



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

November 2016

Principal's Message

It seems the year is racing by. Our fall sports teams are reaching the end of their seasons. In fact, our field hockey team, led by Mr. Kallevig, played Frontenac in the KASSAA finals October 26th, defeating the Falcons 1-0 to qualify for OFSSA this week in Kitchener. Congratulations to coaches Kallevig and Airhart and all of our impressive field hockey players.

I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thank you to our coaches and volunteers who selflessly give their time to all of our school teams and clubs. A great example would be our girls' basketball program which, in concert with the RND school community, at the PH Classic Oct 27th, raised \$5000 for Breast Cancer screening. This is only one example of how we live our Catholic faith every day in everything we do. Once again, I encourage every student to get involved and, most importantly, support your fellow Crusaders.

You may have heard or read in the media about the cyber attack on the EQAO website that disrupted the provincial **on-line Literacy Test**. While it was certainly frustrating, I was impressed by the efforts made by our eligible writers and their proctors and scribes. At press time, we still await EQAO's decision regarding the data they were able to collect. An update will be provided to parents, guardians and test-takers as soon as it is available.

You will see information in this publication about the Arts Department's presentation of **Les Mis** at the end of the month. I have heard that ticket sales will be brisk, so do not be disappointed. Tickets go on sale November 16th.

The feedback received at Holy Cross regarding the new procedures related to booking Parent-Teacher interviews was generally positive. If you have any concerns about the new system of on-line booking, it should be shared with staff. Our plan at this point is to continue with on-line booking during second semester.

Click here to view a video by alumnus **Grace Esford** regarding the "[Soulful Singers](#)":

As always, we look forward to hearing from you. Do not hesitate to contact the school at any time.

Ian Stuart, Principal

Visit our website at www.hctoday.ca

Examination Reminder — Parents Take Note

First semester examinations at Holy Cross start on **Thursday, January 26th, 2017** and end on **Tuesday, January 31st, 2017**. Parents, please make every attempt to avoid booking vacations and other activities during this very important week in the school year. A reminder that we do not exempt students from examinations.

November Events

Nov 1—College and university visits continue all month: see Student Services for times and dates

Nov 2—Mid-Semester testing period begins

Nov 5—Tech Fest @ HC all day

Nov 9—Mid-semester reporting period ends; Term 1 Civics and Careers classes end

Nov 10—Term 2 Civics and Careers classes begin; Tony Melendez presentation at 9:30; mass timetable in effect

Nov 11—Remembrance Day—prayer at 10:55 on PA

Nov 14—Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week begins; Mid-semester report card data due

Nov 16—*Les Mis* tickets go on sale; Wellness Wednesday

Nov 18—Queens Teacher Candidates depart; Sem 1 marks to OCAS

Nov 24 – Mid-semester marks available in Maplewood; report cards issued; November non-uniform day; Toronto Street Retreat begins

Nov 25—PA Day # 3

Nov 28– Day of the Arts 1; *Les Mis* p.m. performance; Advent Collection begins

Nov 29—Full disclosure for grade 12 students; Day of the Arts 2: *Les Mis* p.m. show

Nov 30– Opening Night *Les Mis*



Holy Cross' Golf Team qualified for and competed at OFSSA this past month. Above are boys' team members (l to r) Conor Gaudet, Tyler Ignazzitto, Bryson McCulloch, and Ashton McCulloch and girls' team participants (l to r) Emily Calder and Kiley Rodrigues. Congratulations to the HC Golf Team as a whole on a great season! Kiley and Emily participated in the OFSAA 36-hole championship in Windsor from October 11th - 13th. Kiley finished in 21st place in a field of 108 golfers from across Ontario. The boys, Ashton, Bryson, Conor and Tyler, travelled to the challenging Saugeen Golf Course in Port Elgin. It was an excellent learning experience for the boys. Ashton led the team over both days. Special thanks goes out to Mr. Mike "that's a draw not a hook" Chambers who made the long drive to Port Elgin with the boys team and to Mr. Watts who supervised the girls. **HC GOLF TEAM: Mitch Beaubien, Tyler Ignazzitto, Emily Calder, Conor Gaudet, Cameron Lyon, Ashton McCulloch, Bryson McCulloch, Kiley Rodrigues**



