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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

Positive Actions for Lent

Wednesday 10th February was Ash Wednesday and we all received our ashes from Fr Duffy or one of our sixth year Caritas students. The ashes we received are made from the ashes burned from the previous year's Palm Sunday crosses.

Ash Wednesday, of course, marks the beginning of Lent and a period of abstinence and fasting before we celebrate Easter.

For our SCHOOL Community in Holy Cross High School there are three main themes throughout Lent;

CHARITY FASTING PRAYER

It is also a time for Positive Actions- changing the way we do the simple things in our daily lives for the better

In his message for Lent 2016, Pope Francis said the following:

"God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.....These words of mercy remind us that faith finds expression in our everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them"

Remember: Faith can work wonders

"If? There are no "ifs" among believers. Anything can happen." (Mark 9;23)

*J Reilly,
Head Teacher*

Mass

There will be Mass daily during Lent at 8.25am in the Oratory. However there will be no Mass Thursday and Friday this week.

To Staff and S6 Students

The Alma Valentine's Disco will be taking place on Monday 15th February 7pm – 9pm.

We are expecting 80 guests plus their helpers. You are all invited to come along and give your help and support.

In the past it has always been a successful evening and a good time is had by all – guests as well as helpers.

We have asked for some S6 to volunteer for specific duties. If they wish to add their name to the list they will find it on the Maths Staff Base door.

We are also looking for help with wrapping the prizes prior to the evening (see Mrs Hinchliffe).

Otherwise just come along and socialise with our guests and have a great evening.

Thank you

M Ercolino

Attention all Cross Country Runners

Could all pupils who have been selected to run at The Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 16th February, come to a meeting at morning interval on Monday 15th February in PE Department to finalise arrangements.

Mrs Boyd

French Language Assistant

A warm welcome is extended to the French Language Assistant, Sabrina Taguet, who has joined the Modern Languages Department for the next six weeks. She will be working with all year groups and, in particular, helping S4/5/6 pupils to prepare for their upcoming final SQA talking assessments. Please say 'bonjour' to her if you see her in the corridor.

Mr Robertson

For all S5/6 pupils

Anyone who expressed an interest in the English Department excursion to see The Crucible in Edinburgh on the 24th February can you please see Miss Cunningham this week to collect a consent form and pay the £20 cost. Spaces are limited and those who pay first will secure their place.

Ms Cunningham

College Applications

College applications for courses starting in August opened on Wednesday 20th January.

For information please see your pupil support teacher.

S Higgins, Careers Advisor

S1 Football

Could all the players in the S1 football team attend a meeting at 1.40pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 15th February. All players must attend as there is a game on Wednesday against John Ogilvie.

Mr McTaggart

S1 Technical Craft Club

The S1 Craft Club in Technical started back on Monday 25th January and all new members are welcome.

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

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

Netball Club

Netball Club started back Thursday 4th February.

Mrs Bradley

Gymnastics Club

Gymnastics club after school is now cancelled and will take place on Wednesday lunchtime instead.

Mrs Bradley

Netball

The following pupils have a Scottish cup match on Wednesday 17th February and are allowed out of class at 2.15;

Adele Baillie

Chloe Lewis

Anna Wilson

Bethan Goodwin

Corinne Fagan

Kim Mulder

Erin Egan

Anna King

Adrianna Mackin

Rosalind Barclay

Eve Evans

Mrs Bradley

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 on Thursdays 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 Mondays 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

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

Rugby club will started again on Wednesday 10th February after school. This club is open to everyone S1-S6. If you are interested in joining please collect consent form from P.E. Department.

Hockey club will started again on Monday 15th February after school. This club is open to everyone S1-S6. If you are interested in joining please collect consent form from P.E. Department.

The Girls Football club and the Dance club have started back on Wednesdays from 3-4pm.

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

PE Department

Lost Property

A small gold bag with some photos and a lucky white heather bookmark has been handed in to school office.