



Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School

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Principals' Message



On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you and your children to the 2011-2012 school year at Holy Cross School. It promises to be challenging and rewarding. To the many families joining our school community for the first time, we extend a special and warm welcome. We would also like to extend a greeting of best wishes to our Junior Kindergarten children who are starting school for the first time and hope that they will develop many happy memories of our school as they begin this very important journey.

We would like to welcome a number of new faces to our family at Holy Cross School this year:

- Ms. DeCarli – Assistant Secretary
- Ms. DeMedeiros – DECE
- Ms. Lahey – Grade 1/2
- Mr. Brunton – Vice Principal

Holy Cross would also like to welcome Father Victor and Father Lorenzo. We look forward to working with you in order to nurture the faith of our students.

Thank you to all staff for the time and commitment given over the summer helping to ensure a successful beginning to the new school year. Teachers have been extremely busy organizing classrooms, taking courses and planning curriculum. We would like to thank the staff for their hard work in making all of our students feel welcome.

A special thank you to our custodial team, Mr. Del-Roscio, Mrs. Gentile and Mr. Mayne for all of their hard work over the summer in preparing our school.

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Virtue of Faith

To begin the new school year, we'll focus our attention on the first of our virtues – **Faith**.

Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A *faithful* person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A *faithful* person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

A *Faithful* person...

- Prays regularly and reverently
- Learns from Scripture stories
- Honours people's God-given names
- Assumes that there is good in everyone
- Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

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Prayer for the month of September

Gracious and merciful God of all creation,
You have loved us since before we were born.
From our mothers' wombs to our eternal place in heaven
you have given us the gifts to live and grow in safety.
We come to you now asking for the grace and strength
to follow your plan and to form a safe, caring, inclusive community
here at Holy Cross.
May our faith in you and your plan
lead us to know and feel your presence among us.

We ask this in name of Jesus, your Son, who lived to show us your way.
Amen.

MESSAGE CONT

A special thank you to Ms. Maletta and Ms. DeCarli who worked to organize Holy Cross School in time for the new school year.

Holy Cross staff will strive to create a relationship between the home, school and Church.

Your contribution to the success of your children cannot be over emphasized. For this we urge you to become an active participant in your child's education this year.

- ✓ Listen to your child read to you at night
- ✓ Volunteer your talents and time at the school
- ✓ Help your child with their homework
- ✓ Attend the School Advisory Council meetings
- ✓ Go on field trips with your child's class and do whatever else improves your child's educational experience.
- ✓ Monitor your child's use of the computer at home for appropriate use.

Holy Cross School is an active school that relies on cooperation and teamwork. We are very blessed to have a very devoted School Council. Please consider putting in your nomination to become a member of School Council. It is very important for the life of the school. Please feel free to contact the school at any time at 905-677-5660. Your child's best interests are our number one priority.

God bless,

Mr. P. Sestito Principal Mr. W. Brunton, Vice Principal

SCHOOL HOURS

8:15 AM – Supervision in the yard

8:30 AM – Morning ENTRY BELL

10:36 AM – 10:51 AM - Morning recess

11:31 AM – 11:51 PM - Lunch

11:51 AM – 12:31 PM – Lunch recess

1:55 PM - 2:10 PM – Afternoon Recess

3:00 PM – Dismissal

Please note that **supervision** in the playground begins at **8:15 a.m.** Please do not leave your children unattended in the school grounds before the teacher supervision begins.

Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic

On August 26, With great sadness, the Archdiocese announced that His Eminence, Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, retired Archbishop of Toronto, died, after a lengthy illness, at the age of 81. The late Cardinal was a priest for 56 years, bishop for 35 years and served as 9th Archbishop of Toronto from 1990 to 2006.

Aloysius Ambrozic was born in 1930 in Gaberje, Slovenia, the second of seven children. In May 1945, the entire family fled to Austria, living in several refugee camps, where the young Ambrozic completed his high school education. In September 1948, the family immigrated to Canada and settled near Markham, Ontario. Shortly afterwards, Aloysius Ambrozic entered St. Augustine's Seminary, a spiritual home he would return to often as a student, professor, bishop, archbishop and cardinal.