Pastoral Update for October: Special Presentation at Holy Cross

Tony Melendez, who played his guitar for Pope John Paul II, will be at Holy Cross, November 10th. When the Pope embraced Tony in appreciation, it seemed to reflect the sentiments of the entire country. It seems to be fitting for a man who has spent his life putting service to others ahead of his handicap. A thalidomide baby, Tony was born without arms because his mother was prescribed thalidomide, a drug used to help calm morning sickness during her pregnancy. Tony never let his handicap get in his way. "I was pretty secure in what I could do," he says. It was also in high school that he became deeply involved in the Catholic Church. "I went when I was a kid because my parents took me. I drifted away as I got a little older. When I was in high school, my brother kept saying 'come on, you've gotta go. It's great!' So I went again and made a lot of friends, and wound up changing my life in the process. Tony has traveled across the United States and forty foreign countries, making countless television appearances, including singing the American national anthem at the World Series. We are fortunate to have him at HC and all are welcome to attend on **November 10th at 9:30 in the main gym.**

HOLY CROSS CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

It is a blessing that we as a society have become more vigilant when responding to concussions. If you suspect your son/daughter has sustained a concussion it is critical that they be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. (Seeing a medical practitioner specializing in concussion diagnosis is highly recommended). To ensure fairness and safety, medical documentation will be required to implement our Holy Cross Concussion Protocol. Below you will find an excerpt from our policy.

HC Concussion Protocol:

- Notify the school that your son or daughter has sustained a concussion and provide documentation from medical professional
- The Holy Cross concussion team will notify the student's guidance counsellor who will work with the student and their teachers in order to develop a Return to Learn plan suitable for their needs.
- Weekly or biweekly follow-up with medical personal should occur and results shared with the school team.
- Full Return to Learn, medically documented, must occur before full Return to Play occurs.
- Failure to submit medical documentation indicating clearance for *Return to Learn* and *Return to Play* will prevent participation in school activities.
- If symptoms re-occur after clearance has been given students will need to be re-examined by medical personal and the protocol will be re-implemented.

Counsellor's Corner For November

Honour Roll Ceremony

A ceremony honouring last year's Honour Roll students will take place during Period One on Wednesday, November 2nd. Eligible students received an invitation on Monday, October 24, 2016

Take Your Kid to Work Day

Grade 9 students will participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 2nd. This day is important in that it gives students the opportunity to gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces, and gain a better understanding of exploring career choices. Regular classes for grade 9 students will not be held on this day. Signed permission forms must be returned to Student Services in order for students to participate.

Post Secondary Information

Workshops for on-line application to OUAC (Universities) were conducted October 19th and October 25th. Workshops for on-line applications to OCAS (College) will be held Tuesday, November 18th and Tuesday, November 15th at 11:15. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information on the Holy Cross Website

House of Commons Page Program:

Grade 12 students attending university in Ottawa next year, and who have an 80% average can apply to the House of Commons Page Program. Students must be able to speak both official languages. Apply by December 5th at parl.gc.ca/hocpage

Enrichment Opportunities

Shad Valley July 2 – July 28, 2016

Shad Valley is a demanding four-week program that focuses on academics through workshops, lectures and a business project where the students are challenged to bring a new science and engineering based invention to market. Students also participate in challenging recreational activities, such as hiking and camping. There are several Shad Valley campuses across Canada, Queen's University being one. Applications are due November 28, 2016. For more information go to www.shad.ca.

DaVinci Engineering Enrichment Program (DEEP) Summer Academy

DEEP Summer Academy has been developed for high school students with a keen interest in tackling topics in some of the most innovative areas of engineering today. This program is offered each year in July at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus.

Go to <http://outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca/preuniversity> programs/DEEP Summer Academy.htm

More Enrichment Opportunities:

Queen's University – 2017 EMC Commuter Program

The **Enrichment Mini-Course (EMC)** Commuter Program is an opportunity for highly motivated, above average and gifted high school students to go to Queen's University for a week to study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level.

Grades: **9-12**

Date: **May 8 - 12, 2017**

Registration Opens: **December 1, 2016**



Members of the **Holy Cross Dance Class and Dance Team** traveled to the big city of Toronto to take classes at the Toronto Dance Industry. They had the chance to sweat and groove with some of Toronto's most up and coming choreographers, as well as build skills that they can bring back to their personal dance practice. Thanks to Strive Dance for hosting such a successful event with secondary schools across the province!



