



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

March 2019

Principal's Message

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As we move into March, the winter weather shows no signs of abating. This hasn't stopped the students in our Physical Education course in Healthy Living and Outdoor activities (part of our SHSM program in the Environment) from being outside. Under the guidance of Mr. Hunter and Mr. White, students in the program have been out snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, learning wilderness survival and even ice-fishing up at Elbow lake. The students in our other SHSM program (in Communications technology) have also been busy. Three short films created and produced by Holy Cross students will be shown as part of the upcoming Kingston Canadian Film festival in the Youth Shorts Category. Congratulations to: Roger Murphy, Tim Beyers, Alex Fudge, Erin Greentree, Rebecca Watson, Mary Beth Smith, Emily Ross and Cameron Menard for being selected!

We have several school teams moving on to provincial competition at OFSSA—members of the Swim Team, our EOSSAA champion Wrestling Team, as well as the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Hockey teams will be venturing out across Ontario to compete at the provincial level. Best of luck to our student athletes and thanks, as always to our staff coaches and community helpers for their hard work this season.

Early Diagnostic reports will be coming home on the 21st of March and will provide a glimpse into your son/daughters progress thus far, in semester two. Parent-teacher interviews take place at the school on March 27th and are a great opportunity to meet and speak with your child's teachers. I encourage you to come out for this event. Information about on-line booking for parent-teacher interviews will be forthcoming. Watch the school website for details – www.hctoday.ca

This Month

March 5– Shrove Tuesday

March 6– Ash Wednesday

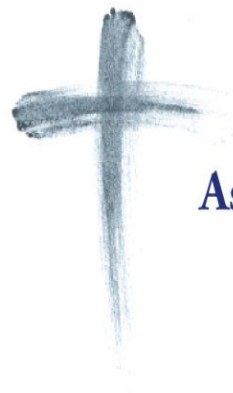
March 10-16 Los Angeles Trip

March 11-15 - March Break

March 21– Early Report cards home

March 27 OSSLT written

**March 27– Parent Teacher Interviews
3:00-8:30pm**



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Principal's message cont'd

In preparation for the upcoming OSSLT (March 27th), our literacy preparation program is underway. After school literacy sessions are running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in room 216 with Ms. Withers. I'm looking forward to our upcoming "literacy week" at HC, where we'll have a school-wide focus on literacy in support of those students writing the test on the 27th. All students in grade 10-12 that have to complete their literacy requirement will write the OSSLT at the school on March 27th. Information for eligible writers has been sent home (via school messenger email) and updates will be communicated as we get closer to the date. Check the school website for current information.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for our annual grade 8 open house on February 20th. Thanks for persevering with us through the weather and the postponement of our original date for the event. It's always reaffirming to hear/see the positive reactions from prospective grade 9s and their parents/guardians about the many great opportunities that this school affords to its students. I look forward to welcoming the class of 2023 next September and in our upcoming outreach events in May (HC Carnival) and August (Movin' On Up).

Finally, as the March break will soon be upon us, I wish each of you and your families a safe and restful holiday and a return to school invigorated for the balance of semester two.

Michael Faught



HC Tech Has Got Skill



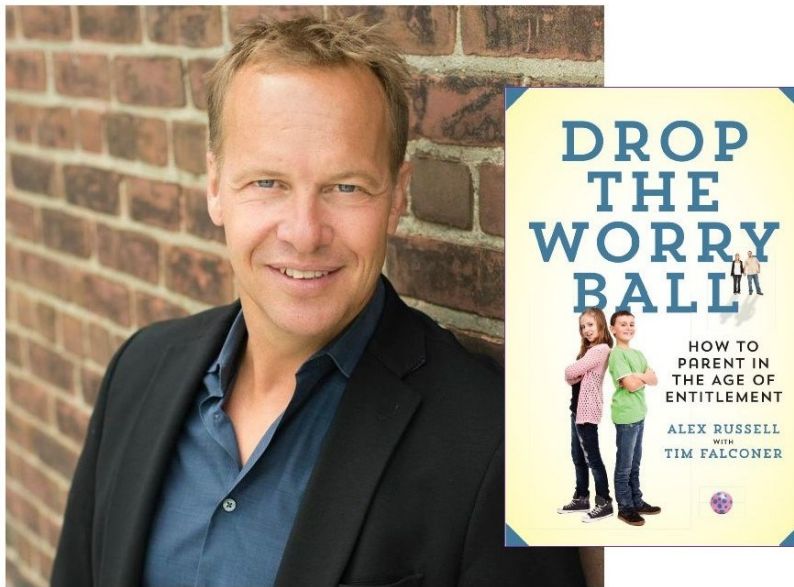
(Photo left to right: Emily, Ethan, Laura, Rachael, Michael, and Sofia).

