



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

March 2021

Principal's Message

March brings some hope of spring days ahead. This month promises to be a little longer than we are accustomed to but there will be a break in April. The revised school calendar is on the school and board websites.

As Octo Five wraps up, my hope is that students are focused on their studies.

As we begin Lent, Pope Francis reminds us that the Lenten season calls people to open their hearts:

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to 'make his dwelling' among us."

In Lent, we renew our focus on faith, love and hope. May we each try to keep this in our hearts and translate this to our behaviours at school and at home.

Terri Daniel

Principal

This Month

**March 5– Octo 5 Exam day
Half day of classes (am)**

March 8– Octo 6 starts

March 9– Octo 6 Last day for class changes

March 12– Report cards sent home



Counsellor's Corner

Course Selection for 2021-2022

Students received information regarding the course selection process during classroom visits by guidance counsellors. It is critical that all students select their courses by Monday, March 15th. All students must access myBlueprint, which is found on their virtual commons, to select courses. Informational videos are available on the Guidance Page, which is also found on the students' virtual commons, and the course calendar booklet is available in the grades file of the Guidance Page and on HCToday.ca in the Student Services link. Please contact your child's guidance counsellor if you have any questions.

College/University Information

A reminder that university and college applicants should check their university/college account to review their transcript information. Also, students should be aware that they must accept offers of admission in their OUAC or OCAS accounts by the deadline dates indicated by the post-secondary institution. The next transmission of marks to OUAC and OCAS will be on April 22nd.

Eastern Ontario College Panel

Virtual Eastern Region Panel Presentations:

- **Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 6, 2021, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

The colleges participating in this event are:

- Algonquin College (Ottawa, Pembroke and Perth)
- Durham College (Oshawa and Whitby)
- Fleming College (Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton)
- Loyalist College (Belleville, Bancroft and Port Hope)
- St. Lawrence College (Kingston, Brockville and Cornwall)

REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL PRESENTATION HERE:

https://algonquincollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1Og7di13TpuBiy8kLRPJCQ

Participating colleges will share a presentation about college programs, services, the application process, how to pay for college, and program outcomes. The live presentation will be approximately 30 minutes followed by a Q&A.

Counsellor's Corner cont'd

Rotary Youth Program Opportunities

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts around the world. Participants attend RYLA with the local Rotary Club; in this case, it would be the Kingston Frontenac Rotary Club. Youth are selected based on demonstrated leadership potential and a desire to be of service to their local and global communities after RYLA. Participants are required to present to their sponsor club based on their experience. The age range is 15-18 years. Information can be found on [RYLA | District 7040 \(rotary7040.com\)](https://www.rotary7040.com) See Mrs. Cantarutti for more information

Summer Jobs

Each year the Ontario Public Service targets up to 5,000 summer students to work in locations across Ontario in areas such as:

Ontario Parks	- Environment
Science	- Administration
Business and Finance	- Research and Laboratories
Communications	- Customer Service

Earn while you learn! All jobs were posted on February 25. Closing dates will be between March 10 and June 1. Apply early to have a chance to apply to the job types that interest you. You can learn more at: ontario.ca/summerstudents

Ontario Student Voice Awards

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association is happy to release the applications for our annual \$1000 CAD Ontario Student Voice Awards. The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize the exceptional students of Ontario who demonstrate academic excellence and community leadership. The 2021 OSVAs will be awarded to six graduating students who dedicate their time and passion to one of the following:

1. Commitment to Justice
2. Dedication to the Arts
3. Entrepreneurial Initiative
4. Environmental Stewardship
5. Sports Leadership
6. Student Voice

Counsellor's Corner cont'd

The deadline to apply is April 6, 2021. Please note that all applicants require a reference letter to be considered, and applicants for the Dedication to the Arts Award must provide their most meaningful art contribution or product (see the application for submission details). Apply at <https://osta-aeco.org/awards/ontario-student-voice-awards/>