Looking Forward to December

Dec 1—university and college visits all month, see Student Services for info; *Les Mis* at 7:00. Advent collection continues all month.

Dec 2— *Les Mis* at 7:00;

Dec 3—*Les Mis* at 1:30 and 7:00

Closing Night

Dec 5—Improv Team tryouts after school this week, Room 246; Grade 11 Pathway meetings all week

Dec 8—Grade level reconciliation in the Learning Commons

Dec 13— Crusader Bands performance during lunch in the foyer

Dec 14— Crusader Bands performance during lunch foyer

Dec 15— Advent School Mass @ 9:30 in the main gym; The Katherine Splinter Memorial Concert at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria; School recommended date for submission of university and college on-line applications

Dec 21— Arts Department Coffee House @ 7:00 pm in the cafeteria

Dec 23—Final instructional day before Christmas holidays



Grade 12 Communication Technology students at the Battery, Confederation Basin, doing architectural and landscape photography as part of their grade 12 portfolio development course, building college and university applications.



Thank you to the HC staff and students who by gave a small donation in support of the recent Purple Ribbon Campaign that raised awareness that October is Child Abuse Prevention month in Ontario. By having

worn that ribbon on October 19th here at HC they were able to give support to some programs being offered through our local Family Children's Services. Thank you again for that support.

Contact Us

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See also www.hctoday.ca

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS TAKING GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS:

EQAO Math Assessments will be written on **Wednesday, January 18th and Friday, January 20th**. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are available to write these Provincial Assessments on these days. Last year, 56% of our students working at the applied level achieved the provincial standard on this assessment. 66% of students working at the academic level achieved the standard. These are excellent results.

THE HOLY CROSS ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Les Misérables

2016

TICKETS
ON SALE:
NOVEMBER 16



MUSIC BY:
CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

LYRICS BY:
HERBERT KRETZMER

MUSICAL BY:
ALAIN BOUBIL
CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

School Edition

HOLY CROSS CAFETORIUM

NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 3RD

7 PM CURTAIN

MATINEE SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD

1:30 PM CURTAIN

TICKETS:

\$20 ADULT - \$15 STUDENT/CHILD

The Holy Cross Musical 2016

The time is here! The Holy Cross Arts Department proudly presents the musical *Les Misérables* later this month. This talented cast of 60 students has been in rehearsal since the third week of school and the students are thrilled to bring this Broadway production to our Holy Cross stage. Everyone from the backstage and lighting crew, to the costume department to the band are “ready for action” as the curtain rises Wednesday, November 30th at 7p.m. and continues each evening until Saturday, December 3rd. There is a special matinee performance on Saturday at 1:30. Ticket sales begin Wednesday, November 16th at lunch in the front foyer and are only \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. The word in the halls is that shows will sell out quickly, so don't be disappointed and buy your tickets early.

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) and Attendance at School

Please be reminded that under ISPA, students in the province of Ontario are required to provide a complete immunization record or a valid exemption to the KFL&A Public Health unit for designated immunizations. To avoid any loss of school time due to incomplete information or immunizations, please contact the KFL&A Public Health unit to ensure your child's records are up-to-date.

Online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Trial Cancellation

Dear student or parent,

It is with great disappointment that we acknowledge that the October 20 trial of the online OSSLT was unsuccessful. Unfortunately, we experienced widespread technical issues with the network and, as a result, we had to cancel the trial assessment. We do not yet exactly know the root cause of the issue, but we are undertaking a thorough investigation.

We recognize that students spent considerable time and energy preparing for the trial assessment and that they had hoped to be able to complete their literacy requirement. The outcome was not what we hoped for, and for this, we are truly sorry. Because of the widespread nature of the issue, we do not yet know the implications on scoring and reporting.

As you know, this was a trial. This means students will still be considered first-time eligible for the regularly scheduled OSSLT in March 2017 to satisfy their literacy requirement. We can also confirm that the March OSSLT administration will include a pen-and-paper version of the assessment as originally planned.

Again we are very sorry and promise to keep working with you to get this right.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Jones, Ph.D.