After almost 21 years as a diocesan priest, Fr. Ambrozic was named an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto in 1976. Bishop Ambozic served alongside Archbishop Philip Pocock and Emmett Cardinal Carter, before his appointment as Archbishop of Toronto on March 17, 1990. In January 1998, Pope John Paul II nominated him as Cardinal, a position that resulted in his participation in the conclave of 2005 that elected Pope Benedict XVI.

Cardinal Ambrozic served on a number of Vatican committees related to immigration, culture, worship and the economy. He also hosted the largest gathering of Catholic youth in Canadian history, World Youth Day 2002, that culminated in the celebration of Mass by Pope John Paul II at Downsview Park for more than 750,000 pilgrims.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EAT RIGHT! 
BE BRIGHT!

Our Breakfast program will continue this year after a tremendously successful run last year. **The program will start Monday, September 19, 2011** and is free and open to all Holy Cross students. The program opens at 8:00 AM and ends at 8:25 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Florio at the school.

OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY



FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Wednesday, September 14 is the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross. Our Holy Cross Catholic School community will celebrate this important day with a Mass at

Our Lady of the Airways Church at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross has its roots in fourth century Jerusalem. It commemorates the finding by St. Helena in the year 326 of the cross on which Jesus was crucified, and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on September 13 – 14, in the year 335. The feast has been celebrated in Rome since the seventh century.

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, a centuries-old faith tradition after which our school is named.

EXCURSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Educational trips that extend learning opportunities are encouraged. Teachers must follow appropriate Board procedures and, by law the school must have on file permission forms which must be signed by parents. **VERBAL PERMISSION will not be accepted.**

HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

Every few days, Mr. Florio updates the website with letters, information and other pertinent information. Looking for a document or information, check out our website: www.dpcdsb.org/hcros

STAFF VOICE MAIL

Each staff member has their own voicemail. You will be able to leave a message for them directly if you are unable to get through to the Office.

COMBINED CLASSROOMS

With the implementation by the Ministry of a primary classroom cap on class sizes, and shifting enrolment, combined classrooms have become much more common. At Holy Cross, this is the case and as we check enrollment each day we will be deciding whether there is a need to re-organize by September 16th.

I do want to reassure parents that teachers use many different strategies to teach students in combined grades. All classrooms, whether single grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. Classes have been structured by staff to ensure that academic and social needs are considered. Students will receive grade appropriate curriculum delivered even when in a combined grade classroom.

LIVING OUR FAITH AWARDS



On October 5th, 2011, Holy Cross staff and students will celebrate our first **Living Our Faith Awards** of the year for grades K-8 students. Similar to Student of the Month awards, the Living Our Faith Awards recognize three students from every class with a certificate for: 1) Christian living 2) Academics and 3) Most Improvement. Additionally, we have added an ECO Award for one class in each division. Each assembly begins with a brief liturgy dedicated to the virtue of the month.

Grades K -3 @ 9:00 AM; Grades 4-6 @ 9:30 AM; Grade 7-8 at 10:00 AM

It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith together by highlighting the wonderful things your children do as a result of hard work and perseverance. Parents will be notified by the classroom teacher via a written note if their child will receive an award.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

It is important that our children continue to be exposed to our Catholic Community through experiences at the parish.

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. 'Sunday is the day on which the Paschal Mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church.' [CIC, can. 1246 # 1]

Throughout the school year, students experience the mystery of Jesus Christ through celebrations, liturgies and mass. **We encourage all of our families to maintain these traditions and obligations throughout the year by attending Mass as a family every Sunday.**

STUDENT INSURANCE

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Parents alone have the right to insure their children. The Insurance Brochure was sent to you already with your child during the first week of school.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Days are returning to Holy Cross! Every Friday students will have the opportunity to enjoy pizza for lunch. Parents will have the opportunity to preorder a month at a time. This will save time and improve efficiency in the ordering process. Proceeds will go directly back towards initiatives that support Holy Cross School. On the event that Friday is a holiday, pizza will be delivered on the prior Thursday. Pizza Days will begin on Oct.7. More information to follow.