Octomester 6

Octomester 6 begins on Monday, March 8. Students are able to discuss course changes with their guidance counsellor, and the last day to make changes for the octomester is Tuesday, March 9. Students can now check their timetables on **Aspen instead of Maplewood**. **The Aspen link is found on the students' virtual commons.**



Octomester Dates

Octo 5 class: Feb 2-Mar 4, 2021

Octo 5 exam: Mar 5, 2021

Octo 6 class: Mar 8-Apr 8, 2021

Octo 6 exam: Apr 9, 2021

Octo 7 class: Apr 19-May 18, 2021

Octo 7 exam: May 19, 2021

Octo 7 Credit recovery : May 20, 2021

Octo 8 class: May 21 - Jun 22, 2021

Octo 8 exam: Jun 23, 2021

Octo 8 Credit recovery: Jun 24, 2021



Mental Health & Autism Services
for Children & Youth
Services de santé mentale et
d'autisme pour enfants et jeunes



Welcoming all males ages 13-24 to join us for a free conference where a series of powerful speakers and workshops highlight the importance of talking about Men's Mental Health. You will leave our conference empowered with knowledge and coping tools to help you take better control of your mental health and be an ally for others that may be struggling.

The event will be held over Zoom this year due to COVID-19.

THE NEW MENTALITY DISABLE THE LABEL

Date: Friday March 12, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-new-mentality-a-conference-on-mens-mental-health-registration-138836643137>

Location: Via Zoom

Any questions?

Email: Tammy Halladay thalladay@maltbycentre.ca or Jake Sauve jsauve@maltbycentre.ca



PASTORAL NEWS

We have now entered the Season of Lent. Thank you to Fr. Quirk and all those at the schoolboard who graciously organized a virtual Ash Wednesday Mass in which schools were invited to participate. Although different from our usual experience, it was a blessing for the Holy Cross community to witness the celebration of Mass, especially as we commence this important liturgical season.

This year's Lenten campaign picks up where we left off in 2020. We are once again fundraising for Chalice Canada to support the building of a library at Nelson Mandela Secondary School in Morogoro, Tanzania. Classes will be collecting monetary donations until Thursday, March 4th.

It is never too late for us to take on a new practice to enrich our Lenten experience. The Church invites us to grow in three specific areas as we journey towards Easter:

Prayer

Try taking on a new form of prayer. For example, doing an end-of-day reflection as you prepare for bed or reading a chapter from the Bible every day!

Fasting

Giving something up temporarily (even a good thing!) can help us to make room for God in our lives. Often our time and energy become so filled that we are spiritually distracted. Saying "no" to a small thing can help us say "yes" to God.

Almsgiving

During Lent we are also called to care for our neighbour in a new way. Although almsgiving brings to mind charitable donations (such as our Lenten campaign ;), it can also mean doing small acts of service for our friends and family.

This Lent, try picking one new practice in each of these areas!

As we all know, this will be one of the "Lentiest" Lents ever. Although we are already going without in so many ways, we can now direct our current experiences towards the hope of Easter. May this Lenten season allow each of us to deepen our faith and find renewed strength in God.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." James 4:8

With prayers,

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Team Leader

All Are Welcome In This Place

Contact Us

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

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Looking Forward to April

April 2– Good Friday

April 4– Easter Sunday

April 5– Easter Monday

April 12-16 –Spring Break

April 19– Octo 7 starts

The Spirit Shop

The HC Spirit Shop continues to be online only. New items have been added!

HC Spirit Wear can be paid for using the same payment process as for student fees. (schoolcashonline.com). Samples are displayed in the main foyer. Students may not try on samples for sizes. Photo examples are posted on social.

