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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE MINDED DESK:

Fresh from a principal's conference in Kananaskis on teaching Christianity in an increasingly Secular world, I find my resolve to promote our great Catholic School even stronger. Every so often, we find ourselves on cruise control in terms of our faith journey and it is not until an innocent comment from a child, a simplistic but experienced word from a parent (usually my dad), or a controversial remark from a "Catholic" Theologian that makes us take stock of our faith. This raise in blood pressure or questioning of what we truly believe in is important for us to appreciate our faith. Over the last few weeks, we have celebrated the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in our school and parish community. I found it very exciting and inspiring to see so many students, parents, and relatives all dressed up with smiles on their faces marking these special occasions as one Catholic faith community. I would like to congratulate the following grade 2 and 7 students on receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation: Claudia Barata, Mary Benoit, Ethan Konno, Arianna Lasinski, Rhys MacDonald, Roberto Schiavone, (grade 7's) Kristan Bates, Tom Edis, Anje Grakul, Ryan Konno, Phong Lee, Josh Lucier, Marisa Mendonca, Mitchel Nevin, Terrance Paisley, Miranda Sajna, Jayme Stam and Brayden Wheeler. I hope that through the examples set by your parents and the witnesses to faith you receive from the staff members at Holy Cross School, we can collectively nurture and foster your Spiritual journey.

SPRING FLING UPDATES

Holy Cross School community would like to express our deepest gratitude to all parents and business owners who have shown support to our Spring Fling. The event was a fabulous success. All elements, from venue to dinner and auctions to 'special' entertainers showcased great fun and community fellowship. Final numbers are being tabulated and will be published in the next newsletter. **Thank you again for your tremendous support!!**

FREE TUITION DRAW

Congratulations are extended to the **Peterson family (grade 5)** on winning free tuition for the month of June. Thanks to all who brought in donations and were entered in the draw.

YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of the Poetry Institute of Canada Young Writers Contest include: Chelsey Madeira, Jarrod Mendonca, Simon Paisley, Julia Speirs, Paul Jacyna, Austin Milanovic, Breila Christou, and Joseph Campagnaro. These grade 6 students will have their creative writing entries published in a book entitled, *The Dragon's Tale*. Great efforts are extended to all our grade 6 students for participating. **WAY TO GO GRADE 6!!!!**

SUMMER WEATHER

Now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, we are asking parents to assist us in helping your child to adhere to our dress code. Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Dress Code

All students are expected to wear clean, neat clothing. The following may not be worn: *halter tops, spaghetti straps, 'belly shirts', etc

*logos/slogans not in line with Christian ethics

*outside footwear during class

*skirts, shorts or dresses above mid-thigh

A separate pair of shoes, to be worn indoors only, should be kept with the student's belongings at the school. It is preferable that these shoes be appropriate for gym wear, to reduce the number of indoor shoes the child will require at school.

SHOPPING CARDS

Our card program continues to generate much-needed funds for our school. This program that does not cost any additional money to our families has generated **\$1100.00** thus far in May. Just imagine if we could maximize the participation of this program, we would not have to worry about any additional fundraising!!!! That will be our goal for next year.

CHOIR GREATNESS

Now that our **TOWN-FAMOUS** choir has finished all their singing ‘gigs’, I want to thank Mrs. Beauchamp, Mrs. Letendre, the many parent drivers, and the entire choir from grade 3-8 for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Your great singing abilities have made a positive difference in Masses, nursing homes, malls, and in our school. It is great to see our many Holy Cross students sharing their talents with the entire Penticton Community.

TRACK AND FIELD

Our track and field program is in full swing for all students in grade 3-8. We will continue to practice on **Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45pm-4:00pm at Pen-Hi**. Congratulations to the grade 3’s who participated in the West Bench 2.5km Run. Best of luck is extended to our grade 4-8’s as they prepare for upcoming meets in June. Excellent work Holy Cross Athletes!!!

DIG IT

Our grade 7/8 class will be performing a drama entitled “Dig It” on **Tuesday, May 25 at 1:30pm** in our gymnasium. All parents and relatives are welcome and encouraged to attend this great drama performance. At this age, they certainly know about drama.....

CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL

A reminder to parents in grade K-3 that the Children’s Festival will be taking place on **Thursday, May 27 from 10:00-2:00pm**. Information has been sent home; if you misplaced this letter, please see your child’s teacher.

STAFF RETREAT---NO SCHOOL

A reminder to all parents; Holy Cross School will be closed on **Friday May 21st** for a staff retreat. I hope all parents and students have a fun and relaxing long weekend.