



Holy Cross
SCHOOL

50th ANNIVERSARY

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

November 2011

A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

November 14th is report card time! This first report card will be an **Elementary Progress Report Card** that has been “designed to show a student’s development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student’s general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects (“Growing Success—Ministry Report Card Document page 50”). The Elementary Provincial Report Card will be distributed in February and June. It is important to remember that the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning. Please read your child’s report carefully. Interviews this reporting period will be held the week of November 14th and are at the request of the parent or teacher. Your child’s teacher will send home a letter with information about their interview schedule. More formal interviews will be held in February after the first term Provincial Report Card has been distributed. When discussing your child’s performance with his/her teacher(s), it is important to focus on ways in which we can work together to support your child. Improvement is certain to take place when students, parents and teacher(s) are all working towards a common goal.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. C. Empey,
Principal

Coming in December:

I Chose It Myself Contribution Week	5 th –9 th
I Chose It Myself Sale	12 th - 16 th
Kindergarten Christmas Concerts	21 st ‘A’ 22 nd ‘B’
Primary Christmas Concerts	21 st & 22 nd
Christmas Break	26 th –6 th
Classes Resume	Jan. 9 th

Lost & Found



Students are asked to check the Lost & Found and retrieve any items that belong to them. Any students who have lost valuables, such as jewelry or eyeglasses, should check with the office to see if these items have been handed in. Parents wishing to check the Lost & Found are welcome to do so between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parents are reminded to label everything, so that we can return lost items when they are found.

I Chose It Myself Christmas Sale

The “I Chose It Myself” sale is scheduled to take place from December 12th through December 16th, 2011. Holy Cross School will be accepting donations from December 5th through December 9th. As we only have one week to prepare for the sale, it is necessary that all items be clean, in gently used condition, and ready for the display tables.

Please contact Linda Jorgensen at lindajorgensenpts@hotmail.com or 613-258-7456 if you can spare any amount of time for this exciting and highly anticipated school event.

Fun Fair 2011

Proceeds from our annual Fun Fair held on September 23rd were as follow:

Fun Fair Lottery: \$1836.¹⁸

Fun Fair: \$4025.¹⁷

These monies will be used to help pay for the addition of swings to the junior play structure.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive 2011

We would like to thank our Holy Cross families for their generous donations to date. We will continue to receive donations until the 1st week of Advent.

Lunch Hour Supervisors

If you enjoy being with children, you might consider becoming a lunch hour supervisor. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Mrs. Empey.

Milk & Juice

White and chocolate milk is available to purchase daily for 60 cents.

Pizza

Reminder to parents that pizza is served one day per month on the last Thursday of the month. Our next pizza day will be Thursday, November 24th.

Influenza Vaccine Campaign 2010/2011



Flu Clinics are here again. To find out where and when you can get your flu shot please see the schedule to find a clinic that is close to you.

To search by date:

http://www.healthunit.org/infectious/flu_flyer_dates_2011.pdf

To search by location:

http://www.healthunit.org/infectious/flu_flyer_locations_2011.pdf

Is your child sick? If you are worried your child might have the flu and aren't sure of the best way to care for your child, here are some tips to help you get your child back on their feet: http://www.healthunit.org/school/resources/School_Flu_Resource.pdf

Keeping your kids home when they are sick is one of the best ways to stop the spread of infection.

Ontario Early Years—Parent Support & Professional Development Fall 2011

Raising children is hard work, we can help!

OEYC—33 Clothier St., Kemptville

Kemptville Community Play & Learn: Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 9:30—11:30 am,
Tues. 1:30—3:00 pm

Mini Mind Masters (Bilingual Sessions): Fridays Nov. 6—Dec. 9 from 9:30—
11 a.m.

North Grenville Public Library

Bedtime Story Hour 3rd Tuesday, Sept.—Dec. From 6:30—7:30 pm

Juice Jam—1st Saturday, Oct.—Dec. from 11 am—noon

Tween the Lines Book Club—Wednesday, Sept.—Dec., from 5:30—6:30 pm

Library Literacy Tuesdays—Nov. 8, 15, 22 from 3:30—5 pm

Homework Help Thursdays—Nov. 3, 17 from 3:30—5 pm

Lego Club—Wednesdays—Sept.—Dec. from 4—5 pm

Stewardship for the Earth-Recycling

The Holy Cross recycling program encourages students and staff to take pride in their school, their neighborhood and the earth. Recycling Team students visit each classroom and sort through the recycling containers. Each class has recycling bins in their classroom. Holy Cross now recycles approximately 20 percent of its trash on a weekly basis, and we would like to increase this percentage. Congratulations to the students and staff at Holy Cross on a job well done!

Artificial Peanut Butter



We would like to remind you that our school is a peanut safe school. We kindly ask that you do not send products that contain, or may contain peanuts.

There are a few manufacturers who are aggressively marketing peanut-free products that **look, taste, and smell like real peanut butter** (soy butter, sun butter, wow butter etc...). These products cause confusion and difficulty in monitoring lunches on a daily basis, and create an unsafe environment for our peanut anaphylactic student and staff population. Therefore, due to the obvious difficulty in identifying the difference between peanut butter and artificial peanut butter, **we do not allow this product in our school.**

50th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Thank you to all our families and special guests who attended our 50th Anniversary Mass and Celebration. The students enjoyed their 50th Anniversary cupcakes compliments of our School Council.

Holy Cross School Council

Our School Council is comprised not only of an executive and members who attend the monthly meetings, but also several committees who take on various projects throughout the year. This year, the School Council Committees are:

1. Technology - school website, research and advise the Council/School on technology purchases
2. Food and Beverage - Breakfast Club, Milk & Pizza, new Food and Beverage Policy
3. Parents Reaching Out - activities organized by Council to engage and inform our Parent Community
4. Fundraising—including I Chose it Myself - our annual Christmas "shopping" event for the children, Fun Fair - annual Fall fundraiser and "Welcome Back" evening

If you are able to share some of your time to help out on any of these committees, please let us know. Come out to the next School Council meeting on Monday, November 7th from 7 to 9 pm in the library or contact Trina Glofcheskie, Council Chair at trina_glofcheskie@yahoo.ca or 258-0318.