



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

February 2019

Principal's Message

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Thank you for your patience and understanding over the Semester 1 examination period as we navigated through an unprecedented number of bus cancellations. I'm just glad that we were finally able to wrap things up! Semester 1 report cards will now go home on Monday February 11th.

As we move into Semester two, we bid farewell to Ms. Allison Ross and Ms. Jamie Hollands, who are moving on to other assignments with our Board. We thank them for their contributions to the Holy Cross community over the past semester and wish them the very best in their new positions. We welcome back Ms. Adriana Cote (from St. Theresa CSS) to mathematics, religion and social science departments and welcome Mr. Paul Kenney (from St. Martha CS) to our religion department and Mr. Daniel Harren (RND) to our science and mathematics departments.

Congratulations go out to the Memorial donors, organizers, coaches and players who raised over \$5000 in support of cancer research on January 17th. It was a great day of community engagement and also Holy Cross athletic victories. Congrats to our Jr. Girl's volleyball and to our Sr. Boy's basketball teams for their victories on the day. Thanks also to the Holy Cross volunteers under the guidance of Mr. Robin Dzierniejko, Athletic Director at HC, for their great efforts in support of this worthy annual event.

Our annual open house for prospective grade 9 students (those starting grade 9 in September 2019) will take place on Wednesday February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Spread the word and encourage any interested grade 8 students in your world to come and see all the great things happening at the school

This Month

- Feb 1** P D Day
- Feb 4-8** Frost Week
- Feb 6** Catholic School Council Mtg
6:30-7:30 pm Learning Commons
- Feb 8** Semi Formal Dance 7:00-10:00pm
- Feb 11** Report Cards home
- Feb 13** Gr9 Parent Info Night
6:30-8:00pm
- Feb 14-22** Jamaica Mission Trip
- Feb 14** Course Selection Assemblies
- Feb 15** Last day for Semester 2 changes
- Feb 18** Family Day
- Feb 20** Course Selection Workshops

I'm pleased to say that Holy Cross will begin offering an extended French program in September 2019 and details will be available at the open house about this and many other exciting programs at HC.

Our next Catholic school council meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons on Wednesday February 6th. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

God Bless,

Michael Faught

ARTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE



ETHAN BUCHOLTZ WINS YOUTH DANCE AWARD!

Our very own Holy Cross dance student, Ethan Bucholtz, was awarded the Jacque Foesier Youth Dance Award presented by the Dance Ontario Awards Committee. The Youth Dance Award is named in honour of the founding Chair of Dance Ontario and long-time board member, Jacque Foesier, whose lifelong commitment was bringing dance to youth from all backgrounds. Ethan has been dedicated to HC Dance since he first walked the halls in grade 9, and it is so wonderful that he has been recognized four years later as a committed and mature artist. Aside from this recognition, Ethan has just signed his first professional performance contract with Drayton Entertainment's production of Newsies this summer! Congrats!



The Holy Cross Improv Team competes in the Regionals of the Canadian Improv Games on Thursday, February 7.

The competition takes place at the Domino Theatre, 52 Church Street at 7:00pm.

Online tickets can be purchased at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kingston-regional-tournament-tickets-52510991790>.

The team will compete against Kingston and area schools to advance to the Finals on Saturday, February 9.

Come out and support our Crusaders and enjoy a great night of fun and laughs.

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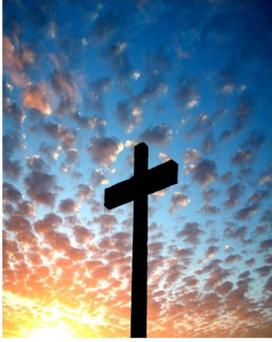
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Crusader Sports



Swim team will be competing at EOSSAA at Queen's University on Thursday February 14th. Good luck Crusaders!



PASTORAL NEWS

The Chaplaincy Team warmly welcomes everyone back to Semester 2. We are looking forward to our 2019 Jamaica Mission Trip. This year's team of 20 students and 4 staff will be departing Holy Cross on Thursday, Feb. 14 and returning on Friday Feb. 22. A big thank you to those who have helped make this experience possible and especially to those who have donated to our fundraising events. All this money will go directly to the Mission Projects we will be volunteering at in Jamaica.

CICS' UPDATE: CICS Students will be visiting the Rosewood Retirement Home after school on Tuesday, February 26. We will also be involved in the Dementia Choir which will be starting up again soon under the leadership of Chloe Clifford. Our first CICS' Social Action Club Meeting for 2nd Semester will take place during lunch on Wednesday, February 6 in Room 214. Come on out and get involved.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those who are struggling with any pressures at this time of year. May they and all of us live each day with renewed hope and trust in God. And may God continue to bless all our students, staff and families throughout the coming month.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader

**Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly
with your God (Micah 6:8)**

Looking Forward to March

Mar 5 - Shrove Tuesday

Mar 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass

Mar 11-15– March Break

Mar 20– Early Report Cards home

Mar 27– OSSLT written

Mar 27 - Parent Teacher Interviews
3:00-8:30pm

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca

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The OSSLT (Literacy Test) will be written by eligible writers on Wednesday, March 27th. Also, on the same day, current Grade 9 students will complete a practice test as one of the strategies to help prepare for next year.

