



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

CARE, COMPASSION, CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

Advent Calendars

Advent as we know is the time when we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

One of the traditions we have is an Advent Calendar- which dates back to the mid-19th Century in Germany.

Today, most Advent Calendars include paper doors that open to reveal an image, with a quotation from scripture - or a piece of chocolate.

Reverse Advent Calendars

You may also have seen how a number of charitable organisations are promoting "Reverse Advent Calendars" to help the most vulnerable in our society by providing much needed items such as food or clothing at Christmas.

Reverse Advent Calendars work by, first of all, making your own calendar and then each day filling the space on your calendar with an item of food or clothing.

When complete, the calendar is taken complete with items, and donated to a charity who will then distribute the items to those most in need.

This week on BBC Scotland's "Thought for the Day", the speaker gave the idea of reverse advent his full support-although he disagreed with the word "reverse", because the sentiments of care, compassion and consideration for others are what ADVENT is all about. Which is what we are all about at Holy Cross High School.

Holy Cross High School Food Parcels

This week, through our Advent Charity Appeal, 80 food parcels were put together and will be distributed throughout local parishes to those most in need in our local communities.

This is something which we do in Holy Cross High School and have been doing for many, many years.

We may not have put our food parcels into a "Reverse Advent Calendar" but our feelings of CARE, COMPASSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS are there each day.

"Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace." (Mother Teresa)



Mr Reilly, Head Teacher

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Please join us as we pray for peace. You will find us in the oratory at 8.25am every Thursday.

Mrs Glancy

STEM CLUB FOR S2

URGENT - For the attention of S2 tutor teachers

Please remind all pupils interested in taking part in a STEM lunchtime club that it is not too late to come along and take part. We meet in Mrs Constable's science classroom (F104) on a Monday lunchtime. Our STEM group will be working in teams on projects that involve the skills of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, so bring a friend along. Projects of a high enough standard will be put forward for the British Science Association's Bronze Crest award.

Please come along and find out more.

Mrs Constable

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Starts back on Thursdays at 12.45pm in room E101.

All new members welcome. We work to support Fairtrade, Mary's Meal, Refugee Crisis, Lanarkshire Baby bank and other local and global causes.

The more of us there are the more we can do! Let's do what is possible!!

Mrs Duffy

MATHS CLUB

Runs every Thursday after school in room E101 from 2.55pm-3.45pm.

Catch up on homework, study for exams or get support on any topics you may need help with in Maths.

All levels all year groups welcome.

Mrs Duffy

ALL TUTOR CLASSES

If you would like some company at lunch, the *Sit with Us* club runs every lunchtime in the study room and is available to everyone.

Mrs Marsh

S1 SCIENCE CLUB

S1 Science club is on Tuesday lunchtimes in Mrs Ramage's room (F105) at 1:30pm.

Mrs Ramage

S2 & S3 TUTOR STAFF

The Technical Department are planning on starting a Young Entrepreneurs club on a Tuesday Lunchtime for S2 & S3 pupils. The club will involve designing and making items which will be manufactured on the laser cutter. Any pupils who are interested in being part of this exciting new club should attend a short meeting on Tuesday Lunchtime (26.09.17) in Technical room C001.

The Technical Department

MAGAZINE CLUB

Holy Cross High School's Magazine Club has started back. We are looking for new members from S1-3. If you are interested in joining our team of budding reporters, please come along to room F007 on a Wednesday lunchtime. Please bring along your lunch.

Miss Shillan

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Thanks to all who expressed interest in our **KICKSTART THAT WEIGHT LOSS** group.

For any of you who have over indulged in the course of the October week, you're more than welcome to join in too.

The cost will be a £1 a week and funds will be going towards Kickstart.

Mrs Burns

ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

National 5 and Higher

Miss Baxter will be running an acrylics workshop on Wednesdays after school for any Higher or National 5 pupil interested in using acrylic paint for their Expressive submission. If you have your own acrylic paints bring them with you.

Supported Study is running after school on a Wednesday with Miss Martin, and Thursday with Miss Chiappa

Art and Design Department

STEM CLUB S3 (Science, Technologies, Engineering, Maths)

S3 STEM club will begin [Monday 30th October](#) at lunchtime in [Mrs McGroarty's room](#) (C107). It is open to all young people in [S3](#).

Within the club, young people will be completing a project which involves programming [Micro:bits](#). This will hopefully gain them a **CREST Award**.

Job prospects are massive if you can learn to code. In an increasingly digital age, coding is becoming necessary skill for more and more jobs. Software developing is currently the [fastest growing industry in the UK](#) and there is [an international shortage of coders](#) in the job market.

Come along to C107 on Monday 30th at lunchtime to register your interest or to find out more

Mrs Caldwell

LANARK AREA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS-RAVENS CRAIG REGIONAL COMPLEX 27-29TH JANUARY

Any Badminton player who wishes to enter the above event must see Mr Ross for a form.

Entries close 24th December.

Mr Ross

STAFF CHRISTMAS GREETING

If you wish to pass a Christmas Greeting to staff, please complete your message online on the attachment I sent recently and return to me by **Tuesday 19th 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'.

The uptake has been slow so far so please support this good cause.

F Boyle

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

Many thanks to Mr Brian Fallon and Mrs Teresa Kennedy, the Holy Cross Super Jannies for decorating the Christmas tree. It is magnificent and very much loved and appreciated by pupils and staff!

Mrs Lynch

ICELAND TRIP

Please check your payments cards to ensure you are up-to-date. According to the payment plan you should have paid £600 on top of the deposit. Please make sure this is paid before the Christmas holidays. The next instalment is on the 16th of February. Any problems please go and see Miss Anderson.

Miss Anderson

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 2018 space school. To apply for the Scottish Space School, you must be in S5 in the current school session and be studying Maths and Science subjects at Higher level. Scottish Space School will run from Sunday 10 June until Friday 15 June 2018. Each year pupils from all over Scotland attend this residential course at Strathclyde University comprising of workshops and lectures all based on a space theme. The deadline for this year's applications is **21 January 2018**, and no applications will be accepted after this date. 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 you might even make it to Houston. Good Luck

Mrs Glancy

P.S. Please let me know if you apply