



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2017

## Principal's Message

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The season of Advent is nearly here, so let me begin by wishing you and your family every blessing during this very special time of the year.

On the Athletics front, November has been a very busy month at Holy Cross. Early in the month, the varsity field hockey team defended its KASSAA crown and competed at the provincial championship in Burlington. The team did us proud, losing a closely contested match in the quarter-final to the eventual gold-medal winner. There will be big things in store next year for this team, with many girls returning for a third run at the provincial title. Congrats to the team and to coaches Tracy Airhart, Liz Mulvenna and Mia Sarris-White. Our senior football team made a valiant run to the eastern Ontario final, suffering a heartbreaking loss (the only blemish on a perfect season) against the eventual OFSAA champions from Arnprior. Congratulations to the team and to our coaching staff on a successful year. I'm already looking forward to seeing this team in action again next fall. Our senior girls' basketball team capped a successful season by capturing the bronze medal at the AAA OFSAA competition in Guelph. Congratulations to the team and to the coaching staff, led by Kelly Dixon (who secured her fourth OFSAA basketball medal as a coach) on a great season. Finally, our cross-country team sent two runners (Aidan Tulk and Max Taylor) to the provincial championships in Petawawa. Congratulations to the team and its coaches Marie Hulse, Anne-Marie Macrow and Lisa Coulter. Looking ahead, our winter season tryouts have been underway in the past week and regular season competition for those teams will begin in December.

### This Month

Dec 5– Grade 11 Info Assembly  
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Dec 7– Grade 11 Info Assembly  
Dec 8 - Grade 11 Info Assembly  
Dec 7 - Reconciliation  
Dec 14– Reconciliation  
Dec 14– Music Concert 7-9pm  
Dec 18 International Food Fair 10-1pm  
Dec 20 Coffee House 7-9pm  
Dec 21 Advent School Mass 9-11 am  
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve  
Dec 25– Christmas Day  
First Day Classes January 8, 2017

The annual Day of the Arts at Holy Cross brings in grade 6-8 students from our partner elementary schools to witness the many great things happening in our Arts department. From November 27-28th, nearly six-hundred students from eight elementary schools took in the *Colourspell* senior student visual art display in the learning commons and were treated to performances by our symphonic band, and by our vocal music and dance classes. The afternoon on each day featured a matinee performance of this year's musical theatre production, *Godspell*. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the show will have finished its run, but I sincerely hope that you had the opportunity to see it. Once again, Ms. Check-Drumm and her team of dedicated staff and students have put together a phenomenal theatre experience. I continue to be amazed at the depth of artistic talent at this school. It truly is a pleasure to be able to share it with our community. To the cast and crew of *Godspell* - Bravo!

### Principal's Message cont'd

Mrs. Kristi LeSarge (student success teacher at Holy Cross) and I have recently finished visiting the grade eight classes at our partner elementary schools. As part of our visits, we highlight the many extra-curricular opportunities at Holy Cross and encourage our future Crusaders to prepare to get involved in something when they arrive next September. At each school, we bring along grade nine 'ambassadors' for a return visit to their elementary *alma mater*, to answer questions, to speak about the school uniform and to encourage attendance at next summer's "Movin' On Up" grade nine orientation program. By all accounts our newest Crusaders are excited to be joining the community at Holy Cross in September of 2018.

Merry Christmas!

Michael Faught





Looking for a fresh gift idea?

Someone hard to buy for or someone with everything?

### **Why not purchase Food Sharing Project Gift Cards?**

Gift Cards are available in any denomination and can be easily slipped inside a seasonal greeting card. Your gift, given in someone's name, will help feed children in schools throughout school boards in KFL&A.

A charitable tax receipt is available for purchases of \$10 or more.

Please contact Brenda Moore [bmoore108@cogeco.ca](mailto:bmoore108@cogeco.ca) or Tim Brown [fsp@kingston.net](mailto:fsp@kingston.net) to purchase Gift Cards.





## PASTORAL NEWS

The Advent Season has arrived. Each Monday of Advent we will gather in the Main Lobby right after Morning Prayer to pray and to light a candle on our Advent Wreath. On December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> our students will gather by grade level in the Learning Commons to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. On December 21<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate our Advent School Mass. Our Advent Home Form Collection this year will go either to the Teddy Bear Campaign at KGH to help Pediatric patients (Grades 9 & 10) or to a Project that our students and staff will be working at during their upcoming Jamaica Mission Trip (Grades 11 & 12). And throughout December we will continue to take students to visit local retirement homes, to be leaders at the Nativity Exhibition at St. Paul the Apostle Church, and to serve at local soup kitchens. Through all these CICS' Outreach Activities our goal is to bring God's love to those in need around us. Let's make this Advent Season a wonderful time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. And may the love of Christ be with all of us this Christmas.

