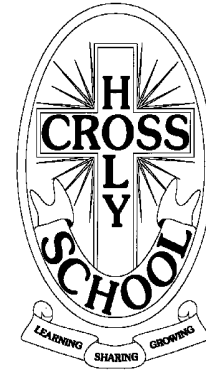


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S "POST-WALK-A-THON" DESK

Dear Parents:

October 18, 2011

It is with great enthusiasm and gratitude that I announce the completion of yet another successful Fr. George Pfliger Walk-a-thon. With tremendous support from families, students, teachers, and parishioners, Holy Cross School has raised over **\$19,000** with more money yet to come in. **It looks like we are going to set another school record.** I want to congratulate our entire community for your participation in this event. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Harries for donating the pizza, Mrs. Mendonca for booking the track, the muffin/cookie bakers, the vast list of parents who helped at the water station and lap counting, and all the behind-the-scene helpers. Collectively, students walked over 11, 183 laps totally over 2300kms!!! That is similar to driving from Penticton to Winnipeg!!!! **Way to go Holy Cross Students!!!**

Over the summer, we spent approximately **\$20,000** to upgrade classroom resources throughout all the grades. As with all our fundraisers, money raised will go to help offset the costs of field trips, continued acquisition of resources, and school operations. In terms of goals for next year, (Wow...I bet you are impressed with me thinking about next year in October...) we will be entertaining the idea of adding a French specialist teacher (K-8) to our program. I am always looking for new and creative ways to increase the value of the Catholic Education we can provide at Holy Cross School. Please begin getting this message out to your friends and relatives. If this becomes reality, we would be the only school in the district that offers French classes (2 blocks per week) at the younger grade levels. (Ecole Entre Lac, a French emersion school, is the exception). As with most new initiatives, extra costs are incurred so word of mouth advertising is always helpful. Publicize our school and tell all your friends about our great supportive community. Potential families are always welcome to come in and have a tour of our facility and get some information on our programs.

I will end with the following "words of wisdom"—live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Until next time,

Mr. J. Brophy
Holy Cross School
Principal

BLACK TIE DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION

With only 3 weeks remaining until our big event, all parents are reminded to come in to the office and purchase your tickets to the best party in town. We only have a limited number of tickets to be sold, so don't delay any longer, purchase your ticket today to avoid disappointment. All the preparations are coming along nicely. I guarantee that you will be thoroughly impressed with festivities, games, auction items, and community spirit. In order to make this successful as it has been in the past, families are asked to make donations or use the attached donation letter to solicit businesses for their support. Some themes that might help in the donation process include:

- **CHOCOLATE/COFFEE...** Organic Coffee, Specialty Teas, Mugs, Tea Cups, Thermos Cups, Teapot, Specialty Chocolate, Hot Chocolate...
- **WINE...** Bottle of Wine, Coaster, Opener, Decanter, Glasses, Aerator, Charms, Wine Rack, Wine Magazine, Wine Apron, Wine Cooler, etc.
- **BAKING ITEMS...** Bowls, Spatula, Measuring Cups/Spoons, Hand Mixer, Baking Cookbook, Oven Mitts, Cookie Trays...
- **SPORTS...** Tickets To Sporting Events, Sports Equipment...
- **MAN'S WORLD...** Tools, Camping Equipment, BBQ Tools, Cooler, Beer, Ties, Cuff Links, Magazines, Books, Ball Caps, Belts, Slippers, Ski Goggles, Gloves, Car Accessories, Oil Change...
- **CHILDREN FUN TOYS...**

These are simply ideas to help you. Our great organizing committee will use these items to make themed baskets or make other donation items even better! I do realize that we are asking a lot of our families especially coming off the heels of our Walk-a-thon a couple weeks ago, but the carrot at the end of the road is that potentially ALL of our fundraising (with the exception of our shopping card program) will be finished in November. This incentive was very popular amongst our community last year. Let's get things going and make our Fall Ball a huge success!!!

NUT SAFE AND PERFUME FREE

Families are reminded that Holy Cross School is a NUT SAFE and PERFUME FREE school. Since we have students and staff members who have severe and life threatening allergies to these items please do your due diligence and refrain from allowing these products to enter our school. Your anticipated and continued support in this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM

Our shopping card program continues to generate much needed revenue for our school. Through the generosity of our parishioners, staff members and families, we were able to generate **\$1131.00** this month and **\$4296.00** since August 1, 2011. As I stated before, we have approximately 20% of Holy Cross School families regularly using this program. If this percentage increases, we could maximize the program's limitless potential and reduce the need and stress of other fundraisers.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT INFORMATION

Mark your calendars!!!!

Here are the dates for our annual Christmas Concert and rehearsal.

- ❖ Dressed Rehearsal Tuesday, December 13th. Time TBA
- ❖ Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 14th 7:00pm St. Ann's Church

HALLOWEEN DANCE and COSTUME CONTEST

Our Parent Support Group (PSG) will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance on Friday October 28th in the school gymnasium from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Music by DJ Shakes and decorations by our grade 6, 7, & 8 classes. Entry to this spooktacular event is a non-perishable food item.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

There will be an important **First Communion Meeting on Monday, October 24 at 6:00pm** in the Music Room. Parents of grade 2 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion are expected to attend.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be an important **Confirmation Meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00pm** in the Music Room. Parents of grade 7 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend.

KEY DATES

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| ❖ Thurs. Oct. 20 | Picture Retake Day |
| ❖ Fri. Oct. 21 | Provincial Pro-D School Closed |
| ❖ Mon. Oct. 24 | Fall Ball/Black Tie Meeting 7:00pm In Library |
| ❖ Mon. Oct 24 | First Communion Meeting 6:00pm In Music Room |
| ❖ Tues. Oct. 25 | Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm In Music Room |
| ❖ Wed. Oct. 26 | Naramata X-Country Run Gr. 4 And 5 |
| ❖ Fri. Oct. 28 | Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00pm In Gym |
| ❖ Mon. Oct. 31 | Costume Parade In Gym At 9:00 Am |
| ❖ Thurs. Nov. 3 | Early Dismissal |
| ❖ Fri. & Sat. Nov. 4 & 5 | Gr. 8 Boys And Girls District Volleyball Playoffs |
| ❖ Fri. Nov. 4 | Volleyball At St. Joseph Kelowna Gr. 6 And 7 Boys |
| ❖ Sat. Nov. 5 | Volleyball At St. Joseph Kelowna Gr. 7 |
| ❖ Sat. Nov. 5 | Fall Ball/Black Tie Dinner Dance St. John Vianney |