BIKE HELMETSAll students who ride their bicycle to school must wear a helmet. Students will not be allowed to take their bikes home without one. Parents will be called to pick up their child and bike. Ministry of Transportation by-laws set the fine at \$60.00 for anyone under the age of 18 who rides a bike without a helmet. More importantly, deaths due to head injuries are reduced by 85% when a student wears a helmet.



Terry Fox Walk-a-thon...

This year all schools in the region of peel will be involved in the Terry Fox Walk-a-thon to find a cure for cancer. The format for our school will be the same as last year. More information concerning this event will be forwarded to you shortly. Date for the walk will be: **Wednesday September 28, 2011.**

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Many of our staff offer a great deal of extra time to our students in the form of co-curricular activities. Many activities have been planned like Chess team, volleyball, basketball, soccer, choir, and so much more. Thank you to our staff for organizing these activities. Please encourage your children to become involved and enjoy all that Holy Cross has to offer.



OUR PARISH TEAM

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Father Lorenzo and Father Victor. We truly appreciate all of their hard work and above all their dedication to the entire Holy Cross Community. We look forward to their continued spiritual guidance with our staff and students!



THE VIRTUES INITIATIVE

A key aspect of the Board's strategic direction is the continued development of safe, caring, inclusive Catholic school

communities. As a Catholic Community, we are called to learn, grow and become more like Jesus. Catholic education provides us the opportunity to integrate the virtues into our students' daily activity. The virtues will be celebrated every month during announcements, in class during discussions, and during the **Living Our Faith Awards** assemblies.

✓ September: Faith	✓ October: Empathy
✓ November: Conscience	✓ December: Hope
✓ January: Self-control	✓ February: Respect
✓ March: Kindness	✓ April: Love
✓ May: Acceptance	✓ June: Fairness

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

When a student has a birthday, we give them an important gift – a “What Would Jesus Do” bracelet. Students are engaged in a brief discussion about making good decisions and are presented with the bracelet as a gift from the school.

Just a reminder that students are no longer able to bring in food products to celebrate a birthday in keeping with Sabrina's Law.

PICTURE DAY(S)

Holy Cross School has secured the services of Event-Master Photography to take our students' pictures. Our picture days are on Monday, **October 17 (grades 4-8)** and Tuesday, **October 18, 2010. (K-3)**



SAFE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT



Holy Cross is a Catholic community that respects and promotes the uniqueness of all its members. By following the teachings of Jesus, we pledge to provide everyone with a safe, caring and peaceful environment, which ensures the respect and acceptance of all. Because of these beliefs, **bullying will not be tolerated.** Your child deserves a safe environment in which to work, learn and play. If you have any concerns, please contact us. Thank you for supporting us as we support your child.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We would like to thank the Holy Cross Catholic School Advisory Council for all of their support last year. Their fundraising initiatives have assisted many programs in the school. We value their input into a variety of educational issues. To last year's members, please consider returning this year. We look forward to your skills and contributions.

If you are interested in being a member of the 2011-2012 Holy Cross School Advisory Council or would like to nominate an excellent candidate in the community, please fill in a nomination form. Nomination forms are due back at the

school office no later than **Friday, September 23, 2011 by 3:00 PM.**

Should the number of candidates be less than or equal to the number of positions, the candidates shall be acclaimed. Should an election be necessary, you will receive information listing the names of the candidates. Elections to the Holy Cross School Advisory Council will take place on **Thursday September 29, 2011** by secret ballot **if needed**. Eligible voters must vote in person. Proxy voting is not permitted.

The first 2011-2012 Holy Cross School Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** and all positions will be announced then.

ALL HOLY CROSS PARENTS ARE WELCOME

Please note that if you are interested in being a member of the School Advisory Council, recent legislation makes it mandatory that candidates submit a Criminal Reference Check. Criminal Reference Check Application Forms can be picked up at the school.

On behalf of the school community, a special thank you is extended to last year's School Advisory Council members for their outstanding work during the course of the year. We are confident that students will continue to benefit from their dedication and commitment.

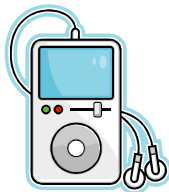
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 20, 2011**. We will commence the evening with a BBQ open to all students and parents of the Holy Cross community at 5:30 PM. At 6:30 PM, we assemble for introductions and then parents will have the opportunity to meet school staff. Families will be invited to visit the classrooms where parents will receive important curriculum information.



