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HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



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THEME OF THE WEEK

New Year: New Challenges

Every New Year, there is a tradition of making New Year Resolutions, which we hope will improve our lives and the lives of others around us.

We hope that the New Year will provide us with opportunities to build on our previous experiences and raise our expectations to achieve even greater success in the months to come.

A simple starting point for our New Year, and the challenges which will obviously come our way is to place God at the centre of our lives.

By placing our Faith, Hope and Trust in God, we can find inspiration; and tasks that seemed impossible, become possible.

“If all things are possible with God, then all things are possible to those who believe in God.”

F – Focus on God

A - Admire His Wonders

I – Implement God’s will

T – Trust in the Lord

H – Hallow his name

*J Reilly,
Head Teacher*

Mass

There will be mass on Tuesday morning at 8.25 and Friday at 12.35pm.

Fr Paddy



The Rosary for Peace

The rosary takes place on Thursday from 8.25 in the oratory. Staff and pupils welcome.

Mrs Glancy

ALMA VALENTINE'S DISCO

MESSAGE FOR ALL STAFF AND PUPILS

Did you receive any well-intentioned fragrance, toiletry, jewellery, accessory, confectionery or cuddly toy gifts for Christmas which you do not need or are not to your taste?

Do you have any gift sets at the back of a cupboard which you do not think you will get around to using?

If so, we would be delighted and grateful to take these gifts off your hands because we are looking for items such as these to use as prizes at the ALMA Valentine's disco in February.

We are sure it will be a great social event for the S6 pupils and our invited guests with special needs.

If you have any sets like these, please send them to Mrs. Hinchliffe in Modern Languages.

We can accept gifts with open or damaged packaging, as long as they are unused. We will wrap them up in an appealing, presentable manner.

Many thanks,

Holy Cross High Pastoral Team.

School Debating

A huge congratulations our three junior debating teams, each of whom have qualified for the second round of the ESU Junior Mace. They defeated teams from Cardinal Newman, Lanark Grammar and Cumbernauld Academy. The motion was 'This House would ban gambling', and is a particularly impressive achievement given that five of our six debaters were newcomers, with Edward Asken chipping in as the 'Old Head'! The teams were:

Proposition: Grace O'Hanlon/Matthew Carruthers (S1)

Opposition: Niamh Gallagher/ Beth Gibney (S3)

Opposition: Marie-Therese Kerr/Edward Asken

Well done everyone for an excellent year!!!

Mr Donnelly

S1 Technical Craft Club

Mrs Lynch and Miss Young are starting a Technical craft club on Mondays at lunchtime and it is open to S1 pupils. The club spaces are limited to 20. If you are interested then come along to the technical base any lunchtime to add your name.

Mrs Lynch (Technical)

S1 and S6 Drop in Cafe

Drop in Café – On Fridays at 12.40-1.10pm in room E101.

A place for S1 pupils to meet with S6 pupils and chat, listen to music and meet new friends.

There will be a Fairtrade Tuck Shop once per month.

The rota for S6 pupils is on the notice board. If any other S6 pupils would like to volunteer see Mrs Duffy.

Mrs Duffy

S1 and S6 Homework Area

HW Area – On Wednesdays from 12.40-1.10pm

Will be held in the library for S1 pupils with S6 support.

Resources will be provided, calculators, rulers, pens and pencils etc with access to the library computer.

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Mrs Duffy

S1 Football

Could all players in the S1 football team come to a meeting at 1.40pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 11th January.

Mr McTaggart

Attention S1/S2 Pupils

Dodge Ball Club on Wednesday lunchtime for **ALL S1 + S2** pupils. A team will be selected from this club to enter a Dodge Ball Tournament against other schools.

Mr McKegney

S1/2 Book Group

Attention all book lovers! Any S1/2 pupil interested in being involved in the school book group should attend a meeting in Mrs McGorry's room (English 006). The group will select a new book each month for discussion and will meet every week. Come along for a chat if you think you may be interested in taking part.

Mrs McGorry

English: Homework Club – S1 and S2

Are you struggling with your English homework? Finding it difficult to work at home?

Come along to the Homework Club on Tuesdays at lunchtime.

Once you have had your lunch come along to Room 008 – make sure you bring your homework with you!

Mrs. Giusti

Attention all S1/2 teachers and tutor class teachers: Film Club Fridays!

Miss Saunderson from the English Department will be holding Film Club Fridays for the junior school. Held Friday lunchtime in Room 006 - come along after you've eaten your lunch to watch and discuss a whole host of films. There will be something for everyone as it will be a different film genre every week.

All S1's and S2's welcome.

Ms Saunderson

Senior Choir

Senior Choir will be starting back this Thursday (14th Jan) at lunch time to start preparations for the Summer Concert! All members must attend and new members are welcome.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will be starting back on Monday at lunch time! New members are welcome to join from S1-S2.

Miss Perry

Newspaper / Reporting Club

The newspaper club has gone digital! We will be recording a weekly news report on what's happening at Holy Cross. If any teachers or pupils have something in their department or lives that they would like to share and be interviewed about they should get in touch with Mr Reid.

Mr Reid

Iceland 2016

Could all pupils going to Iceland please bring in their passports and EHIC cards to Mrs Honnet for photocopying.

Mrs Honnet

Justice and Peace Group

Meet on Thursdays at 12.45pm in room E101 (Mrs Duffy's room)

All new members welcome

Mrs Duffy

PE News

Dance Club

Pupils, who are looking to be involved in the High School Dance Festival in February, should attend the Dance Club. Pupils must collect consent form and hand it back.

Fitness Suite will be open for S1 to S3 every Wednesday. You must report to Mr McKegney before entering the suite.

PE Department

Craft Club

Any S1-S3 interested in a lunchtime craft group should come to Mrs Lynch's room in HE today, Monday.

Mrs Lynch

Christmas Cake Competition

Congratulations to the fantastically talented cake decorators who made amazing cakes for the annual competition. There were over thirty cakes and as always the standard of work was extremely high.

This year Mr Robertson PT of Modern Languages (whose wife has her own cake business) was the hard pressed judge.

The worthy winners were;

First; Caitlin Logue

Second; Claire Hughes

Third; Chloe Robb

The cake with the Holy X Factor, and the pupils' favourite, was Adele Baillie's Polar Express.

Many thanks to Miss Grant, Mrs Cameron and, of course, Mr Robertson for all their efforts on behalf of our senior pupils.

Well done to all!

Innocents Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to:

All the pupils who made cakes and bakes and served on the day

The office ladies, janitors, technicians and kitchen staff for their help and support

The staff who donated raffle prizes

Colleagues, past and present, for being there and buying raffle tickets

Kenny McGowan for drawing the raffle with his usual style and aplomb

Frank Boyle for organising the Christmas Greetings

Sister Maria from Innocents House

And the Home Economics staff!

You all helped to create a lovely warm and happy atmosphere and this was, once again, a great start to Christmas!

A cheque for over £1,000 has been sent to help the work of the Society of the Innocents.

Mrs Lynch



New York Trip S3 & S4 Students

A gentle reminder to those who are going on this trip, that the second payment of £150 was due on the 30th November. If you have not made this second payment can you bring it in as soon as possible, remembering to bring your green payment card with you to be marked up.

Mrs Russell/Mrs McGroarty