



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

April 2019

Principal's Message

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Last week, I was honoured to speak about two Holy Cross students at the annual ALCDSB Beacons of Hope Award breakfast in Kingston. Grade 11 students Chloe Clifford and Ashley Mignault were recognized as this year's Beacons of Hope for their many contributions to the Holy Cross community. We at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School are very proud of them. Congratulations girls!

In March, all students planning to return to Holy Cross in 2019/20 were involved in

course selection workshops delivered by our student services department. By now, all students should have entered course selections for the 2019/20 school year based on interest, ability and, most importantly, post-secondary destination or pathway. If your son or daughter has not made course selections for next year, they run the risk of not getting into the classes that they require or desire. Please ensure that course selections have been made!

On Wednesday March 27th, about 300 Holy Cross students completed the Ontario secondary school literacy test (OSSLT), the province-wide literacy evaluation that is also a graduation requirement. I would like to extend thanks to all grade 10 classroom teachers, to our Literacy Committee and especially to Mr. Dan Roberts, Mrs. Anne Poels and Mr. Paul Melim who ensured that all of our writers were prepared and that everything went smoothly on the 27th. For this year's writers, individual student reports of the OSSLT results will be available by the end of June.

Next Wednesday, we are pleased to present (in collaboration with our partner elementary schools), a parent engagement evening with Dr. Alex Russell, a Toronto-based clinical

This Month

- Apr 3– Speaker Series Dr Alex Russell**
- Apr 5– PD Day**
- Apr 9 - Compass Survey**
- Apr 10– Catholic School Council**
- Apr 12– 13 Think Fast**
- Apr 16– Cabaret**
- Apr 19– Good Friday**
- Apr 21– Easter Sunday**
- Apr 22– Easter Monday**
- Apr 24– 28– World Strides Music Fest**
- Apr 26– Report Cards home**

Psychologist who will be speaking about raising resilient children. It promises to be an informative and thought-provoking event, and I hope to see you all at it!

Next week, we are pleased to welcome ALCDsBs new Director of Education, Mr. David DeSantis, to Holy Cross for his first official visit. I am excited to show Mr. DeSantis around the school, introduce him to our stellar staff and students and to share with him the many great things going on at Holy Cross. Welcome David!

I also want to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter. Easter gives hope for tomorrow, as after the winter comes Spring. May the risen Christ bring happiness to you and your family all year round.

Michael Fought

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Mid Semester Report Cards

On **Friday, April 26th** mid semester report cards will be issued to all students in Period 1. Students will be directed to take the report cards home that day. No formal interviews are scheduled at this time. Parents with concerns are asked to contact **Student Services**.

Course Selection Verification Forms

Although it may seem early, the planning for the 2019-20 school year is well underway at Holy Cross. Students received Course Selection Verification sheets on Monday, April 1st, which indicates the courses that students have selected for next year. Our students are asked to select their courses in consultation with their teachers and parents. In addition, students are asked to bring the course verification sheet home and to return signed verification forms by **Monday, April 8th, 2019**. Alternatively, students and parents may view the courses selected for next year by visiting the Maplewood Access button on our website, clicking on Timetable and then selecting Choices. The courses selected for next year will be indicated. Students who plan to return to Holy Cross for next year should ensure that they have completed the course selection process including verifying their courses. Students who do not plan on returning to Holy Cross should inform Student Services.

First Year 40

Grade 9 students who complete their 40 hours of community service graduation requirement by Friday, May 31st, 2019, will be invited to a recognition ceremony on Friday, June 7th. All students must complete 40 hours of community service before the end of grade 12 in order to be eligible to graduate. Grade 9 students who have completed the hours before the end of their 1st year of high school will be recognized at an assembly on Friday, June 7th. Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours and submit the volunteer form to Student Services.

University and College Acceptances

Final first semester marks have been forwarded to both OUAC and OCAS.

Please be aware of the fact that universities vary widely in when they send their offers of admission. Some students may have already had an early acceptance, but this is not the norm. Mid-term marks will be forwarded to OUAC/OCAS by April 25th. Universities will then continue to send offers of admission. Please reassure your son/daughter that they should not be alarmed if they do not hear at the same time as their friends. Students should expect a response from Universities by **May 29th** (latest). **June 3rd** is the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission. Grade 12 students enrolled in e-learning or night school courses must have a midterm

mark submitted to Student Services by **April 18th** and a final mark by **June 21st**.

College applicants must confirm their acceptance of a college offer by **May 1st**.

Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council are sponsoring a student who resides in the L & A region to attend Ontario Nature's Youth Summit in Orillia – September 20 -23, 2019 see Mrs. Cantarutti if interested.

Volunteer Opportunity

Science Rendez-vous Kingston is looking for volunteers on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Students are needed to help set-up direct visitors, distribute materials. Lunch will be provided. See Mrs. Cantarutti if interested.