VALUABLES

Please keep your child's valuables at home. Staff cannot be responsible for any valuables that your child brings to school. Money, jewellery, electronics, toys, etc., should be kept at home.



A reminder that AS PER BOARD POLICY, students are not allowed to bring PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES like cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3 players, cameras, etc, to school. These items will be confiscated.

LUNCH POLICY

Thank you for completing the Lunch Permission Form and returning it to your



child's teacher. This will ensure that the school is aware of where you prefer your child(ren) to be over the lunch hour. Any changes to the agreement throughout the year must be submitted in writing to the teacher and/or office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Once children have arrived back at school, they must remain on school property. They are not permitted to leave school again without written permission.

A table has been placed outside the office for lunches. Lunches should only be dropped off on rare occasions. If you are dropping off a lunch for your child please clearly label your child's name and teacher's name on the outside of the lunch bag/container and place it on the lunch table. **SIGN THE CLIP BOARD** and your child will be called down to get their lunch. Classes are not to be interrupted for students to pick up lunches. Please advise your child(ren) to expect a lunch to be dropped off. They will be allowed to come down and pick up their lunch at 11:31 AM.

ANAPHYLAXIS PLAN

We have a number of staff and students in our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils and any peanut by-products. As in the past, we are asking you to not put anyone at risk. Do not send any **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS AND ANY PEANUT BY-PRODUCTS INTO THE SCHOOL**. This includes products like Nutella as well. Also, please do not send any food products to mark a child's birthday. Student birthdays can be acknowledged by sending non-food items such as a pencil or pen to celebrate a child's birthday with his/her peers. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.



Free Medic Alert Membership for Students at Our School

Holy Cross Catholic School is committed to providing a safe, caring and healthy school environment for our students and their families. With this in mind, we have enrolled in a special program from The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation, designed to protect children and provide school staff with the help they need to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs.

This program is called *No Child Without*. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The program follows the child should they move to another school in Canada. There is a

significant benefit to the school because *No Child Without* blends in with the school's safety plan and illustrates the importance of children's health and safety.

During the school day, students can come in contact with up to five adults responsible for their care and safety. Before and after school programs, recess, lunch and the classroom are often the responsibility of different individuals.

In case of a medical emergency, children can be the most vulnerable because they are often too young, too afraid or too hurt to express themselves. That is why parents often feel better knowing their children's MedicAlert identification can speak for them if they're not around.

Students receive a choice of a bracelet or necklace listing their medical conditions, allergies and/or medications with their identification number, a wallet card, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call is made to the Hotline.

If you are interested in the *No Child Without* MedicAlert program, please contact the school office for a brochure.

If your child is already a member of MedicAlert, call MedicAlert directly to transfer your child to the No Child Without program.

Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.

TEXTBOOKS

School textbooks are school property and are loaned to the students annually. The expectation is that textbooks will be returned at the end of the school year.



Students are responsible for these textbooks and will be asked to pay if these books go missing or have been vandalized. The cost of an average textbook is about \$50.00 each. Please encourage your child to take care of textbooks!

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ACT

The Child and Family Services Act compels educators to report any issues that may compromise a child's welfare. If a staff member suspects any issue that may affect a child's safety, then the Children's Aid Society (CAS) must be contacted. It is not the role of the educator to investigate. That is CAS's role.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas have been distributed for students in Grades 1-8. The agenda is a very useful tool to help organize and track assignments, homework reminders and special events. The student agenda is also an excellent tool to support parent/teacher communication.



The agendas were sent home on the first day of school and cost \$2.00. Thank you to School Council for offsetting part of the cost of the Agenda. Please read your child's agenda on a regular basis. It is a valuable tool in communication between home and school.

PA Day/Early Release Day

Our First PA Day will take place on Friday, September 16. There will be no school for students that day. **There will be NO Early Release Days scheduled this school year.**

BUSSING and COURTESY RIDER POLICY

Transportation eligibility is determined by a student's home address. Only students eligible for transportation will be provided bussing. Flex boundary students and students who are not eligible for transportation may apply to the Principal/Vice Principal through the **COURTESY SEAT** policy for permission to ride the bus. Students who have not been granted permission to ride the bus must not do so.



