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# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



*BULLETIN 14 – 17th December 2018*

## 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 is the time when we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we consider the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves and take positive action to help and assist.

One way in which we can play our part is through our Advent charity work and events. In Holy Cross High School, we have a fantastic reputation and tradition of charitable works aiding those most in need in our local community.

“Love for God is not real unless it is crowned by love for your neighbour.”

- Throughout the Season of Advent, remember the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves
- Please consider what **YOU** can do to help other people
- Please pray for people living in areas of conflict
- Please pray for peace throughout the world

Please participate in our Advent Charities Appeals over the weeks ahead.

***Mrs Fagan, Acting Head Teacher***



## **THIS IS ADVENT**

The 4 weeks of preparation for Christmas is a rush of preparations which so often excludes preparing our spirits to accept **God's Gift** of himself to us. Instead of dipping into the peace oasis of our inner being we busy ourselves with activity. I know it is important to do the physical preparations - and I love that too - but can we make time to steady ourselves in quiet for a few moments each day?

The old Advent calendar was there to help us progress with a nice spiritual thought each day in December. It's hard to find such calendars today. Advent calendars abound but there is no mention of anything spiritual in these chocolate, fantasy filled calendars. Could we not design our own class calendar with a good deed for the day, a random act of kindness, to focus ourselves and our pupils on the real meaning of Christmas: **God's Gift of himself** to us?

The Advent wreath is another timely symbol of expectation building up to the Christmas night. It invites us to see in the flickering flame the offering of light to a dark world. God's gift of himself to us.

I offer the school an ADVENT CHALLENGE to identify something of the Spirit of Christmas as we journey through Advent. It goes against the trend but perhaps that's where we need to be as Christians today. Each week a poster campaign will be unwrapped. It is an invitation to think and link the different posters as they emerge. This is a competition to understand. Write down your thoughts and enter my competition. There is a prize – a good prize for the best answer. Write it down. Give it to me.

Finally, what about taking the step into the mystery. Visit the oratory once in the week and sit for moment and think of the need for peace, joy and kindness found in – yes I say it again – **God's Gift of himself to us**. For that is Christmas -

and it needs a *thought filled Advent* to appreciate that fact

**HAPPY ADVENT!!**

**Fr Phil**

### **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**

### **POSTER COMPETITION**

Don't forget Fr Phil's poster competition! – all 5 posters are now on display around the school.

### **HAMILTON WEST/CENTRAL TRAIN STATIONS**

There has been a complaint from the Police regarding the conduct and non-payment of train tickets on this journey. Holy Cross High School pupils are being warned against this.

**Mrs Fagan**

### **S2-S6 TUTOR STAFF- ANTI BULLYING COMMITTEE**

The Anti Bullying Committee will start back on Fridays in room C001 (Technical)

All new members welcome- excellent leadership opportunities available for all young people.

**Mrs Marsh**

### **S2-S6 TUTOR STAFF- YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR'S CLUB**

**Calling all future designers!!!**

The Technical Department will be continuing to run the Young Entrepreneurs club on a Tuesday lunchtime in C001. Young people will be offered the opportunity to create their own designs and manufacture them using a laser-cutter. Please see Mrs Marsh for details.

**Technical Department**

### **MATHS CLUB**

Every Tuesday lunchtime in Room E001 open to all year groups for help with Homework or come along and have a go at various maths games on offer.

**Mr Stead**

### **CRAFT CLUB**

Craft Club in HE Wednesdays after school until 4.30.

Craft Club will start again after the holidays on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of January**. Happy Christmas to all the crafty S1 and S2 pupils who have attended.

New members for 2019 will be very welcome!

**Mrs Lynch**

### **DODGEBALL CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the School Sports Council will be running their annual Dodgeball Christmas Cracker for S1 and S2 pupils during periods 5 and 6. The pupils have to sign up at PE if they have not already done so and it will cost £1 to play. Let's Dodge, Duck and Dive into this great event.

Merry Christmas

**Mr McKegney**

### **HISTORY CLUB FOR S1-3**

A new History club has started on Thursdays at lunchtime for S1-3. Club is in Social Subjects department room E202.

**Miss Ferguson**

### **S1 SCIENCE CLUB**

If you are interested in doing some fun experiments at lunch time, please come to F105 on Wednesday at 12:40.

**Miss Scott and Mrs Ramage**

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

One final call for anyone wishing to send Christmas Greetings to their colleagues. Please send any messages to myself before Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. £5 per message. Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

**Mr Boyle**

### **FILM CLUB FOR S1 AND S2**

Mrs Docherty is running a Film Club g on t Fridays

The club meets at lunchtime in English Room F001. S1 and S2 only!

Come along for some film screenings, film making and general film chat!

**Mrs Docherty**

### **BOOK SALE (IN AID OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH FOOD BANK)**

A large selection of Folio Society and hard backed books is on sale in the photocopy room from Monday for all staff.

The books are in pristine condition and cover a wide range of genres.

Books will be costed however any donation to a value of your choice (higher or lower) will be very gratefully received.

Money can be placed in the envelopes provided and popped into my tray or given in person.... whichever is easier!

Thanks so much for giving to this very needy and very worthwhile project!

**Miss Hands**

### **ROAD SAFETY**

All pupils are being asked to be more aware of their safety as they come into the school and when leaving the school.

Pupils are asked **NOT** to cross at the roundabout but to stay inside the barriers and cross the road at the crossing.

Those pupils who get a school bus **MUST** use the pavement to get to their bus and not cross through buses onto the road.

Finally, please ask parents not to drop you off in the bus bays.

**Safety is paramount.**

**Mrs Fagan**

### **RECYCLING LINERS UPLIFT**

The Eco group will uplift recycling liners from the corridors during interval every Monday.

Thanks again for your continued support!

**The Eco Group**

### **FOOD PARCELS**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the food parcel appeal last week for St. Andrew's day. Total raised was £1920. Well done!

Mrs Scott

## 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 2019 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. 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 Scottish Space School 2019 will take place from Sunday 9 June until Friday 14 June. **The deadline for applications is Sunday 20 January 2019 at midnight and no late applications will be accepted** 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 one or two successful applicants to the Scottish Space School and if you are exceptional you might even make it to Houston. Good Luck

P.S. Please let me know if you apply

**Mrs Glancy**



## MARY'S MEALS CLUB

There will be a Mary's Meals Club every Thursday in Mrs Gribbin's Room (F205) from the start of next year.

Our aim is to plan well in advance for the Fashion Show at the end of the summer term which raises money to give a child one meal a day in a place of education, in developing countries.

This year we hope to incorporate a 'STRICTLY COME DANCING' competition on the night for both teachers and pupils.

If you would be interested in: -

Modelling

Dancing

Designing Posters/Props and Programs

Marketing and getting Sponsors

Helping behind the scenes

Or anything else you can help with- I am open to new ideas.

I am also looking for a local dance school that would be willing to come in and give some dancing lessons before the event.

Please come and join us on Thursday's in the New Year.

Your involvement in this can go towards your Caritas Award and your participation in school events for your personal statements content in Senior school as well as the benefit of knowing you are helping someone improve their day to day lives and give them a better future for them and their families.

**Mrs Gribbin**