

# Holy Cross School

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Dear Holy Cross Families;

The month of November began with a solemn Mass attended by students and families to celebrate All Saints Day. From the Music Ministry to the Litany of Saints, read by Father Rex, to the Readers the grade 7 and 8 students led a very beautiful Mass. Celebrating the lives of the Saints, and asking for their prayers from Heaven, are powerful avenues we can travel when looking for sense, and protection, in this often unsteady world. The powerful example that the lives of these saints provide is the type of life we wish our students to emulate and aspire to in their own lives. We pray that their intercession and guidance will be there to provide blessings to our Holy Cross family always.

Monday Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly	10:30am
Friday Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Day in Lieu – No School	
Sunday Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Remembrance Day Performance	10:30am
Monday Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Stat – No School	
Sunday Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Mass at SJV Grade 7 Rite of Election	9:00am
Friday Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Cross Gala at the Shatford Center	6:30pm-12:00am
Monday Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Out	2:15pm
Thursday Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews	3-9pm
Friday Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	Day in Lieu – No school	



## Upcoming Events

### November 11

Remembrance Day Choir Event - T&C Center 10:30am

### November 26

Report Cards Distributed

### November 29

Parent Teacher Interviews 3-9pm

Please remember that November 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> are days off for the students.

## Important Announcement

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be headed by the grade 5 class on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the gym. Parents and families are cordially invited to attend.

## The Virtue of Gratitude










## More Important News

**Rosary Club** – all students have the opportunity to attend the Monday meetings of the Club. Headed by Mother Cynthia students will assemble and walk to the Church in order to pray a part of the Rosary together at lunch. In the past year the club has become very popular and the students have demonstrated great reverence when attending. A small sacrifice to make to show devotion to our Mary our Heavenly Mother.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** – will take place on **Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>** from 3-9pm. Please look for a letter inviting all families to schedule a 10-15 minute interview. In the larger classes teachers have been reaching out to schedule some of these meetings on alternate days so as to give all families an opportunity to meet with their teachers.

### Please Remember our Gala Sponsors from Feb. 2018

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## HOLY CROSS GALA

The event is taking place on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-12:00am

Please consider the following:

- 1) Attending
- 2) Donation of an item
- 3) Corporate Donation

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## Interesting stats to consider regarding school attendance.

### 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

### How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

**If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**

**Absences and Lates** -Above is a chart which crunches the numbers on the reality of lates and absences in schools. It is included in this newsletter to point out that the number of late and absent students is an area upon which we would like to focus on in the upcoming months. It is obviously an issue at other schools, and is creeping up on ours.

Recently I had one of our teachers report to me:

*"I have had to alter my whole morning routine due to the 5-6 chronic (almost daily) late attenders. The daily plans which I have created include planned exercises that will lead to a smooth transition into the lessons of the day. This now has to be drastically altered due to the daily tardiness of so many students. It is not fair to the class and is not fair to me as a teacher."*

There are indeed times that being late or absent is unavoidable. However, some persistence with students getting ready at home, and leaving a few minutes earlier will have a stabilizing impact on the students and the class as a whole.

## **BOOK FAIR**

**Monday November 26 to Thursday November 29**

If you are able to cover a shift please contact:

**Heather Raymond** or email [hraymond@holyc.com](mailto:hraymond@holyc.com)

It will soon be book fair time again. Last year we raised over \$2300.00 which went directly towards the purchase of new books and resources for our primary classes. This month, please come out and have a look and do some Christmas shopping for your family and friends.

## **BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The following are the days and hours when volunteers are needed:

**Monday November 26 to Thursday November 29**

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs: 12:00-1:10 pm  
and 2:30-3:00 pm

Thursday November 29: 3:00 pm to 8 pm (1 hour shifts)  
(take down from 7:00 to 8:00 pm)

ALSO: Friday November 23 for set up: 3:00 to 4:00 pm

This is a very easy and fun way to volunteer at the school and earn participation hours. If you are able to cover a shift please contact: **Heather Raymond** or email [hraymond@holyc.com](mailto:hraymond@holyc.com)

**Thank you.**