ELIGIBILITY: Students living further than the distances listed below, are eligible for bussing:

- JK/SK – Grade 1 - 1.0 KM
- Grades 2-4 - 1.6 KM
- Grades 5-8 - 2.0 KM

Please see Mr. Brunton, our Vice Principal, about Courtesy seating applications for non-qualified students.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

The conduct of individual students on the bus directly affects the safety of all the students on the bus. The driver's attention needs to be on the road. We are requesting that all parents/guardians reinforce the *School Bus Safety Rules* with their child(ren). **All Students Should:**



- ✓ Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to their stop time.
- ✓ Never play close to the road.
- ✓ Be ready to board the bus by waiting in an orderly line.

- ✓ Board the bus in single file, use the handrail and sit down in their seat as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Listen to the bus driver.
- ✓ Always remain seated while the bus is moving.
- ✓ Do not throw anything out of the window.
- ✓ Keep the aisles clear of objects (backpacks, lunches, etc.).
- ✓ Do not shout or cause any other unnecessary noises.
- ✓ Be especially quiet at railway crossings.
- ✓ Never put any part of your body out an open window.
- ✓ Be sure to look all ways before crossing the road.
- ✓ Do not damage the bus in anyway.
- ✓ Do not throw garbage on the floor.
- ✓ Do not consume any food or drink on the bus.

Bus privileges will be revoked if need be. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students journey safely to and from school.

Kiss & Ride...



Driveway Safety...

Of paramount importance at Holy Cross Catholic School is your child's safety. It is important that all traffic follow a few simple rules, which will help alleviate any difficulties in the school driveway. Please use the appropriate lane– Bus Zone, Kiss & Ride and the Drive Thru.

- No vehicles are to park in the “Drive Thru lane” at any time
- No vehicle is to park in the bus zone
- No vehicle should be left parked in the Kiss ‘N’ Ride lane
- No double parking in either driveway is acceptable
- If you wish to park and walk your child to school, please make use of the two parking lots located next to our driveways
- Under NO circumstances should vehicles be backing up or going the wrong way

Children should use the passenger doors only to exit vehicles this will ensure students will be dropped off on the school sidewalk.

Please be advised that cars park in the Bus and Drive Thru lanes are liable for ticketing by the parking authority of Mississauga. Please understand that Holy Cross Catholic School will not be responsible for fines issued to drivers for any infractions of the above directives.

DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

As a school, we have implemented the government mandated 20 minutes of daily physical activity. Ask your child's teacher about the program or visit the Ministry's Website at:

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/dpa_boards.pdf

ATTENDANCE

Please call to register an absence – **905-677-5660**. You can call **24hrs**. An answering machine is available to take information. Please provide your **child's name, grade and teacher's name**. If an absence is not reported, our policy is to call home to verify student absenteeism. A parent or guardian must sign out students who leave early. A reminder to parents and students that an expectation set out from the beginning of the year clearly indicated that all students must arrive at school on time.

Being consistently and continuously late interrupts the classroom lessons, creates delays in the office and sets a poor example for those who do arrive on time. Please note that issues with lates and absenteeism will be dealt with strictly, and may involve the school's Administration, Child Youth Worker and Social Worker. Please help us teach your children the value promptness and punctuality.

KISS AND RIDE PROGRAM AND PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION



The Kiss and Ride program takes place before school and after school. Parents are reminded that our driveway employs a one-way traffic system. Parents wishing to drop off children at school must **enter from the east driveway only and exit from the driveway near the Church only**.

The lane to the left is the drive thru only lane, and vehicles must not stop in this lane. The lane to the right driveway is designated as a bus lane only.

DRESS CODE

We would like our students to be neat, clean and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to a **CATHOLIC** school environment.



Also please be aware of the reports given on TV and radio regarding the harmful effects of the UV rays from the sun. Remember to dress your children appropriately to ensure protection. Make sure that they put on sun block, wear a hat and sunglasses where appropriate. As the weather gets colder, the dress code follows expectations as set out by Board policy. It states that all students are expected to dress in clean, neat and practical clothing.