Director, Assessment and Reporting
EQAO

Les Miserables — Cast members
in costume (left to right below)

Colin Watts, Sara Doyle, Joe Hamilton,
Kevin Healey, Anthony Pacheco, Alex
Daicar, Kaylie Jansen, Alexis Pascoal,
Pedro Marques

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...speaking more
than one language can help boost
your powers of attention and focus?

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



TECHFEST 2016



Sponsored by Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, **TechFest 2016** builds on the success of 2015's event. With the constant and rapid evolution of new technologies, the necessity for students and educators to remain ahead of the curve remains one of the most important issues in education today. **TechFest 2016** is a one-day event that, if you missed it in 2015, you won't want to miss again. **TechFest 2016** focuses on deploying, integrating, and using technology to promote student learning in K-12 and beyond and will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Kingston from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The

keynote speaker this year is Will Richardson. To learn more about Will Richardson, please visit: <http://willrichardson.com/>. This event is free and open to everyone: parents/guardians, teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, administrators, library media specialists, tech support staff, and anyone in the community who is interested in finding out more about leveraging technology to support student learning in the ALCDSB region. **Saturday, November 5th, 2016**

Premier Kathleen Wynne at Holy Cross

Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter and local MPP Sophie Kiwala visited Holy Cross, October 13th, 2016, to make an announcement about infrastructure spending and to meet with student leadership. (l to r) Emily Deszpoth, Amanda Manti, Max Tinline, Education Minister Mitzie Hunter, Alex Daicar, Premier Kathleen Wynne, Head Boy Kort Clifford, MPP Sophie Kiwala, Callan Murphy, Head Girl Sara Doyle, Roddy Kimmerer, Jacqueline Hulton.



Congratulations to the Holy Cross Field Hockey team on winning KASSAA and EOSSAA championship with a 1-0 win over Frontenac at the Invis-ta Centre field, Wednesday, October 26th. Well done coaches Kallevig and Airhart. Team members are: Allie Arsenault, Ashley Callery, Chloe Clifford, Charlotte Coffey, Olivia Craig, Bryn Empey, Naomi Gazendam, Raven Hayward, Clare Hennessy, Sam Henshaw, Kat Jalink, Meghan Jefferies, Katrina Lenart, Lauren Martin, Kaeli McDonald, Olivia Mckeown, Ashley Mignault, Brielle Murphy, Caleigh Patterson, Brooklyn Parlane, Monique Pereira, Anna Rhines, Annaka Rouleau, Nicole Skolnick, Rebecca Thompson, Jacqueline Van Herpt, Kate Van Herpt, Hannah Watson, Emma Williams, Abby Wilson

Bridges to Community Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale

- Ordering now until November 13th
- Delivery by the week of Dec. 12th
- Don't miss out on this classic Christmas tradition and support our school
- For orders call Greg Walker @ 613-384-1919 x 2258



Student Council Update



Crusaders cheer their girls' basketball teams on to victory, 61-21 in Junior, and 45-36 in senior.

This past month was an exciting one for the HC community. Holy Cross welcomed the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education and the MPP of Kingston to our school this past October. Our Girls Field Hockey Team won the KASSAA title and are headed to OF-SAA. Our Junior and Senior Girls Basketball Teams won their games in the PH Classic over Regi while fundraising \$5000 for Cancer.

The upcoming month of November is going to be another eventful one. Spirit wear sales will be taking place after school on November 17th from 2:30 to 5:30pm and after school November 24th from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Honour Roll Celebration is taking place Wednesday, November 2nd. On Thursday November 3rd, the Jamaica Mission

Trip Team is holding a fundraiser at Holy Cross from 7 to 9:30pm, all proceeds going to the house build. Entertainment by The Big Phat Horn Band, and the opening act is The Banter's. Friday November 4th, there will be a dance for Senior Students, tickets will be sold the first week of November. As well, on November 5th TechFest is coming to Holy Cross to promote the use of technology in student learning in K-12 and beyond. Our November Wellness Wednesday is on November 16th, come grab a delicious healthy free snack in the morning.

Our non-uniform day is on Thursday, November 24th. The November PA Day is on Friday, November 25th. Keep in mind crusaders that play practices are well on their way and be excited for another great performance coming up in November!! Our Fall Sports team are also wrapping up their seasons, so make sure to show support for your fellow crusaders as they head to KASSAA semi's and finals!

