



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2023

Principal's Message

Excitement is building for **Mamma Mia** – the cast and crew “have a dream / a song to sing.” I am so impressed with the work ethic and the collaboration of the many volunteers who come together to make stage magic happen. I can’t wait for the show. This sold-out musical is going to be fantastic.

Our fall sports season wrapped up, with many success stories, as indicated in the November newsletter. Within November, our teams earned a berth to the city finals in five different categories. A big congratulation to student athletes and coaches for KASSAA silver medals in: Jr. Girls’ Basketball, Sr. Girls’ Basketball, Jr. Boys’ Volleyball, Sr. Boys’ Volleyball, and Jr. Boys’ Football. What a tremendous fall season overall. The winter season is now underway.

We are into our final two months of the first semester. Use this time, and the feedback provided on midterm report cards, to do the very best work that you can in your classes. The Academic Awards Assembly is a yearly event, but it is the culmination of the daily work and care put into coursework. It was a great morning celebrating academic successes.

As December begins, we enter the Season of Advent, the season of lights. May we all be light for one another. Student Council have organized so many great events for our community this year and will lead a Spirit Week to close off 2023 at Holy Cross. It’s really important for each of us to take care of ourselves and one another. Let the light of God’s love shine on and through us.

Terri Daniel

This Month

- Dec 4-5 –Day of the Arts**
- Dec 4– Advent Collection begins**
- Dec 6 –9 Mamma Mia**
- Dec 12-13-Improv Tryouts**
- Dec 13-14– Dance Team Tryouts**
- Dec 14– Advent Mass**
- Dec 14-Kathatine Splinter Memorial Concert**
- Dec 15– Advent Collection Ends**
- Dec 15– Jingle Bell Walk**
- Dec 15– Deadline 2nd semester Timetable changes**
- Dec 18-22-Spirit Week**
- Dec 20– Coffee House**
- Dec 22– last day of classes for 2023**

- January 8—First day of class for 2024**



Contact Us

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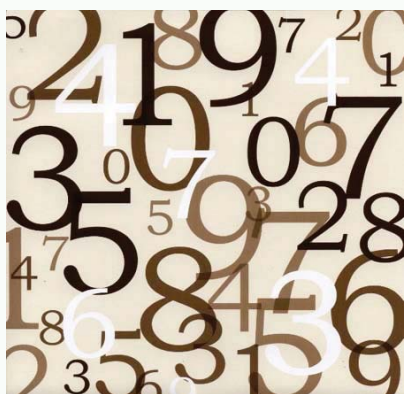
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Coming up in January

January 1– Happy New Year

**January 8—First day of class for
2024**

**January 15– Application deadline
OUAC**

January 17-18– Gr 9 Math EQAO

January 25-30 Exams

**January 31– Exam Inclement
Weather day**

Grade 9 students currently enrolled in MTH1W will be writing the EQAO Math Assessment during their classes on January 17 and 18th.

After School Numeracy – Mondays 3-4 in room 108 with Ms. Raposo



PASTORAL NEWS

November has been a busy month at Holy Cross, with many blessings accompanying our activities here at the school. On November 9th, we gathered in the gym for our Service of Remembrance. A big thank you to all volunteers and participants who made the service possible. On November 22nd, two grade 10 classes visited St. Mary's Cathedral and were treated to a tour by the rector, Fr. Shawn Hughes. The following week, students from the grade 11 World Religion class visited various places of worship throughout the city, including the Islamic Centre of Kingston, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and Beth Israel Synagogue.

With the start of December, our preparations for Advent are underway! The first Sunday of Advent falls on December 3rd and brings our attention to the theme of Hope. This focus leads us to anticipate not only the birth of Christ, but also to celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year. At Holy Cross, we will be marking the beginning of each week in Advent by lighting the candles of our Advent Wreath with an accompanying liturgy of the word. We will have our school Advent Mass on Thursday, December 14th. We look forward to Fr. Michel Quenneville presiding for our community for the first time! Also of note is that this year's Advent fundraiser will be in support of Catholic Missions in Canada, an organization which supports remote communities across the country.

