



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

January 2018

Principal's Message

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On behalf of the entire staff at Holy Cross CSS, I wish you and your family a very happy new year. As we return to school in the month of January, we turn our focus to the completion of culminating tasks and final exams for semester 1. Examinations begin on Thursday January, 25th and the complete examination schedule is posted on our website, www.hctoday.ca. Please be familiar with the contingency planning during exams in the case of inclement weather, you will find this information included on the examination schedule. Please know that we are committed to supporting the academic success of all students and we encourage all families to plan ahead for the completion of credits. While we will always work with families to find solutions to issues that might arise, the Education Act does not make allowances for absence from school for vacations. Consequently, the published examination schedule cannot be adjusted to meet individual needs of this type. Thank you for your understanding. Our grade nine students enrolled in academic and applied mathematics courses in semester 1, will be writing the EQAO assessment for mathematics on January 18th and 19th. Good luck to all writers, we know that you have been well prepared!

In addition to academic pursuits, our winter athletic teams will return to competition in the window leading up to the examination break. Of note, will be the annual Memorial basketball games versus Regiopolis-Notre Dame. The Memorial was established in 1989 by Paul Halligan, and has been held each year to raise funds and awareness in support of cancer research. We're expecting a big crowd of Holy Cross supporters to make their way down to Cowdy St. to cheer on our teams and to raise money for a very important cause.

God Bless,

Michael Faught

This Month

January 8 - First day of classes
January 17– OUAC Applications due
January 17—Grade 11 Vocal Concert
7-9pm cafeteria
January 18 - 19—EQAO Math Assessment
January 18 - Vocal Concert snow date
January 25-31– Semester 1 Exams





PASTORAL NEWS

December was certainly a busy month here at **Holy Cross**. Each Monday morning during December students and staff gathered in the Main Lobby of the school to offer prayers and to light candles on our **Advent Wreath**. We celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **December 7 & 14**. Our CICS Social Action Club provided leaders for the Nativity Pageant at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dec. 8 and visited the Rosewood Retirement Home after school on Dec. 5. And we gathered for our **Advent School Mass** on **Thursday, December 21**. A big thank you from CICS to everyone who donated to our **Advent Collection** this year in support of local families in need, children on the Pediatric Floor at KGH, and for people in need at our Mission Projects in Kingston, Jamaica. Our total as of December 22 was \$3815.00. Special thanks to Ms. Heather Johnson and Ms. Rose whose classes raised the most money at the Junior Level; and to Ms. Melo Jordan, whose class raised the most at the Senior Level. They and their students have received a KGH Teddy Bear and will also enjoy a tasty breakfast from CICS & the Wellness Team early in the New Year. Honourable mention to Mrs. Waters, Mme. Check and Ms. Bernabei, each of whose junior classes collected over \$100.00. They also have received a Teddy Bear from KGH. And a BIG thank you to Mr. Dzierniejko and the Boys Basketball teams and to Ms. Vella Bowry & the International Students Club for their Food Fair. Each of their events raised over \$1000.00 for our Advent Collection. As we begin this New Year, and as we return to our work and studies after the Christmas break, I would like to extend to each member of our **Holy Cross** community, prayers for a blessed and Happy New Year.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader



Photo Courtesy of Kalysta Gates

Looking Forward to February

Feb 1 – OCAS Applications Due
Feb 2 - P D Day
Feb 8 - HC Speaker Series
 Dr. Susan Buchanan
Feb 9 - 12 World Cheerleading Comp
 Orlando, Fla.
Feb 9 - Final Sem 1 Report Cards home
Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday
Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Mass
Feb 15 - Course Selection assemblies
Feb 16-23 - Jamaica Mission Trip
Feb 19 - Family Day
Feb 21-Mar 2 Course Selection
 Workshops

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca
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The After School Numeracy Program for grade 9 students runs on Mondays after school from 2:30 to 4:00 in Room 111.



Why learn French?

"French is important because it is just another language like English except it has a different culture. It shows that we as people are different and the same."

-Michael, ALCDSB Grade 8 Student



Counsellor's Corner

University/College Applications

Applicants should notice that the application centre deadlines (for equal consideration for admission to programs) are approaching. University applications are due to the centre by **Wednesday, January 17th** and college applications by **Thursday, February 1st**. Students are asked to ensure that all data on the application is accurate (including address and transcript information). Please contact Student Services with any concerns.

Semester 2 Timetables

Students are able to access their timetable on the Student Maplewood Access on the Holy Cross website [hctoday](#). The link is under the "Student Services" section of the Home Page. Students should also verify demographic information here and notify Student Services of any changes. If you have misplaced your username and password, contact Student Services. A new timetable with teacher names and room numbers will be issued in Period 1 class on the **turnaround day, Monday, February 5th, 2018**.

Course Selection 2018- 2019

The course selection process for next school year will be outlined in workshops being conducted in mid February. More details to follow.

Queen's University Enrichment Programs

Enrichment Mini Course (EMC) Grades 9 – 12: May 7-11, 2018

Summer Enrichment Grades 8 – 12: August 12 – 17, 2018

Leadership Training

Registration is currently open at esu.queensu.ca/ 613-533-3181, Tuition is \$495

For more information please see your Guidance Counselor.



ARTS Update

We have had a very busy and successful December! On December 14th, our instrumental and vocal music students showcased their talents to a packed house at the **Katharine Memorial Christmas Music Concert** held in the HC gym. Congratulations to our performers on an incredible evening of music and song! Our **Improv Team** is busy getting ready for their competition in a couple of months. And on December 20th, Mr. Stabile's guitar class hosted our cozy **Christmas Coffee house** to an enthusiastic audience.

This month, our **grade 11 vocal music students** will be presenting their culminating concert on **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018** in the cafetorium. This class of 26 vocalists will showcase their repertoire accompanied by a 4-piece live band. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Thank you as always for supporting the Arts at HC!