*****Weekly purchased items by Wednesday***

will be given to homeroom teachers to distribute by Friday**

Please note some orders may be delivered later than a week

- Grey HCSS Hoodie \$45
- Grey or Green Crewneck Sweatshirt \$40
- Grey Sweatpants with pockets \$35
- Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve \$15 or 2 for \$28 (green or white)
- HC pom pom toque \$25 **NEW**
- HC pajama pants \$40
- “We the West” Lanyard \$ 3
- Drawstring bag ~~\$48~~ \$15 **ON SALE**

Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt \$20 or 2 for \$35 **NEW**

Unfortunately, the student leadership team cannot guarantee inventory as there are limited quantities and sizing available. In the event we cannot fulfil your order, you will be refunded.

CONNECT WITH US

Instagram: @holycrossstudentcouncil

Twitter: @hcstudco

Email: holycrosscouncil1986@gmail.com



You are invited to a Zoom meeting!

Sign up for an upcoming live “Welcome to Your Uniform” webinar to learn more about how and when you can shop for your uniform. Ask our team any questions you may have!

Pick One (All times in EST)

Mar 4TH, 4PM

Mar 25TH, 4PM

Mar 22ND, 11AM

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All students across the province write this test.

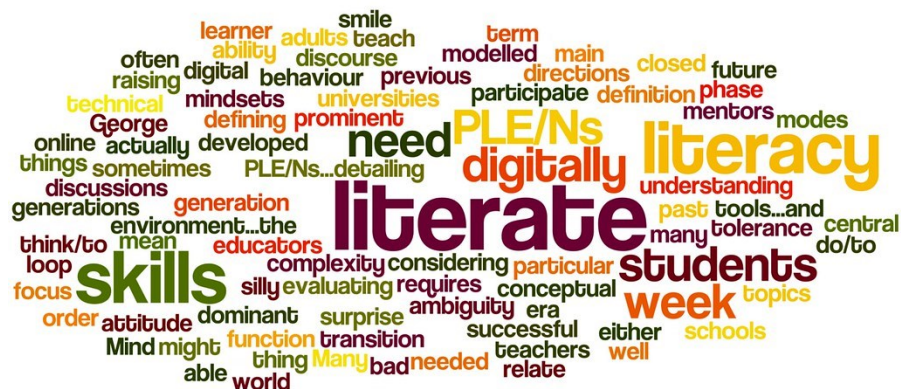
This school year, EQAO will be field testing a new online OSSLT field test. The field test will be available to students participating in **in-person learning and working toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**. This will allow the opportunity for students in Grades 10 and 11, and non-graduating Grade 12 students, to attempt the test and, if successful, have it counted on their transcript.

Because the Ministry of Education has waived the literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the 2020–2021 school year, graduating students do not need to take the OSSLT field test.

During this past Octomester, students have had the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's online practice test. The online practice test comprises two sessions, which include content from previous tests. The practice test is equivalent to the two sessions students will be completing during the live test later this Spring. In addition, the practice test includes an introductory session that allows students to become familiar with the new online platform's tools and functions.

Our school is planning to have students complete the on-line OSSLT Field Test in their assigned classes **during the week of May 3rd - 7th, 2021**. The school Literacy Committee is working diligently to provide support, materials and information to both students and teachers in order to best prepare students for the upcoming assessment. As students are required to be in-class learners at the time the Field Test will be administered at the school, it is important that parents/guardians plan accordingly with their students to ensure they are engaged in in-person learning during Octomester Seven (start date April 19, 2021) if possible. Parents/Guardians of remote learners are welcome to contact Mrs. Anna Coe regarding these requirements.

For more information about the OSSLT and to access the practice test available to students, you are encouraged to visit <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/>. If parents/guardians have specific questions regarding the OSSLT on-line field test to occur the week of May 3rd, please direct your queries to Mrs. Anna Coe





Crusaders Support Special Olympics!

above: Dawn McMillan and her brother, Constable Bryan McMillan joined the HC and RND communities to raise awareness for student opportunities with Special Olympics. As an added bonus, our school communities raised over \$4000 to help Dawn in her polar plunge.

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ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2020-2021 School Year Calendar with Secondary Octomester Dates

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