Advent offers us the wonderful opportunity to begin fresh practices to renew our relationship with God. Amid the busyness of the season, may we find time to listen to the gentle whispers of God around us and create room for the coming of Jesus into our lives. We pray that the good news of God among us would bring peace and hope to those who struggle during this season.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

With warm wishes,

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

Holy Cross Students Visit St Mary's Cathedral



Counsellor's Corner

College/University Applications

The deadline for applications to OUAC (Ontario Universities) is January 15th, and to OCAS (Ontario Colleges) is February 1st, however, the Holy Cross recommended date is December 15th. Students require the OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on their report card. Semester 1 midterm marks have been sent to OUAC and OCAS and student should verify their academic information in their OUAC and OCAS accounts. Students should also check to make sure their timetables include all necessary courses for post-secondary admission.

Timetable Changes for Semester 2

Students intending to make changes in their Semester Two timetable are asked to do so by Friday, December 15th. Students can still make changes to their timetables in January, but course options are limited, therefore it is best to request changes to your timetable sooner rather than later. Students should see their guidance counsellor if they wish to discuss their timetable.



Grade 9 Honour Roll recipients 2022-2023

Naomi Agapas, Juha Ahn, Chayse Almeida, Sofia Andre, Hayrunnisa Apaydin, John Asis, Ava Baldwin, Vania Baldwin-Salazar, Emy Basich, Addy Best-Taylor, Tamanna Binil Krishna, Grace Blunt, Anna Boffa, Andersen Boles, Grace Borges, Jameson Brace, Emma Bragdon, Claire Breault, Artur Brietzke Durand, Autumn Brioux, Josette Brown, Ella Burns, Giselle Cameron, Grace Campbell, Amelia Carreiro, Ava Cheung, Emily Collins, Tristan Conboy, Benjamin Contois, Olive Cooney, Drew Crampton, Mae Dagnone, Naomi DeJonge, Gandharv Devgan, Benjamin Dewal, Liam Dickison, Avery DiMarco, Ruby DiRinaldo, Natalie Forbes, Parker Forrest, Gabrielle Fullard, Asher Gallant, Adam Garrah, Jack Gibson, Mac Gibson, Humbulani Gutierrez-Munyembane, Brock Hamilton, Constance Hamilton, Erin Hamilton, Sam Hamilton, Brynn Hancock, Leo Hanlon, Kieran Hannah, Braeden Hayes, Nathaniel Hedberg, Ryder Hodgson, Tri Holmes, Jonah Hunter, Rachel Hunter, Cameron Januszkiewicz, Nataleigh Jocko, Jasmine Joyce, Madelyn Kasaboski, Estella Kennedy, Julia Kennedy, Addison Kornder, Chester Lam, Spencer Larsen, Jee Larson, Enzo Layumas, Ben Lloyd, Simon Lucas, Evan Lyons, Jack Macdonald, Avery Maize, Emma Marz, Sinead Marz, Wyatt Masters, Allen Mathew, Dhanha Mathew, Calen McArthur, Keith McCarthy, Seamus McCarthy, Fiona McCully, Abigail McDonald, Quinn McFarlane, Sadie McShane, Jacob Medeiros, Samuel Miller, Olivia Moniz, Emerson Moore, Matteo Mucciaccito, Madeleine Muir, Ryleigh Murphy, Michael Murray, Dena Nikitopoulos, Siobhan O'Neill, Melisa Onyango, Chii Osawa, Kyra Papanicolaou-Withers, Gabriel Pasveer, Liz Payne, Talia Paz-Provizor, Wesley Pearce, Maeve Phillips, Finley Plata, Aniela Posadowski, Layne Raycroft, Briana Rebelo, Linnea Riley, Holly-Jean Roberts, Devin Robinson, Christian Rodriguez-Burns, Quinn Saganowich, Salome Salazar Orrego, Paylin Sarris, Kaiden Sauve, Maveric Scott, Sage Sears, Kamden Shavluk, Émilie Sheney, Brooklyn Shoniker, Victoria Sitarski, Hannah Smith, Paige Smith, Carmen Stacey, Dani Stokes-Noonan, Matteo Stubbert, Charlotte Sutton, Evie Sutton, Emma Tadeu, Emma Taggart, Sam Tan, Madeline Terhaar, Kaitlyn Tofts, Ben Touw, Ava Twigg, Henry VanDyke, Amelie Venter, Avery Vivian, Claire Walker, Ellie Walls, Bryn Walsh, Leena Wang, Sofia White, Sophia Williams, Lana Wilson, Lucas Wilson, Charles Wisco, Evan Witjes, Ethan Wowk, Joshua Zweerink

Highest overall average for grade 9 was awarded to Jee Larson.

