



Principal's Message

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Semester two is well underway at Holy Cross and March break notwithstanding, we have a busy month ahead of us! We will celebrate our Ash Wednesday Mass on March 1st as a community. In the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter, we enter into a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This year, our Share Lent campaign will be raising funds for four very deserving charitable foundations (K2K Jamaica Mission, World Vision, Development and Peace and St. Vincent de Paul).

Early Diagnostic reports will be coming home in the third week of March and will provide a glimpse into your son/daughters progress in semester two. Parent-teacher interviews take place at the school on March 29th 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 booking parent-teacher interviews will be forthcoming. Watch the website for details.

On March 30th, students in grade 10-12 that have to complete their literacy requirement will write the OSSLT (paper version only) at the school. Information for eligible writers has been sent home and updates will be communicated as we get closer to the date. Check the Holy Cross website for current information. On that day, Grade 9 students will participate in a retreat for the morning, thanks to Mr. Forster and our grade 12 student leadership teams for their assistance in running that event. Grade 9s and 10s will have regularly scheduled classes in the afternoon. Grades 11 and 12 students will be working independently on coursework/unit tasks on March 30th. Good luck to all writers of the OSSLT on the 30th!

I would like to thank our school council for their work in bringing Matt Bellace, PhD to the school for a series of excellent presentations at Holy Cross in February. Matt spoke during the day to our entire school community and then to a full house of students from our

This Month

- Mar 1—Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mar 1– Apr 13 –Share Lent
- Mar 2—Course Selection Workshop
- Mar 3—ALCDSB Professional Activity Day #5
- Mar 8—Coffee House 7:00 Cafeteria
- Mar 9—Grade Level Reconciliation
- Mar 10– 2017-18 Course Selection Due
- Mar 13-17—March Break
- Mar 22– Early Diagnostic Reports
- Mar 24– IEPs mailed home
- Mar 24—Holy Cross Earth Hour
- Mar 29—Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 30—EQAO Grade 10 Literacy
- Mar 31-Non-Uniform Day

partner elementary schools. He returned at night to speak to a group of over 100 parents and community members. In each presentation, Matt's message was delivered with a mixture of humour and sobering facts to drive home the importance of 'finding your natural high.'

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

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW..... some of your favourite celebrities speak French including Jodie Foster, Bradley Cooper, Sidney Crosby, Angelina Jolie, Emma Watson and Nina Dobrev?

DECA Business Team

Provincial Championships in

Toronto

The DECA Business Team travelled to Toronto on Feb 9-11 to compete in the Provincial Championships and won the Team Growth Award and also garnered 2 Medals in Finance. Well done!



Athletics Update

The Holy Cross swim team, led by coach Mrs. Johnson, is heading to OFSAA.



"Best of luck to Lucas Rollins, Katrina Hartmann, Maddy Bertoia, and Jakob Tulk who will all be competing in OFSAA Swimming !

HOLY CROSS WRESTLING TEAM

12 wrestlers head to OFSAA on March 1st after their first place finish at EOSSAA!



SR BOYS BASKETBALL

The team heads to North Bay for OFSAA

GIRL'S HOCKEY

Are on their way to

KAASSA final

March 1st



Counsellor's Corner

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2017 - 2018

The course selection process for next year began on Wednesday, February 22. It is critical that all students select their courses by **Friday, March 10th**. 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 will attend a workshop during Period 3. All students will access myBlueprint in order to select courses. A verification sheet listing choices will be issued in April.

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 counsellor 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.

SCHOLARSHIP'S

- **Verna Vowles Art Bursary** – Students entering a full time post-secondary program in Visual Art or Design in the fall of 2017 are eligible to apply. Applications are due by May 1, 2017. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for information.
- **Frontenac Federation of Agriculture** – Students entering a post-secondary institution in the fall studying in the fields related to agriculture, food, nutrition, culinary arts or veterinary studies. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for information.
- **TransCanada Trades Scholarship** – Up to 150 awards worth \$1000 each offered to students pursuing a career in trades relevant to the energy industry.
- **TransCanada Indigenous Legacy Scholarship** – Up to 50 awards worth \$5000 each offered to First Nations, Métis, Inuit or Native American students pursuing any post-secondary education.
- **TransCanada Community Leaders Scholarship** – Up to 100 Awards worth \$1000 each offered to students pursuing any post-secondary education who demonstrate a strong commitment to their communities through volunteer work, community participation, leadership or other activities.

