

Orientation Information Letter

Grade Nine Students and Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of Holy Cross, Student Council would like to extend a warm welcome to all grade nines this year. We are excited for a very successful and enjoyable 2018-2019 school year.

This **Friday, September 14th 2018**, the grade nine students will participate in Grade nine orientation. Orientation is an activity based afternoon for grade nines where Senior students welcome the grade nine class to the Holy Cross community. It is a fun and interactive way for the grade nine students to meet new people and become more comfortable in their new school environment. Starting immediately after lunch, students will be separated into groups and **escorted to the field by group leaders and their third period Teacher**. Periods three and four will be spent on the Holy Cross field. Students will be participating in a series of student-organized events promoting school spirit and community.

Grade nines are encouraged to wear **old** clothing and shoes that are comfortable to move in and could be potentially discarded following the day's activities (**they will get dirty**). It is not in the best interest of any individual to wear clothes that they enjoy wearing.

Ideal apparel for orientation includes:

- Shorts, t-shirts (many students wear the Holy Cross provided T-shirt), leggings etc.
- Apparel should be school appropriate.

Please note:

- Spaghetti straps, short-shorts, cut-offs or other revealing clothing is not appropriate according to the Holy Cross dress code.
- Students are encouraged to bring a towel and **must wear their uniform** for the first half of the school day.

The goal for grade nine orientation is to introduce new students to the spirit community of Holy Cross and allow for interaction between peers. **Rest assured the greatest interest for this event is the well-being of each grade nine student.** The respect of each individual will be maintained throughout the entirety of the event. To prevent any issues involving allergies, no food products will be used during grade nine orientation.

Students should pack a regular lunch and snacks as they would on any other school day. At the end of the day, Student Council will have a BBQ where hotdogs will be provided at no cost. Student Council is pumped for Grade Nine Orientation and hopes the grade nines are as well!

See you all on Friday 😊