

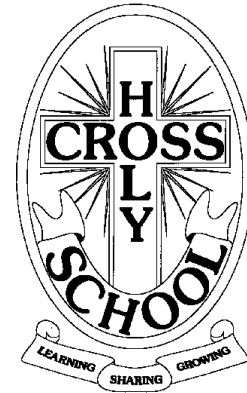
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S "WALK-A-THON" DESK!!!

Dear Parents:

September 30, 2011

I want to take the opportunity to thank **EVERY** family for attending our Back to School barbeque. It was a tremendous success. Estimates indicate that we had nearly **90%** of our families attend. A true reflection of the community spirit at Holy Cross School!!!

To all the parents who helped in the organizing, preparation, and clean up of this event, we owe you a great debt of gratitude. Your help and support in these school events is vital to our success and the continued community building efforts at Holy Cross. **A reminder to all those who helped on the night, your work counts towards your parent participation program.** Slips to track your parent participation hours are located in the front entrance of the school.

As we begin the final weekend of our annual Fr. George Pfliger Walk-a-thon, I urge every family to put in an extra push that will allow us to raise our total even higher!! Last year we raised **\$20,000.00**. This tremendous total was a testament to all the hard work and commitment of our students and families. I am confident Holy Cross School can do it again this year!!! Class and individual prizes will be awarded to those who qualify.

On Friday, October 7, the entire school will walk to Kings Parks for the actual 'walk-a-thon' event. Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be provided. We will leave Holy Cross School at 10:00am and return at 2:30pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this entire fun event. We will need helpers at Kings Park for lunch preparations. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Here are some words of wisdom that have been sent in from parents and/or staff members.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."
...Mrs. Beauchamp

"What you think about, you bring about". Always think positive thoughts and you will do well in this world. Yes we can.... Sharon Vaillancourt. Sharon also recommends the movie "Pay it Forward"

"God doesn't ask that we succeed in everything, but that we are faithful. However beautiful our work may be, let us not become attached to it. Always remain prepared to give it up, without losing your peace." – Blessed Mother Teresa
....passed on by Deb Jacyna

Please refer to the "Parable of the Pencil" at the end of the newsletter, sent in by Melinda Edis.

Again, thank-you for your quotes and words of inspiration....we all can use inspiration to help us to do our best!

Finally, I am going to leave you with a term/concept that I heard at my principal's meeting this week....it is so simple, but so effective.. Are you ready for it????

Intentional Courtesy! Something to strive for...

Until next time,

Mr. J. Brophy
Holy Cross School
Principal

SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM

Since our meeting in the gymnasium at the barbeque, we have experienced an increase in the number of families purchasing shopping cards!!! I want to thank all families who continually make the effort to support our shopping card program. This fantastic money-generating program has raised almost \$26,000 last year. Since this is money that families will be spending on a regular basis for groceries items, everyone is winning!! If you haven't begun supporting the Holy Cross School Shopping Card program, please consider making it a part of your regular routine. Cards are available at the office. We accept cash or cheque. If you require additional information, please give us a call at the office. For the month of September, we have raised **\$1506.00** giving us a total of **\$2501.00** since the beginning of August. Stay tuned for more exciting updates in future newsletters

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Our grade 8 volleyball league is well underway. Last week, the grade 8 girls traveled to Osoyoos and the grade 8 boys hosted at Holy Cross. Thanks to the parent drivers and other supporters of our program. Next Tuesday, our girl's team is hosting games beginning at 4:00pm. The boy's team is traveling to Summerland for a 4:00pm start. **Good Luck to our teams!!!**

BLACK TIE DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION

Our second major fundraiser is fast approaching. On Saturday, November 5th, Holy Cross School is hosting our annual "Fall Ball" at St. John Vianney Church Hall. Tickets are on sale at the school office. There are only a limited number of tickets to be sold, so don't delay....get your ticket soon to avoid disappointment. You don't want to miss this spectacular evening!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Avery and Andrew McKibben and Alexis and Tori Ritchie on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. It is wonderful when the youth of our community begin and continue their journey in faith.

EXCELLENT WORK

The following young ladies at Holy Cross School have sacrificed 12 inches of their beautiful hair to make wigs for people who suffer from cancer. I would like to recognize **Jade DeCosse, Lauren Keilty, and Dee Dee Steinke** for 'literally' giving of themselves to help others in need. Great work girls!!!

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

On Tuesday, September 20th, Holy Cross School celebrated International Peace Day. I would like to thank all the students and staff for participating in this important day, Fr. Rex for leading us in prayer, Mrs. Beauchamp for leading us in song, and Ms. Arnett for her organizing of the day.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

The Holy Cross T-shirts that were purchased by the PSG for each of our Holy Cross students will be handed out on Thursday, October 6th. We ask that all students wear these shirts to the Walk-a-Thon the following day.

KEY DATES

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| Monday, October 3 rd | Fall Ball Meeting in Library 7:00pm |
| Thursday, October 6 th | Early Dismissal 1:35pm |
| Friday, October 7 th | Walk-a-thon (Kings Park) |
| Monday, October 10 th | Thanksgiving (School Closed) |
| Tuesday, October 11 th | PSG meeting in Library 7:00pm |
| Thursday, October 13 th | School Mass |
| Thursday, October 20 th | Picture Retakes (Do not wear green) |
| Friday, October 21 st | Provincial Pro-D (School closed) |
| Friday, October 28 th | Halloween Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm (School gym) |

THE PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you will make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart. Now replacing the place of the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to serve God in everything.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily.