepts credit card purchases as well if you would like to visit the Book Fair with your child.**

Please browse through the flyer from Scholastic when it comes home on Monday, January 23rd, but note that many more books arrive than are listed in the flyer. The book fair does provide a few books under \$5.00, but most of the books are above \$5.00 in price. There will be erasers, pencils and bookmarks for 50 cents each, but we have declined to have any toy like items at the book fair.

The book fair will need parent volunteers so if you are interested, please leave your name with the office and you will be contacted.

The book fair is an opportunity for your family to obtain some age and interest appropriate reading material. Browsing the book fair ignites interest, motivation and excitement in reading.

Your support to our library through the book fair assists us in receiving valuable credit with Scholastic Publishers. In return, we purchase books and resources for the library and for classroom reading. **Thank you for your support!**

The Ontario Early Years Centre Leeds & Grenville

The Ontario Early Years Centre Leeds & Grenville **January 2012** programming is now available.

Please visit the following hyperlink to access the programming calendars for each location (Brockville, Kemptville, Prescott, Gananoque, Elgin, Lyndhurst, Cardinal, Athens, Mallorytown): http://www.uclg.ca/en/services/ChildrensServices_OEYC_Programming.asp

In addition to drop in Play & Learn programs, the Ontario Early Years Centre also offers a variety of both early learning programs and parenting workshops. For more information about these programs please call us at

1-866-433-8933 x 2374.

Parenting is hard work, we can help!



Pause to Play! Wanting a New Year's resolution for the whole family? What about reducing your child's screen time? For some tips on reducing your child's screen time so that you can spend more time as a family communicating, being active and enjoying preparing and eating family meals together, click on the link http://www.healthunit.org/physact/pause_play/pdf/ptp_year_round_ideas.pdf

If you want to create a fun family challenge to motivate everyone to spend less time in front of screens and more time being active try using the Know More Do More activity jar. For more information go to http://www.knowmore-domore.ca/do_more.html

Book Fair Class Schedule



Wednesday, January 25

9:20 – Gr. 6 Nicholl	11:00 – Gr. 1 Holmes	1:30 – Gr. 4 Rutherford
10:00 – Gr. 4 van Gerwen	11:30 – Gr. 5 Crossan	2:20 – Gr. 1\2 Holmes
10:30 – Gr. 3 Chapleau	12:50 – Gr. 1 Dennison	2:50 – Gr. 5 Sawinski

Thursday, January 26

9:20 – Gr. 2 McGahey	11:00 – Gr. 3 Timmons	1:30 – Gr. 1 Willsey
10:00 – Gr. 6 Leeder	11:30 – Gr. 3 Pergat	2:20 – Gr. 4\5 Enright
10:30 – Gr. 1 Cavanagh	12:50 – Gr. 3 Chapleau	2:50 – Gr. 5\6 McGahey

A volunteer will accompany kindergarten students to assist them in making their selection on the "A" and "B" days that the students are here.