

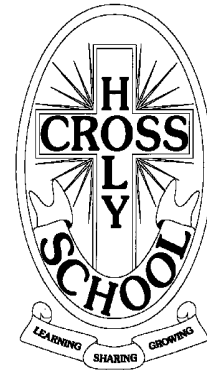
## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S "NATIONALLY" AWARDED DESK!!!**

Dear Parents:

January 31, 2012

I know what you are thinking, "What great National Award did Mr. Brophy achieve now?????" Unfortunately, working at a Catholic school, it is difficult (but not impossible) for me to tell untruths. In this case, my title is totally misleading. It is not my desk (ya, ya, surprise, surprise), but we do have some desks at Holy Cross School that were **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED** last week. The grade 7 and 8 students, under the direction of Mrs. Michele Cumberland, competed in The Great Canadian Citizenship Challenge. This Challenge, sponsored by The Historica-Dominion Institute of Canada, was entered by **878** schools which encompassed over **24,000** (that's right twenty-four thousand) students from all across Canada.....and, you guessed it, our grade 7 students finished **2<sup>nd</sup>** and our grade 8 students finished **1<sup>st</sup>** in the **NATION!!!!** It goes without saying, but it is appropriate to send huge congratulations to **Mrs. Cumberland** and the **grade 7 and grade 8 classes**. We are having an assembly on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> (Flag Day) at 9:00am. On this day, personnel from the Institute will travel from Ottawa to spend the day with us. I will give you a more detailed agenda when it comes across my desk.

With great pride in students, staff, and parents,

Mr. J. Brophy  
Holy Cross School  
Principal

I stole this quote from the World Junior Hockey Championship this year.

***Everyone faces pressure. Pressure is good... for the weak don't face the burden of expectation.***

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AGENDA

Theme: iLearn, iBelieve, iPray

Mon. Feb. 6	Mass 10:00am 11:00am-11:50am 11:50-12:05 12:05-12:30	School colors (new gym shirt) Classroom visits (all are welcome) Lunch with children Playtime with children
Tues. Feb. 7	11:00am-12:30	Principal and secretary for the day PJ and crazy hair day
Wed. Feb. 8	1:00pm-2:25pm	Parent/teacher/student volleyball game
Thurs. Feb. 9	9:30am-11:30am	Skating at Mc Laren Arena
Fri. Feb. 10	9:00am-11:00am 12:30pm-1:30pm	Science Fair Judging Science Fair open to public and results
Sat. Feb. 11	6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner at St. Ann's Hall



## IN HOUSE RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Our In-house Re-registration packages will be sent home on **Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**, we ask that you take a look at the material and return the completed package by **Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**. The process is vital in developing class compositions and configurations for the 2012-2013 school year. Your diligence and your attention to detail in this important matter are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at the school. Thank you, Mr. Brophy.

## READY, SET, LEARN SESSION at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Holy Cross School will be holding a **Ready, Set, Learn session for all 3, 4, and 5 year olds and their parents on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00pm - 4:30om**. This session will assist parents in preparing their children for the joys of formal schooling. Students and parents will be treated to a brief overview of our school, have the opportunity to speak to Interior Health and dental professionals, and converse with their potential teachers for next year.

## **SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

Did you hear the news??? Holy Cross School has this ingenious shopping card program going on.....**last year it raised over \$26,000!!** I wonder how it works?? Basically, under the premise that everyone buys groceries, the school purchases large amounts of shopping cards at a discounted rate and the school sells the cards to supporters like you and me for the full face value. If you give the school \$100.00 you get a card for the same value! This great program allows the **school to run efficiently, purchase new programs and resources for the students, and keep tuitions at the lowest level in Penticton and the entire Diocese. WOW!! That really sounds like a WIN/WIN situation to me.** Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have not made the plunge to get involved with our card program, please make the effort to do so. So far this year, our Shopping Card Program has raised **over \$13, 000.00!!!** This tremendous amount is at no extra costs to families, this is money you are spending regularly on groceries.



**Paying with Shopping Cards = Money for Holy Cross School**

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS**

A reminder to all families that last year, 2010-2011, we have instituted a Parent Participation Program to help build community and help offset some of the cost incurred with running Holy Cross School. Invoices were mailed to families that did not complete their hours last year. An update of the number of hours your family has completed this year has also been sent home. Since this is a new program to everyone, if you find any discrepancies in these invoices/notices and your records, please contact the office ASAP to rectify the situation.

If you work parent participation hours, please fill in a form (black wicker basket on the round table in foyer) to record your hours.