Scholarships

Sean Jackson Scholarship for high school graduates who demonstrate academic excellence and use energy, creativity and entrepreneurship to solve a vital problem in their community see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

Frontenac Federation of Agriculture is sponsoring a bursary to a graduate pursuing post-secondary education in the agri-food industry. See Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

St. Lawrence College Connections

Some grade 10/11 students have the opportunity to attend a one-day enrichment program at St. Lawrence College on **May 2nd**. This program provides students the opportunity to experience one of the following career pathways: Justice Studies, Community Services, Health Sciences, Applied Science and Computing, and Skilled Trades and Tourism. Contact Student Services for a registration form. Application deadline is April 10th. Students must see their counsellor to sign up and receive a permission form.

MCCARTHY UNIFORMS AND Holy Cross C.S.S.

WILL BE HOSTING EXTENDED SPRING UNIFORM SHOPPING HOURS

ON

Tuesday, April 9th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm

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Tuesday, April 16th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Crested Golf Shirt....\$31.49 (+Taxes)

Walking Shorts.....\$32.99 (+Taxes)

*Regular shop hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm. To contact In-School Shop call 613-634-1700.

*Cash, Debit, Master Card and Visa are accepted. No Cheques.

*Purchasing a Uniform can be done In-person, On-line at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca or by calling the Call Centre at

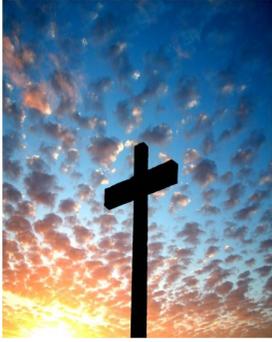
1-800-668-8261.

*The Spring Uniform cannot be mixed or matched with the Fall Uniform.

**You may start to wear the Spring Uniform on
Monday, April 29th till the end of June.**



Communications Technology students travelled to Los Angeles, California over the March Break. The trip was an incredible opportunity for students to experience what it's like to work in the industry. Highlights included being an audience member of "Wheel of Fortune" (airing April 22, 23, 24), a Warner Bros studio tour, Hollywood Walk of Fame, Santa Monica Pier, Venice Beach, Universal Studios, a Disney leadership workshop, cinema secrets special effects makeup workshop, as well as taking part in an acting workshop - reading real TV scripts; and more! It was a spectacular trip and planning is already underway to return to LA in a few years! Stay tuned!



PASTORAL NEWS

LENT began on March 6th with the celebration of our **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** and the distribution of ashes, which were a reminder of our human weaknesses and ongoing need for God. On **Thursday, March 21th** and again on **Thursday, March 28** we celebrated our **Grade Level Reconciliations** with Fr. Tim Shea and Fr. Sebastian Amato and several local priests who were here to speak with students and staff and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our **CICS' Executive** is busy organizing this year's **ShareLent Campaign** which begins on Monday, April 8 and runs until Friday, April 12. Classes will fundraise that week in support of the **Catholic Organization for Dev't & Peace** and their "Share the Journey with Migrants & Refugees" campaign. Students from CICS participated in a Dev't & Peace Leadership Training Workshop at St. Paul the Apostle Church on March 19 which helped prepare them for the ShareLent Campaign as well as for our 25-hour **THINKfast** which will be taking place on Friday, April 12. Over 60 students and staff will be participating this year by fasting from solid food for 24 hours and raising money for D & P. See me to sign up and to get a Pledge Sheet and Permission Form.

God's blessings on all our students and staff as we begin the month of **April** and continue our efforts during Lent to give generously to those in need through our acts of charity and justice.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader

**Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly
with your God (Micah 6:8)**

Looking Forward to May

Apr 29-May 3 -Election Week

May 8 — Catholic School Council

May 8—Soulful Singers Concert

May 9— School Mass

May 16— Genesis Awards

May 17—P A Day

May 20- Victoria Day

Contact Us

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

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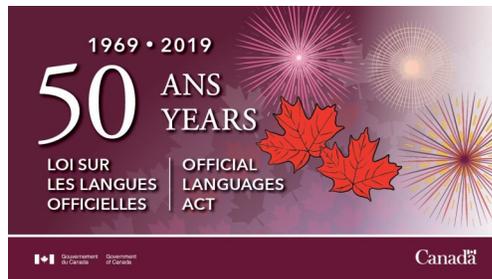
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FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the *Official Languages Act*? #50yearsOLA



*Encourage your child to be a
lifelong learner of French!*



**Eastern Ontario Chess Challenge
Ontario Chess Championship Qualifier**

CHESS TOURNAMENT

For all Schools & Kids: Kindergarten to
Grade 12 who know how to play chess

April 07 2019 10:15 a.m.

Cataract Woods Public School
1255 Birchwood Dr. Kingston On.



All players will play 5 games starting at 11:15 a.m. gold and silver medal
winners advance to Ontario Championship in Mississauga On.