School guidelines are:

1. The top of the pants must meet the bottom of the shirt with no exposure of midriff or undergarments at anytime even if the wearer is reaching up.
2. Students should not wear short-shorts, tight spandex biking shorts or cutoffs.
3. Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, muscle shirts, mesh shirts or any other clothing which leaves the wearer with a bare shoulder, a bare back or a bare middle may not be worn.
4. Clothing with suggestive, offensive and/or inappropriate slogans or pictures, particularly those of a sexual, racial or violent nature are not acceptable.

We ask for your continued support for a dress code that reflects a Catholic school as a place for serious work, accompanied by standards of sensitivity, politeness and decorum. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering at Holy Cross School for 2011/2012? During the school year, volunteers support programs and activities at the school. We appreciate and rely on parents who can devote a small portion of their time to help.



People who volunteer in schools are required to have completed Criminal Reference Checks, which can be picked up from our school office or from Police Headquarters. Once the form is completed, your volunteer service can begin. We look forward to working with you for the betterment of all students at Holy Cross School.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION



We will be sending home **REACT forms** for parents to fill out in the event that your child has a medical concern. The form requires information on the medical issue, and a picture of the child. Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible.

A reminder that children are not allowed to keep **ANY** medication on their persons, in their desk, backpack or anywhere in their classroom, unless ordered by their doctor. In such case, documentation is necessary. All dispensing and storage of ANY medication must occur from the Office.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

We wish to thank everyone who faithfully reports to the Office and signs in when visiting or volunteering at the school. A reminder to all visitors **INCLUDING PARENTS** that they must come to the office first so they can sign in and pick up an identification badge.



Anyone not wearing an identification badge will be asked to return to the office to sign in and pick one up. This procedure will help students and staff in recognizing our many visitors at the school.

If you are picking up your child at school at a time other than regular dismissal, we ask that you report to the office. Arrangements will be made for your child to be sent to the office. If you intend to send someone else to pick up your children, please inform the office. If you are staying to help/volunteer, then you must sign in at the office and obtain a visitors tag that you must wear at all times while you are in the school.

If you wish to meet with a staff member, please call the school and drop in at the office to make an appointment.

We thank you for your co-operation in supporting a safe environment at Holy Cross School.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION



We have a detailed emergency and fire evacuation plan. In the event that we do have to evacuate, our first destination will be Our Lady of the Airways Church. If we need to move further from the school, the Malton Community Centre and/or Lincoln Alexander High School would be alternate locations.

INDOOR FOOTWEAR REQUESTED



Please ensure that students keep a pair of running shoes or other appropriate footwear at school so that their feet remain dry and clean at all times. As well, because so many areas of our schoolyard can be quite muddy at certain times of the year, this would assist in keeping mud and dirt out of the classrooms. In case we need to evacuate the school, students do not have time to put on boots so indoor footwear is necessary.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September/October



Wed. Sept. 14, 2011	Opening
Liturgry – 9:00 AM	
Fri. Sept 16, 2011	PA – Day NO SCHOOL
Wed Sept. 20, 2011	BBQ/Open House
Fri. Sept. 23, 2011	Nominations Forms due
Thurs. Sept 29, 2011	Tentative School Council Election – if needed
Thurs. Sept 29, 2011	Fundraising Kickoff Assembly
Tues. Oct 4, 2011	Earth Rangers visit
Wed. Oct. 5, 2011	School Council Mtg. 6:30 PM
Wed Oct. 5, 2011	Living our Faith Awards
Fri. Oct. 7, 2011	Lockdown Drill
Mon. Oct 10, 2011	Thanksgiving Day
Mon Oct 17, 2011	Picture Day (grade4-8)
Tues. Oct 18, 2011	Picture Day (K-3)

NEWSLETTER DRAW

We want you to read our newsletter!

Answer the question below you can help your child win a free lunch, courtesy of Mr. Sestito and Mr. Brunton.

What is the name of our new Assistant Secretary?

Answer: _____

Child's full name: _____

Teacher : _____

Date: _____

Good Luck ! Please return to Mr. Sestito