Grade 10 Honour Roll recipients 2022-2023

Kiarah Alguire, Maddie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, Emily Bakker, David Beckenhauer, Gabrielle Brown, Olivia Brown, Talyn Brown, Mya Cabral, Cheyenne Chase, Gracie Coffin, Addison Cuthbert, Jay Dalglish, Bianca De Frias, Carson Deszpoth, Ella Douglas, Aidan Dyck, Mara Edwards, Victoria Elkington, Olivia Faria, Emma Feeney, Mikayla Finn-LeBlancq, Matteo Finos, Paige Forestell, James Fraser, Luke Gagnon, Micah Garvin, Jack Gibson, Kaidra Giroux, Noah Grasley, Arianna Hart, Abby Hawes, Abby Hayes, Madden Hewitt, Ava Heyes, Lauren Hoogenraad, Liam Hookey, James Howlett, Ryan Howlett, Olivia Hunt, Ella Ianni, Justin Ibeakanma, Sarah Irwin, Caleb Jeffs, Sohith Jithesh, Dominick Johnston, Austin Jordan, Ethan Kearns, Simon Kingsbury, Amelia Kurzawa, Micael Laranjeira, Teana Laurito, Ella LeBlanc, Jordan Little, Ava Lodge, Brianna MacKinnon, Cole MacLean, Jude Martin, Raquel Matos, Kailee Matthey, Henry May, Zachary McArthur-Moffatt, Nathan McCreary, Cash McDonell, Makayla McEvoy, Sarah McLaren, Samuel Medeiros, Natasha Melo, Richard Minutillo, Sofia Moreno Garcia, Stephen Murphy, Sarah O'Gorman, Vinny O'Neil, Avery Pacheco, Jayden Pacheco, Aaron Pananchickal, Jace Perry, Molly Proulx, Brett Pruefer, Ariana Ramos, Jillian Rand, Teresa Redondo Portales, Ellie-Anne Rexe, Zachary Reynolds, Peter Rigos, Curtis Rizzo, Olivia Roy, Adam Sagriff, Manuel Sanchez de la Fuente Gomez, Elizabeth Scriver, Marianne Scully, Thomas Slack, Carter Sly, Jacob Soudant, Coulson South, Ford St. Onge, Chris Stacey, Vincent Stewart, Petronella Summers, Caterina Toffolon, Dylan Trickey, Levi Ungi, Ava Valente, Jaden Van, Emily VanDyke, Austin Visneskie, Anna Walker, Gavin Wallace, Owen Wallace, Jordan Way, Ava Webster, Emily Witjes, Ashley Woodcock, Anna-Claire Young, Rodrigo Zepeda Mandri

Highest overall average for grade 10 was awarded to Chris Stacey

Grade 11 Honour Roll recipients 2022-2023

Mateo Algieri, Ethan Almeida, Mackenzie Anderson, Kim Adzrainna Arceo, Peyton Armstrong, Blake Baldwin, Nicole Baldwin-Salazar, Samantha Beasant, Abbey Besselink, Noah Borges, Ava Burns, Graeme Campbell, Charlotte Cantarutti, Andrew Cheung, Noah Chin, Natalie Claro, Andrew Colling, Elizabeth Connors, Claire Cooper, Mia Craig, Emma Cross, Cole Cummings, Isabel Da Silva, Ethan Dart, Renee Daugherty,