Eligible writers are reminded of the practice materials available on the Holy Cross Virtual Commons under 'classes', or by clicking this link: <https://alcdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home/8705296>

Additionally, after-school preparation sessions will commence on Tuesday, February 12th. Interested students should see Mr. Roberts or Ms. Withers as soon as possible for a participation form.

Need your High School Diploma? Looking to get into College?

Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education offers many options to support you in achieving your goals including high school credit courses, an accredited Personal Support Worker program and English as a Second Language classes. If you are over 18 years old and ready to take the next step in achieving your future, visit our website for more information: www.learningatloyola.ca

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

COURSE CHANGES/DELETIONS

Students are to consult a counsellor if they wish to make a change to their timetable. It is advised that any required course changes be dealt with by the end of the first week of semester two. Furthermore, it is required that all changes be completed by the end of the second week of the semester. The last day to change a course is Friday February 15th.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

At this time of year, students begin the process of selecting courses for the **2019-2010** academic year. It is critical for all students who plan on returning to **Holy Cross** that they follow the timelines in order to ensure that they are able to obtain the courses they desire. **Holy Cross** will be conducting the on-line process of selection of courses in workshops taking place at the school. Details will be explained in grade sessions being conducted on **February 14th**.

COURSE LOAD

All students in Grades 9, 10, 11 are required to carry a course load of 4 courses each semester. All students in Grade 12 who have achieved at least 24 credits are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester.

GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Grade Eight Parent Information Night will be hosted on **Wednesday, February 13th, 2019** at **6:30 p.m.** There will be an information session for parents/guardians of students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) starting at 6:00 in the Learning Commons. This evening is open to Grade Eight students and their parents/guardians. Registration packages will be available for all non feeder school parents. All completed registration packages are to be returned to **Holy Cross** by **March 4th, 2019**.

Information about **OYAP** may be obtained from the guidance department or cooperative education teacher in any of the Board's high schools. Additional support or information is available from **Will Geris OYAP Co-ordinator** with the Board. **Will** can be reached at **(613) 532-4292**.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER cont'd

University/College Applications

Applicants should note the application centre deadlines for equal consideration for admission to programs. University applications were due to the centre by **Wednesday, January 16th** and college applications by **Friday, February 1st**. Students are asked to ensure that all data on the application is accurate (including address and transcript information). Please contact Student Services with any concerns.

Semester 2 Timetables

Students are able to access their timetable on the Student Maplewood Access on the Holy Cross website [hctoday](#). The link is under the "Student Services" section of the Home Page. Students should also verify demographic information here and notify Student Services of any changes. If you have misplaced your username and password, contact Student Services. A new timetable with teacher names and room numbers will be issued in Period 1 class on **Monday, February 4st, 2019**

Summer Job Fair – Wednesday, February 20th, 10am – 2pm

Career Services at St. Lawrence College is holding a job fair for employers who are looking to hire students. Students are welcome to attend.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

University of Toronto – Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Law visit www.ysp.utoronto.ca for summer programs

Queens Summer Engineering Academy visit engineering.queensu.ca/qsea for summer programs

McGill Summer Academy visit summer.academy@mcgill.ca for more information

Archaeology Summer Course – August 9 to 25, 2019 at Claremont Nature Centre, Pickering, Ontario visit trca.ca/boydfieldschool



DECA Business Provincial Competition is being held in Toronto from February 7th to 9th. The business students competing are:

Samantha Bradshaw

Sydra Laforest

Chloe Daicar

Roxanne Gervais

Rob Roques

Rachael Callery

Emily Ross

Emily Pacheco

Sarah Lam

Taylor Sutton

Isaac O'Neill

Britney Hovencamp



FROST WEEK

Monday Feb 4	Tuesday Feb 5	Wednesday Feb 6	Thursday Feb 7	Friday Feb 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Hot Chocolate & Tea @ Lunch• Bake Sale @ Lunch• Semi Ticket Sales Begin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform Twin Tuesday• Twin Photobooth in the Foyer @ Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform Colour per Grade Day• Game Show @ Lunch in the Caf• Candy Gram Sales Begin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform Jersey Day• Compliment Stickers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-formal Dance 7-10pm• Online Vote for Semi Categories (ex: Best Dressed)

HC Student Council

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Wellness Week is Soon Here!!

The 7th Annual Wellness Week is fast approaching, and the Wellness Team would love everyone to join us in participating in the scheduled activities highlighting ways in which to take care of ourselves!

Tuesday, February 19 - FUEL!! - Morning fruit kabobs and breakfast parfaits! Reminds us of the importance of keeping healthy fuel in our bodies; especially at breakfast, to start us off on the right foot for the day.

Wednesday, February 20 – CHILL – Period 2 and lunchtime visits from the St. John's Pet Therapy Dogs Program!! Mindful Colouring station in the foyer. During Period 4, Queen's University: Got Your Back Program will offer a workshop on "Self Care" in the lecture theatre.

Thursday, February 21 – CHAT - A section of the cafeteria at lunchtime will be decorated for a café experience where you may enjoy a cup of herbal tea or fruit infused water while listening to some music while meeting with friends or making new ones in the ball pit! Sit down make a friend; get to know one another better.

Friday, February 22 – PLAY – Join us at lunch in a fun activity like Doga – Yoga with Dogs, where you will enjoy yourself and remember what fun it is just to play a little and bring some balance into your sometimes stressful life.

