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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Fr Paddy**

## **Fairtrade Fortnight**

### **All Staff and Pupils**

Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The Justice and Peace Group will be setting up the Fairtrade stall Tuesdays and Fridays of both weeks, selling chocolate, cookies and small gifts.

The theme this year is The Big Breakfast, we are asked to think about the number of people involved getting our breakfast to our tables, people who often don't have enough to feed themselves.

Please buy Fairtrade.

There will also be the annual staff event on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> in the library at lunchtime, more raffle prizes than ever before!!!

***Mrs Duffy - on behalf of the Justice and Peace Group***

## **ALMA VALENTINE'S DISCO GIFTS**

A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who donated gifts to be used as prizes at this week's ALMA disco! The quality and the quantity of the gifts were tremendous, and the guests were thrilled with them.

Many thanks also go to those pupils and staff members who helped collate and wrap the gifts, as well as making individual gift-tags and ribbon embellishments for each one.

Your generosity and help are greatly appreciated.

***Mrs Hinchliffe -on behalf of the Holy Cross Pastoral Team***

## **Calling all S2 Fashion fans**

The Art and Design Department is organising a trip to a Catwalk show this year. It is an exciting opportunity to see excellent examples of fashion designs by up and coming new designers. If you are interested see Miss Chiappa in her Art room (B104) on Wednesday at lunchtime at 12:45.

***Miss Chiappa***

## **Extended Assemblies for S4 and S5 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

There will be extended assemblies on Monday for S4 and S5 to take them through the Option form and the process ahead.

**S4** should report to the street at the **beginning of period 2 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.** (Could Maths staff remind them at the end of period 1 and direct them to the street)

Period 2 teachers of S4 they should arrive with you at 10.05 am.

**S5 teachers (Col B) should send S5 to the street at 12.10 pm on Monday.** Myself and Mrs Douglas will dismiss S5 from the street.

***Mrs Rea***

## **Pastoral Team Meeting**

There will be a Pastoral Team Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in Mrs Kennedy's Room, Maths department, at lunchtime. If you'd like to join us as a new member, you are very welcome to come join us too.

***Mrs McLaughlin***

## **Congratulations to the Cross Country Participants**

Congratulations to all 31 pupils who ran at the Lanarkshire Schools Cross Country Championships at Biggar on Tuesday in the most horrendous conditions.

The following pupils should be congratulated.

Olivia Vareille 1<sup>st</sup> and Gold medallist

Jenna Kennedy 8th

Lauren Walsh 9<sup>th</sup>                      Team Bronze medallists

Morven Jackson 15th

Loren Donnachie 38th

The Senior Girls also ran well with a team award

Olivia Vareille

Sophie Watters

Olivia O'Donnell

Katie Cluckie

Abigail Shaw

Second Year Boys Team

Andrew Arthurs 10<sup>th</sup>

Lewis Newell 19<sup>th</sup>

Blair Kemp 23<sup>rd</sup>

James Hendry 37<sup>th</sup>

First Year Boys Team

Mathew Carruthers 8<sup>th</sup>

Ian Hendry 26<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> year Girls

Abbie Sommerville 17th

Most races had over 100 pupils in the race.

The pupils were a credit to themselves and to the school.

***Mrs Boyd***

**S1 Football**

Could all the players in the S1 football team attend a meeting at 1.40pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 22nd February. All players must attend as there is a game on Thursday against John Ogilvie.

***Mr McTaggart***

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> January.

For information please see your pupil support teacher.

***S Higgins, Careers Advisor***

### **Holy Cross School Choir (S1-6)**

The school choir will now take place on Monday after school (3.45-4.45). The choir is open to all year groups and anyone interested in singing as part of a large group- new members are always welcome!

The rehearsals take place in the downstairs music rooms.

***Miss Perrie***

### **S1 Technical Craft Club**

The S1 Craft Club in Technical started back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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***

### **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***

### **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 started again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 started again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.