Tatem Dawson, Lucinda de Boer, Samara DeJonge, Julien DeMatos, Leila DeMelo, Zachary Dillon, Cameron Dixon, Emily Dixon, Emma Dixon, Natasha Do Canto, Megan Driver, Avery D'Souza, Spence Ferguson, Janne Fredrich, Grace Gignac, Alex Goddard, Keira Grassie, Adyan Haque, Chloe Healey-Jeffery, Ben Hedberg, Nathan Hibbert, Kathilen Hoang, Caspian Hubbard, Natalie Huizenga, Madison Jarbeau, Hannah Jeffs, Roxanne Jolicoeur, Zoe Kanellos, EJ Kelvin, Mairi Kennedy, Caleb Kern, Gabrielos Kho, Noah Kingsbury, Kaylie Lauay, Sophia Laurendeau, Eleanor Legge, Edithe Leishman, Tomas Levett, Martina Lopez Lamata, Ben Lyons, Declan Mackey, Sophie Manor, Isla Marcella, Jesse Marques, Gates McAllister, Fionn McCarthy, Matthew McKee, Katie McKeown, Laura McKeown, Kate McKinley, Olivia McLellan, Kim Mendiola, Masi Moniz, Vasco Moniz, Maggie Munt, Myah Natalizio, Jack Nichol, Bonnie O'Brien, Anthony Oh, Mackenzie Ouellette, Will Parisotto, Bryson Penney, Shea Pereira, Bérénice Perrin, Christiano Pinho, Elliette Plata, Bryce Pond, Madison Pople, Mitchell Pople, Rowan Primeau, Will Pringle, Camilla Purdy, Tyson Purvis, Emma Reed, Emma Richardson, Ava Rochefort, Lincoln Salmon, Spencer Salmon, Bevan Sanoj, Parker Sarris, Bryce Sauve, Aliya Schouten, Noah Silva, Derek Smith, Allen Smith-Orr, Lena Staszak, Annika Swackhammer, Milo Talledo, Allie Thurlby, Aiden Tisdale, Logan Turner, Hailey Tyler, Ally Van Buren, Marina Vasey-Howes, Quinn Venditti, Danica Visneskie, Emmalea Walker, Zach Waller, Sydney Walsh, Katie Ward, Ava White, Charlotte White, Jessica White, Peyton Wilson, Andrew Wisco, Annie Yang, Krizelle Zablan, Brooklynn Zewuster, Cailyn Zuuring

Highest overall average for grade 11 was awarded to Samara DeJonge



HC ARTS

Mamma Mia!

Here we go again!

The Holy Cross Arts Department proudly presents the hit Broadway musical, *Mamma Mia!* December 6-9th. Tickets completely sold out in 36 hours! Those lucky enough to get a ticket will be treated to an incredible production! The cast of 45 students, as well as the members of our pit band, lighting crew, art construction classes, make-up and costume teams have been working hard since September creating this incredible piece of musical theatre!



KATHARINE SPENNER MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Finally, after three years, the Holy Cross music program is able to showcase their incredibly talented and hard-working musicians and vocalists once again! On Thursday, December 14th at 7PM in our cafetorium, over 70 instrumental music students will perform a variety of course repertoire as well as seasonal favourites. The vocal music class will also perform some familiar pieces! A \$5 donation (or more if you are so inclined!) will be accepted at the door.



COFFEE HOUSE

Christmas Coffee house takes place in our cafetorium **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th @7PM**. There will be \$5 admission at the door. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

CHOIR

Choir practices will be the week of December 11th for the next school Mass. Listen to the announcements or check the drama board for details.

IMPROV TEAM

Improv Team tryouts will be **Monday, December 12th & Tuesday December 13th from 2:45-3:45** in the drama room. You must attend BOTH dates to be considered for the Team. Please check the drama board for details.

DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS!

Interested in being part of the HC Dance Team?

Hip-Hop auditions: **Tuesday, December 13th 2:45-4PM**

Contemporary auditions: **Wednesday, December 14th 2:45-4PM**



Dance Team



Tryouts



December 12-13
cafetorium @ 2:45-4:30

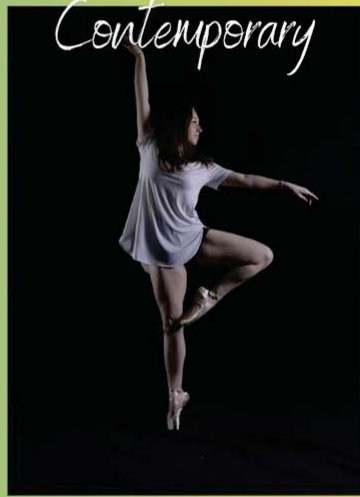
Music Theatre



Hip Hop



Contemporary



Contact Ms. Perugino in room 246 for more information

Mandatory Meeting Thursday

Dec 7 @lunch in the Dance

Studio

