

THE RAIDER REVIEW

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017



Message from the Principal



The Poet Ralph Waldo Emerson reminds us that, “What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small compared with what lies within us.”

This quote is particularly important to note at this time of year. The 2016-17 school year has come to a close and like any year, there were challenges, successes and defining moments. It is amazing how much we have accomplished in such a short time from September to June.

“What lies behind us” are tests, assignments, projects and deadlines. “What lies before us” are the promises of things to come; college, university, the world of work or return to Holy Cross. In addition to the graduates of the class of 2017 who are leaving Holy Cross, Mr. Frank Rozman is moving on to enjoy retirement. We wish him all the best.

“What lies within us” is what makes us Holy Cross Raiders. We are more than academics, athletics, and arts. We are Catholicity, compassion and inclusivity. We are the family away from home that embraced you in grade 9 and set you on a new path at graduation. When I reflect on the past year, I am grateful for all that we have accomplished and look forward to what will come next because good things lie within us. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

God Bless. HC is the place to be!
Denice Robertson



D. Robertson
Principal



J. Belcastro
Vice Principal

The Niagara Catholic District School Board through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witness of Christ.

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Brock Business Case Competition 2017

This year Holy Cross Business students traveled to Brock to compete in the Brock Business Case Study Competition. Working in teams they identified a problem, analyzed the situation, developed alternatives, came up with recommendations, implemented a solution, and presented their work to an eager audience. Congratulations Raiders on showing your talents at Brock.

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OFSAA BRONZE FOR RAIDER'S HOCKEY!

Your Raiders hockey team had another successful year, culminating in a long road trip to OFSAA in Fort Francis this spring. Lead by a great group of seniors, this year's edition won its fourth straight zone title, the NCAA title, the SOSSA Championship, and, ultimately, the school's first ever OFSAA medal (Bronze) in hockey. While we didn't win the OFSAA championship, our style of play and close scores cemented our position on the provincial hockey radar.



MATHEMATICS NEWS

Students from Semester One and Two Grade 9 Applied Mathematics classes had an opportunity to attend Niagara College for a day to see potential post-secondary programs in which they could put their mathematics skills to good use. Hands on workshops in culinary and automotive were the highlights of the day.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-NEWSLETTER INSERT NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee membership is made up of parents/guardians, community and student representatives, the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines or his appointed representative, Principals, teachers, and support staff, the Director of Education or Designate, the appointed Superintendent of Education, and Trustees. The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is seeking to appoint up to three (3) community representatives for the 2017-2018 school year to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Interested parties are to complete and submit the Community Representative form and along with a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination from the community agency, association, or organization addressed to Fr. Paul MacNeil, Chair of the Board **no later than 4:00 p.m. EST. on Friday, September 22, 2017.**

Parent/Guardian Membership

Eligibility:

To be eligible for election/appointment to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee:

- must be a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a Niagara Catholic District School Board school
- must reside within the Board's jurisdiction,
- must support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, and must fully participate in the Annual Commissioning Ceremony of NCPIC members.

Available Parent/Guardian positions for the 2017-2018 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership:

Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
St. Catharines	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Thorold/Merritton	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Welland	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form to the attention of Yvonne Anderson no later than **4:00 p.m. EST., on Friday, October 13, 2017.** Nomination forms are available at the school and on the Board website at <http://portal.niagaracatholic.ca/ncpic/>

Please send to: Catholic Education Centre
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON
L3C 7C1

Attention: Yvonne Anderson or e-mail yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com

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REACH FOR THE TOP

Mr. Rozman and Mr. Welsh would like to congratulate our entire Holy Cross Reach Team for an excellent season of Reach for the Top.

Our senior squads (Grade 11 and 12) and our intermediate squads (Grade 9 and 10) showed excellent skills and knowledge in tournament play.

Special congratulations to the Holy Cross Senior 1 Reach Team for finishing second at the Reach Finals held at St. Francis. Our Senior 1 Reach Team finished the season with a record of 15 wins and only 2 losses.

Senior Reach 1 Team Members are: Matt Caston, Milan Fernandez, Katie Curvelo, Alexa Walker, and Monty Oshinov.

Well done, Raiders. You had an excellent season of Reach competition! To our graduating seniors – Keep Reaching for the Top!



Science News

Science classes this semester at Holy Cross have been busy completing activities and engaging in many different experiential opportunities. The Grade Nine Science classes of Mr. Swick and Mr. Brgan had the opportunity to visit the St. Kateri Tekawitha outdoor education centre to get some hands-on experience discussing natural ecosystems and sustainability. Each student participated in a trail hike, discussing the history of the property and learning about native Niagara flora and fauna. Afterwards they had the opportunity to perform stream sampling techniques and learn about aquatic ecosystems, and how humans impact them every day.

Mr. Swick and Mr. Brgan successfully completed their technology fund learning grant from the School Board. Mr. Swick and Mr. Brgan were able to show that providing students with technology opportunities help them best achieve their learning goals in the classroom. The 30 Chromebooks that were awarded to science will be used now, and in the future, to assist students in science being the best that they can be.

Lastly, students in grade nine, ten and eleven have been busy completing their animal dissections. Students are busy exploring the organ systems of Fetal pigs and Leopard frogs, making connections between structure and function. They have been asked to include several characteristics, like how different organ systems work independently, but are also connected and interdependent with other systems. This culminating and engaging activity gives the students an opportunity to be creative as well as informative!

ECO Schools Newsletter Items

The Holy Cross ECO Club is devoted to helping protect our natural resources and promoting sustainable and responsible development within our school, and our local and global community. The ECO club is made up of Mr. Brgan, and members of the Holy Cross student body. The Holy Cross ECO club is involved in examining more efficient ways to use energy, minimize waste, green our school and infuse environmental awareness in the community.

The Eco Club and Holy Cross were informed that the school has once again been awarded a Platinum Eco Schools rating by Ontario Eco schools. This makes it three Platinum ratings in the past four years. The Eco Club continues to work actively at the school ensuring that the grounds continue to be an active focal area for the school. If you would like to join the club, please see Mr. Brgan for more details. The 2017/2018 school year promises to be as exciting as ever.

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SEAC

SEAC's Participation in the Festival of Families Event, GSN Presentation and the Education Accessibility Standard Engagement Survey.

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) participated in the Niagara Catholic Festival of Families event that was held on Thursday, May 25 at Saint Michael High School.

The 2017-2018 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Ministry video was presented to the SEAC members at the May meeting.

SEAC participated in the Education Accessibility Standard Engagement Survey.

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The boys lacrosse team once again had an extremely successful season, winning the inaugural NCAA Championship while finishing 4th at OFSSA, their 3rd top 4 finish in the last three years. Thank you to our graduating players who helped to reignite Holy Cross lacrosse. With 24 returning players the future of Raider lax continues to be bright.