Best grade school & Best secondary school team trophies awarded

Sunday April 07 2019. Registrations at door starts at 10:15 a.m.

Send \$55 Pre-registration before Friday April 6 cheques made out to:
"Chess in Math - Ontario Chess"

Mail to: 3950 Auden Park Drive Kingston On. K7M 6P8 or a transfer funds made payable
"Roman Polyakoff" for rpol@yorku.ca/Chess.com

Mail in Pre-registration & Qualifiers from other tournaments for \$10: Registration Sunday
10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at door. \$50. Tournament qualifiers are \$15. as above. Check with
Roman Polyakoff for details.

1255 Birchwood Drive Kingston On. (at W/ Cataract Woods Dr.) near McDonalds. 613-336-6661

A family fun activity day - lunch approx. 12 o'clock \$6.00 kids & adults - Chess store on site
featuring new tournament chess sets - chess books - special chess sets and chess items.

rpol@yorku.ca/Chess.com

DUAL CREDIT IS COMING



**Information Meeting for Fall 2019 Courses:
Tuesday, April 9th, 11:15 a.m., HC Lecture Theatre
Application Deadline:
Thursday, April 18, see Mr. Esford in room 218**

CHECK OUT the Holy Cross - St Lawrence College DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM!

A Dual Credit is when a student takes a college course that count towards both their high school diploma and their post-secondary diploma or apprenticeship certification. SLC offers over 100 college courses and 10 apprenticeship programs. The benefits of Dual Credit & OYAP are numerous: assist in the completion of your OSSD, help you explore college programs and career options, ease your transition form secondary school to college, give you a head start on your future post-secondary path. DC & OYAP are for grade 11, 12 or 5th year students. Students can earn up to four Dual Credits at no cost. Tuition, textbooks and support for transportation are covered by the program! If interested please attend the information meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, 11:15 a.m. in the HC Lecture Theatre for course offerings, application process, and application forms. The application deadline is Thursday, April 18th. Please see Mr. Esford in room 218 for more information.

**Our 2019 overnight THINKfast
will take place on Friday, April 12**



See Mr. Forster for a permission form.
Forms must be returned by Friday, April 5.



Please give generously to our ShareLent Collection from
April 8 – 12, 2019

Let's support Development & Peace as we raise money &
awareness about the 68.5 million children, women, and men
in the world who have
fled their homes due to forced migration.

SPRING UNIFORM

SALE

Purchase from March 28th to April 28th, 2019

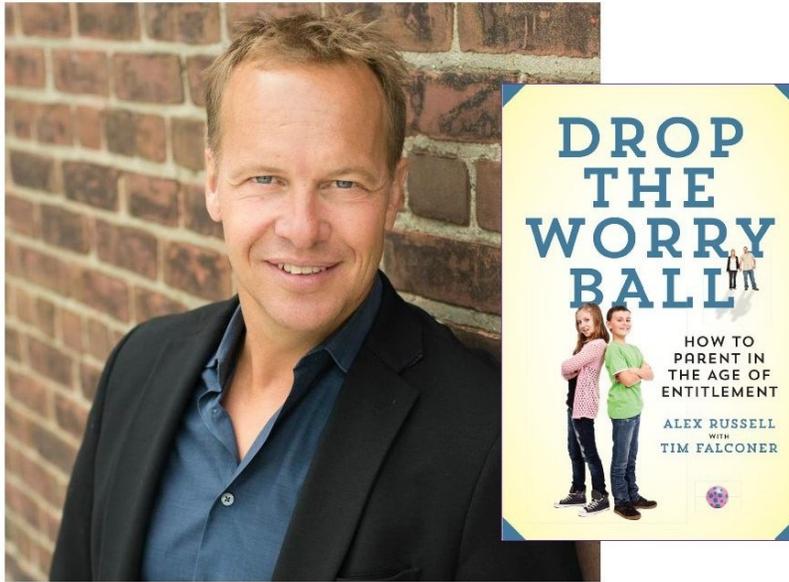
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2 Walking Shorts

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**Keynote by
Dr. Alex Russell**

**Sponsored by
Parent Reaching
Out Grants**

**APRIL 3, 2019 6:30 P.M.
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC SECONDAR
SCHOOL**

1085 Woodbine Road,
Kingston Ontario

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Parent Information Night

Is it really a good thing to give children everything they need, all the time? In this keynote, Dr. Alex Russell addresses common challenges children and youth face, including dealing with troublesome behaviours, supporting children at school, and controlling or monitoring children's access to computers, cell phones and other forms of digital technology. A perspective is offered that helps parents take a positive and emotionally rewarding role in their children's lives, while allowing them to have the opportunity to make their own decisions—and mistakes—during the complicated business of growing up. In an enlightening and refreshing talk, Dr. Russell helps parents achieve this balance by providing essential perspective on today's child-rearing context and the powerful forces that pull us to become over-involved in our children's lives. Stop doing all the worrying—and let your kids do some for a change!

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