



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



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TUTOR TEACHERS

PLEASE NOW ENSURE THAT THE BULLETIN IS READ OUT
TO YOUR PUPILS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH WEEK

THEME OF THE WEEK



Advent Week 3

The third week of Advent is about the **joy** that is ours because God has entered the world. Angels heralded the birth of the Messiah and kings came from the east to worship and marvel at what God has done.

What do we mean by **joy** ?

Joy comes from the word rejoice and its root from the Greek word **chara** which means to feel great delight and contentment, to welcome and be glad.

On this joyous and spiritual season, we should take the time to remember that there are those in our community who are not as fortunate as others; and they may not experience the joy at this time. They may not have a roof over their head, get a visit from a family or friend, receive a gift or get a meal this Christmas. If you can help someone this Christmas, make that be your gift, for the real gift at Christmas is the one who gives.

Prayer for Christmas joy :

Lord we know that only in Him is true peace and lasting joy to be found, and as we sing the Christmas carols this Christmas season.. we pray that true joy would come into the world this season and that many would find their peace. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen

J Reilly,

Head Teacher

Mass

There will be mass on Tuesday morning at 8.25 and Friday at 12.35pm. Mass for final week of term will be Tuesday morning 8.25 and Wednesday- time to be confirmed.

Fr Paddy



The Rosary for Peace

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

Mrs Glancy

S5/6 Snow Ball

Tuesday 22nd December 7-10pm at Hamilton Academicals Function Suite.

Tickets £6 on sale from 7th December

If any member of staff can spare some time to attend please see Mrs Douglas.

Mrs Douglas

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.

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 Football Team

There will be a meeting for the S1 football team at 1.40pm, Monday 14th December in Mr Donnelly's room.

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 McKegey

Fairtrade Sale on Thursday 17th December

The Justice and Peace Group will be holding a Fairtrade Sale on Thursday 17th December at lunchtime in room E101.

Come along and get those last minute Christmas gifts!!!

Many thanks again for all your support over this last school year.

Mrs Duffy (On behalf of the Justice and Peace Group)

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 S3-S6

A reminder to all singers in S3-S6 senior choir is on **every Thursday at lunchtime** in Miss Perrie's room.

Junior Choir S1-S2

A reminder that junior choir is on every **Monday at lunchtime**. All first and second years are welcome to come along! The choir takes place in Miss Perrie's classroom.

Miss Perry

ALL TUTOR STAFF (please tell your tutor class)

A large number of blazers/scarves/outdoor jackets have been left in R.E. room B101. If they belong to you please collect them from the ladies in The School Office.

S1 to S3 Tutor Staff (please tell your tutor class)

A school blazer was left in R.E. Room B105 on Wednesday, 9th December – if it belongs to you please collect it from the ladies in The School Office.

Many thanks

D Cleary

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

S3 Christmas Outing



As part of our Christmas Celebrations for S3, a trip to Hollywood Bowl, Coatbridge has been planned for Thursday 17th December.

Mrs McLaughlin

Justice and Peace Group

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

All new members welcome

Mrs Duffy

Staff Christmas Greeting

If you wish to pass a Christmas Greeting to the staff please complete your message online on the attachment I sent recently and return to me by **Wednesday 16th December**. If you can also leave £5 in my drawer in admin, with your name I will pass all monies to Mrs Lynch. All proceeds will go to 'The Innocents'.

F Boyle

Scottish Space School

The Scottish Space School web site is now live and fifth year pupils can apply via the web site for a place at the 2016 space school. Each year pupils from all over Scotland attend a residential course at Strathclyde University (in June 2016) comprising of workshops and lectures all based on a space theme. The top 10 students will then be selected for a 7 day learning journey to the Johnston Space Centre in Houston, Texas. Each School usually has two or three successful applicants to the Scottish Space School and if you are exceptional, like Ciaran Jenkins, you might even make it to Houston. Good Luck

P.S. Please let me know if you apply

Mrs Glancy

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

S5/S6 Tutor teachers

Could all **S5/S6 Tutor teachers** please read this out to your class?

Any pupils who wish to volunteer at the Ozanam club's Christmas party on Tuesday 15/12 should see Miss Young at break or lunch on Monday. Thanks!

Miss Young (Technical)

All Staff and Pupils

The St Andrew's Hospice Young Ambassadors will be selling Christmas cards and Christmas badges in the Street from Monday 30th November. All proceeds will go to the Hospice so please give generously.

We are also asking pupils and staff to donate any unwanted Christmas baubles for the 'Light Up A Life' campaign. These can be given to any member of the team at the card stall.

St Andrews Hospice Young Ambassadors.



S6 R.E. Staff/S6 Tutor Staff:

Please inform your classes of the event outlined below organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry and take a note of the names of those wishing to attend and send it to me by Wednesday of this week.

“We are delighted to invite your S6 pupils to an Advent Night on the 17th of December in Holy Family Parish Centre for young adults in the diocese. The night will run from 7.15-9.00pm. There will be a guest speaker, prayer & pizza as well as the chance to win iTunes vouchers for each member of the winning team in an ice breaker challenge.

We will provide a taxi/mini bus there and back for pupils who wish to come along free of charge, but will arrange this with schools individually at their request.

The Event is free.” Diocesan Youth Ministry

Many thanks

D Cleary



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