If you require hours, our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is in need of helpers. A sign up sheet was e-mailed out last week.

## **ON-LINE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSIONS IN KELOWNA**

Attached to this bulletin is information about an on-line safety workshop being held in Kelowna on **Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-9:00pm at The First Lutheran Christian School. (4091 Lakeshore Drive)** The cost is \$10.00. For more information, please refer to the attachment.

## **PSG SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

The PSG is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at St. Ann's Hall starting at 6:00pm. Tickets will be for sale at the weekend Masses as well as at the door. Tickets are \$7/person or \$25/Family. Please plan to join us for an evening of good food, fun & fellowship. All proceeds will go the Holy Cross School. If you're looking for parent participation hours, a sign up sheet was e-mailed out last week for this dinner.

## **HOLY CROSS BUSSING SOCIETY DINNER**

The Holy Cross Bussing Society in Summerland is having a fundraiser to help support the bus that transports students from Summerland and Penticton to Holy Cross School. The Holy Cross Bus Society is putting on a "Deconstructed Stew" Dinner on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at the Holy Child Parish Hall at 5 pm. Tickets are \$7/single or \$25/family. Tickets are available at the door or call Rachel at (250) 494-8501. There will be a 50/50 draw and a Silent Auction so please come and support the Bus Students!

**\*\*All Bus students attending or volunteering are asked to wear their Holy Cross t-shirts.\*\***

## **SCHOOL WIDE SKATING DURING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

On Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:30 grades 5-8 will skate and from 10:30 – 11:30 the K-4 students will skate. We will be walking to and from McLaren Arena. All students require a helmet and appropriate clothing for the weather/walk. Skate rental is \$2 and there will be no fee for skating.

## **KEY DATES**      **(WOW, we are busy, please take note!!)**

- ❖ Tuesday, January 31st      **Sr. Girl's and Boy's Basketball @ Holy Cross vs Skaha Lake 4:00pm/5:30pm**

- ❖ **Thursday, Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Hot Lunch Orders are Due**
- ❖ Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>                      **Early Dismissal 1:35pm**
- ❖ Monday-Saturday Feb. 5-11 **Catholic Schools Week**----List of events in Newsletter. All are welcome. Please come out and celebrate our Catholic Schools
- ❖ Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>                      **Sr. Girl's and Boy's Basketball @Holy Cross vs SESS 4:00pm/5:30pm**
- ❖ Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>                      **PSG Meeting in Library 7:00pm. All are welcome**
- ❖ Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>                      **Sr. Boy's and Girl's Basketball @Holy Cross vs Princeton 4:00pm/5:30pm**
- ❖ Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>                      **Sr. Girl's and Boy's Basketball@ KVR 3:30pm(girls)/5:00pm(boys)/6:30pm(girls)**
- ❖ Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>                      **Holy Cross School Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm @ St. Ann's**
- ❖ Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>                      **Holy Cross Bussing Society Dinner 5:00pm @ Holy Child Parish in Summerland**
- ❖ Monday, Feb. 13                      **School Closed**
- ❖ Wednesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>                      **Flag Day/Historica-Institute Assembly at 9:00am (all are welcome)**
- ❖ Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>                      **Skiing at Apex Gr. 5-8 (forms have been sent home)**
- ❖ Friday/Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> **Sr. Girl's and Boy's playoff weekend**
- ❖ Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>                      **Spelling Bee Regional Competition in Kelowna (Go Chi Yan Lee Go!!)**
- ❖ Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>                      **Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00am at St. Ann's**





## Connecting Kids Safely in an Online World

### Description

*Connecting Kids Safely in an Online World* is designed to arm parents with the information and resources they need to help their children navigate our increasingly digital world with knowledge and confidence.

### Objectives

From a very young age, kids are making connections in the online world. As parents, we may be nervous about what our kids are doing online, but feel unprepared to empower them to protect themselves. This initiative will arm parents with the tools they need to keep children safe online. From cyber-bullying and password protection to inappropriate content and sexting, this event will offer a variety of solutions, strategies, tips and resources to help parents approach the issues their children face in the digital age with knowledge and confidence.

### Supporters

*Connecting Kids Safely in an Online World* is supported by **First Lutheran Christian School** and **Disney Online Studios**, which produces the award-winning children's virtual world, Club Penguin. Internet safety expertise and resource materials will be provided by Netsmartz Workshop, an interactive, educational program that works with parents, kids, educators and law enforcement, and provides age-appropriate resources, to help children be safer.



**Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 from 7pm to 9pm**

**First Lutheran Christian School  
4091 Lakeshore Drive**

Tickets are \$10 per person.

This event is designed specifically for parents\*.

\*Childcare is available on request