To learn more about TransCanada Scholarships visit www.tcscholarships.com

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The [Summer Employment Opportunities \(SEO\)](#) program provides up to 5,000 students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through supervised summer employment in the Ontario Public Service. These positions enable students across the province to gain valuable work experience and develop skills which are transferable to the labour market. Positions for summer 2017 will be posted on **January 3, 2017** with six different closing dates between January 17 and March 28.

Visit our website at ontario.ca/SummerStudents

Students are reminded to check the bulletin board for volunteer and job opportunities.

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES RECRUITING CENTRE

A representative from the Canadian Armed Forces will be available at lunch in the foyer on Monday, March 20th, 2017 to explain employment opportunities available to students 16 years and older in the three reserve units – HMCS Catarauqui, 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment and Princess of Wales Own Regiment. For more information contact Monica Perry 613-541-5010 extension 6127.

Practice provisions for OSSLT.



Writers can access practice questions through the Virtual Commons. On the student homepage, select 'courses' and drop down to 'non-semester' then select 'OSSLT refresher'. Students can also sign up with Ms. Greenwood-DaSilva for after school literacy practice. Space is limited. A synervice was sent home on Friday Feb 24th. Accommodation letters will be sent home before March break.

Looking Forward to April

Apr 1-13 Share Lent continues
Apr 6— Inside Ride Fundraiser
Apr 7-8—THINKfast
Apr 10— Semester 2 Testing Begins
Apr 12—Cabaret (Cafetorium) 7:00
Apr 13— Way of the Cross Grade
Level Liturgies
Apr 14— Good Friday
Apr 17— Easter Monday
Apr 25— Mid— Term Reports home
Apr 26-30 Boston Band Trip

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca
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Italy Switzerland Trip 2018

Registrations for next year's March Break trip to Italy and Switzerland continue. There is a discount of \$150 offered by our tour company Explorica for students who register before the end of March. Twenty spots are still available for the trip. Students can acquire the required permission papers from Mr. Coleman in room 203. Parents can also visit an information booth set up during the upcoming parent teacher night on March 29 to get trip information and speak with students going on the trip.

The Holy Cross Improv Team will be competing in the Kingston Improv Games this month.

This dramatic group of eight will face area school teams to win a spot at the Canadian Improv Games in Ottawa.

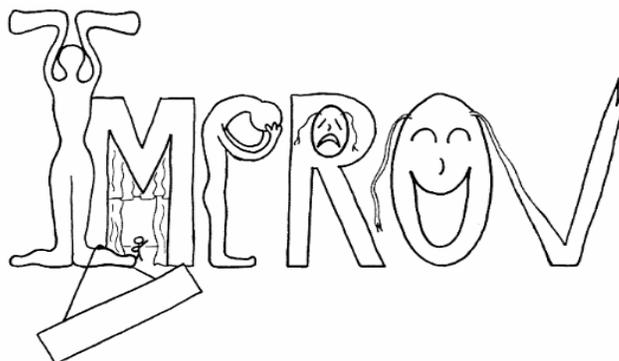
The regional tournament runs from Wednesday, March 29 to Friday March 31. The finals will take place Saturday, April 1.

Come out to the Domino Theatre to support our team. The night begins at 7:00



Waterloo Chemistry Contest

All Grade 11 and 12
Chemistry students
are invited to compete
in the Waterloo Chem-
istry Contest held here
at Holy Cross on
Thursday May 11
2017 (Grade 12)
or Thursday May 18





PASTORAL NEWS



Over 30 Grade 12 Students took part in this year's Grad Retreat at Rideau Acres on Friday, Feb. 17. During the day students shared their concerns about graduation and how they would be able to live their faith after high school. They also took part in some fun ice-breakers and enjoyed an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch served up by the Rideau Acres Staff. Congratulations to all those who took part in the Grad Retreat. And blessings on all our graduating students.

Six members of CICS and Student Council took part in the D & P Share Lent Retreat on Feb. 22 at St. Paul the Apostle Retreat. During the day, our students joined with Social Action Club leaders from high schools across the ALCDSB to learn about the theme and activities that D & P has prepared for Share Lent and Thinkfast this year. We learned much about "Women At the Heart of Change" which is this year's theme. We also heard about the dire situation in South Sudan where millions of people are at risk of starvation. All of us who attended are looking forward to putting what we learned at this day to work during Lent



Over 350 students enjoyed a great pancake breakfast on Feb. 28 and contributed over \$600.00 to this year's Share Lent Collection. Thanks to the hard work of Carole, Phyllis and Kelly, our wonderful Cafeteria Staff, we had just enough pancakes to serve the many students and staff who came this year.