Congratulations to HC Technological Education students for their medal winning performances in the 2019 Loyalist College Skills Competition on Tuesday, February 26th.

In the Carpentry (Team of 2) category Rachael Callery & Michael Soudant won the Gold Medal, and Laura McLaren & Ethan Joe won the Bronze Medal. The students had to read blueprints, cut wood, and assemble an outdoor two seater patio rocking chair in 4 hours.

In the Photography category Emily Pickstock won the gold Medal, and Sofia Mendoza won the Bronze Medal. The students had to bring a prepared portfolio of ten 4 X 6" images plus a mounted 8 X 10" image. They also had to photograph and edit portrait and architectural images on site.

Holy Cross Technological Education Department is very proud of your accomplishments. The competitions continue on the road to the Provincial Skills Competition May 7th in Mississauga.



**Keynote by
Dr. Alex Russell**

**Sponsored by
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APRIL 3, 2019 6:30 P.M.
**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC
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CATHOLIC SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

1085 Woodbine Road,
Kingston Ontario

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Parent Information Night

Is it really a good thing to give children everything they need, all the time? In this keynote, Dr. Alex Russell addresses common challenges children and youth face, including dealing with troublesome behaviours, supporting children at school, and controlling or monitoring children's access to computers, cell phones and other forms of digital technology. A perspective is offered that helps parents take a positive and emotionally rewarding role in their children's lives, while allowing them to have the opportunity to make their own decisions—and mistakes—during the complicated business of growing up. In an enlightening and refreshing talk, Dr. Russell helps parents achieve this balance by providing essential perspective on today's child-rearing context and the powerful forces that pull us to become over-involved in our children's lives. Stop doing all the worrying—and let your kids do some for a change!

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Ecole Catholique Cathedrale
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary
Mother Teresa
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
St. John XXIII
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

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Crusader Sports



Congratulations to the following HC Swim team member who have qualified for OFSAA in Toronto!

Heather McNichols

Abagael Renaud

Taylor Howe

Nathan Tracey



PASTORAL NEWS

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE FOR MARCH

LENT begins on March 6th with the celebration of our **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** and the distribution of ashes, both of which will serve as a reminder of our human weaknesses and ongoing need for God. On **Thursday, March 21th** and **Thursday, March 28** we will celebrate our **Grade Level Reconciliations** with Fr. Tim Shea, Fr. Sebastian Amato and several local priests who will be here to speak with students and staff and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CICS' Executive is busy organizing this year's **ShareLent Campaign** which begins on April 8 and ends on Friday, April 12. Classes will fundraise that week in support of the **Catholic Organization for Dev't & Peace**. Student leaders will be participating in a Dev't & Peace Leadership Training Workshop at St. Paul the Apostle Church on March 20. This will help us to plan for the ShareLent Campaign and for our annual 25-hour **Thinkfast** which will be taking place on **Friday, April 12th**. Please see Mr. Forster to sign up and to get a Pledge Sheet and Permission Form.

God's blessings on all our students and staff as we begin the month of **March** and as we enter into the Lenten season. May all of us take advantage of the opportunities it presents to grow spiritually through acts of charity, penance and fasting.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader



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

Looking Forward to April

Apr 3– Speaker Series Dr Alex Russell
Apr 5– PD Day
Apr 9 – Compass Survey
Apr 10– Catholic School Council
Apr 12– 13 Think Fast
Apr 16– Cabaret
Apr 19– Good Friday
Apr 21– Easter Sunday
Apr 22– Easter Monday
Apr 24– 28– World Strides Music Fest
Apr 26– Report Cards home

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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>



After School Numeracy Program (ASNP)

Holy Cross will be offering an ASNP, beginning in March on Wednesdays after school from 2:45 – 3:45.

These sessions are intended to assist with remediation and homework. Students will meet in the Learning Commons.

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

HOLY CROSS ARTS

CREATE. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.



- * INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
- * VOCAL MUSIC
- * GUITAR
- * DRAMA
- * DANCE
- * VISUAL ART

WHERE CREATIVITY THRIVES

The Arts Department at Holy Cross provides our students with a wide variety of programs to help students develop their artistic talents and creative skills while learning the fundamental techniques of their discipline.

Whether through drama, dance, music or visual arts, students are challenged to think critically and to grow in creativity, in communicating, in understanding culture, and in making connections. Our dynamic arts teachers help to create a supportive, faith-based environment at Holy Cross and they encourage our students to develop the confidence to create, explore and discover!



DRAMA	VISUAL ART	MUSIC	DANCE
Grade 9 Drama	Grade 9 Art	Gr 9 -12 Band	Grade 10 Dance
Grade 10 Drama	Grade 10 Art	Gr 11&12 Jazz	Grade 11 Dance
Grade 11 Drama	Grade 11 Art	Gr 9-12 Guitar	Grade 12 Dance
Grade 12 Drama	Grade 12 Art	Gr 11&12 Vocals	



Congratulations to the Holy Cross Improv Team for their third place finish in the Kingston Regional Canadian Improv Games.

The team competed against 12 area schools.

Well done!



"Smile Jamaica - One Love"



The 2019 Holy Cross Mission Team returned from Kingston, Jamaica on Friday, Feb. 22. Some people were a little sun-burned. Others were still recovering from ant bites or lack of sleep. But all of us came back with a huge helping of the love and generosity that we experienced during our eight days on this beautiful island. One of the highlights of the trip was the completion of our house build in Swallowfield - a very poor neighborhood in Kingston. It was so inspiring to hear the heartfelt words of gratitude from Miss Joel Kerr who received the keys to the house that we built through "Food for the Poor". One other highlight was certainly the farewell celebration at Riverton Meadows Early Childhood Centre during which Ms. Sandrina Lewis, the General Manager of St. Patrick's Foundation, sang "Smile Jamaica". Although we felt sad to leave our many new friends in Jamaica we realized that we can continue to share the love we experienced there with our families and friends here in Canada. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Mission Trip, especially the students and staff of Holy Cross. We were blessed to be part of this amazing experience.

Mr. Chris Forster, for the 2019 Holy Cross Mission Team

Spring Coffee House

Spring Coffee House is Wednesday, March 20th at 7PM.

Tickets are \$5 at the door!



COUNSELLORS' CORNER

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2019- 2020

The course selection process for next year began on Wednesday, February 20. It is critical that all students select their courses by **Friday, March 8th**. Grade 9 and 10 students will be scheduled to attend a course selection workshop during Period 2 and grade 11's and returning grade 12's attended workshops during Period 3. All students accessed myBlueprint in order to select courses. A verification sheet listing choices will be issued in April. Students can still make adjustments to their choices by meeting with their Guidance counselors.

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

A reminder that university and college applicants who have made course changes recently must check their university/college site to make sure the changes have been made in their OUAC/OCAS file. See your counselor as soon as possible if the academic info on either the OUAC or OCAS site is incorrect.

Students are encouraged to visit post-secondary campuses during March Break Open Houses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Transplant Advocate Association - \$500

For student who have been affected by the organ or tissue transplant process as a donor or a recipient
National Union of Public and General Employees

For children/grandchildren of a member or retired members of the National Union of Public Employees
Contact Mrs. Cantarutti for more information

JOB FAIR

KEYS is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 11 am to 5 pm at the Portsmouth Harbour. KEYS will be hosting a workshop to help students with their resumes and interview skills on Tuesday, March

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ROCK DUNDER - A Science Technology Assistant is required for the Rideau Waterway Land Trust.
See Student Services for more information.

There are summer employment opportunities with the Ontario Government, please check Ontario.ca/summerstudents for a list of job postings and closing dates.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Three week summer exchange program with the U.S. for highly motivated students from July 15- August 2, 2019. It takes place in Ottawa, New York State and Washington DC. See Student Services for more information.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Grade 11 female students have an opportunity to spend one week visiting public safety organizations to see the exciting career opportunities in the area of public safety. It takes place July 15- 19 in Kingston and students must apply to the Federal Student Work Experience website by March 28, 2019.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Archaeology summer course - August 9 – 25, 2019, Claremont Nature Centre, Pickering, ON, - visit trca.ca/boydfieldschool

Queen's Summer Engineering Academy – for students in grades 9 – 11
- go to engineering.queensu.ca/qsea