Mr. Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader





The Holy Cross 2017 Toronto Street Retreat Team with Br. John at St. Francis Table

### **2017 Toronto Street Retreat**

Thirteen students and staff from Holy Cross took part in this year's Toronto Street Retreat, November 22-23. This retreat is designed to give students a firsthand experience of what life is like for the poor and homeless on the streets of our nation's biggest city. For most of the group, this was their first opportunity to meet and speak with a homeless person and to hear why thousands of youth and older men and women live on the streets due to poverty, alcoholism, drug addiction or mental illness. We especially enjoyed preparing and serving supper at St. Francis Table which is a Franciscan "Restaurant for the Poor and not a Soup Kitchen" according to Br. John, the Coordinator. As one of the students, Orim, wrote in her reflections on the trip, "The most memorable part of the street retreat for me was once we started serving the homeless at St. Francis Table and began to all enter a flow, working together to serve the less fortunate of God's children." We slept overnight at St. Patrick's Church and met the Pastor, Fr. Santos in a late night debrief in the church. We spent Thursday with Patrick Sullivan, a street worker at Sanctuary, a small church located one block from Bloor and Yonge Streets. Through his heartfelt sharing, we heard that Christ is present in every person, but especially in the poor. As Kendra, another student participant wrote in her reflections, "It was very eye opening and shows how much people don't know about what is happening ...". None of us will ever again be able to just sit back and enjoy our privileged lives knowing there are people out there who don't know where their next meal will be coming from. Special thanks to Youth Worker, Ms. Amey Cancian, and Religion Teacher, Mr. Jeff Brady, who came along as Staff Supervisors. And a big congratulations to our students who so bravely entered into the lives of the poor and homeless. May all of us continue to respond to God's call to be Good Samaritans to our brothers and sisters in need.

## Looking Forward to January

January 8– First day of classes

January 17 OUAC Applications due

January 17 Gr 11 Vocal Concert

January 18-19 Gr 9 EQAO Math

January 25-31 Exams

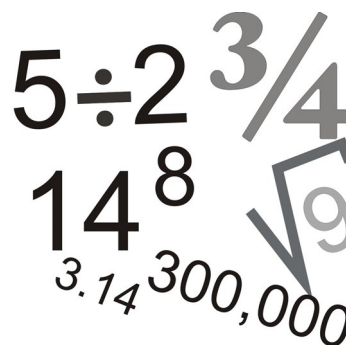
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## EQAO Mathematics Assessment

Holy Cross Grade 9 Mathematics students will write the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics on Thursday, January 18th and Friday, January 19th. They will have no other formal assessments on these dates. Students will write the assessment in the cafeteria or in the Special Education room. All students who have math class in the a.m. will begin the assessment Period 1. All student who have math class in the p.m. will begin the assessment in Period 3.

### Learning French is fun!

*"I really enjoyed the French trip because we got to use our French skills in a restaurant. I also thought the dialogues were fun because they got you talking to other people so that you could build up those skills."*

-Emma, ALCDSB Grade 9 Student

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

In advance of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), the literacy team at Holy Cross will be providing a number of preparatory materials for use by those students that will be writing the test. These materials will be available via a D2L course available on the Virtual Commons for all students that are writing the test, or by clicking the link below:

<https://alcdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home/8705296>

The OSSLT takes place this year on April 10, 2018. More information about the test will be forthcoming in future newsletters and on the website: [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)



# ARTS Update



Auditions for the Holy Cross Improv Team will take place December 11, 12, and 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:45-4:00 in the Drama Room.

The Arts department showcased two major events this past week! On November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, elementary students from our feeder schools attended our annual “Days of the Arts” which showcases all of our arts programs and features a matinee of our musical production. The students from grades 7/8 were excited to be here and we were happy to host them!

Also last week, we presented the Broadway musical *Godspell* to packed houses and the show was a runaway success! This cast of 47 students truly amazed us with their incredible performances and enthusiasm on the stage. Everyone was truly “spell”-bound by the talent! Our senior visual artists, as well as our graphic design and photography students, showcased their creative work in their arts display in the learning commons. Congratulations to all on such a tremendous artistic experience and thank you to everyone “behind the scenes” who helped!

Some upcoming events:

Improv Tryouts take place Monday, December 11-Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cafetorium. All instrumental and vocal students will be performing. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds goes towards the music program.

The guitar class will host a winter Coffee House on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cafetorium. Auditions will take place the week of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Counsellor's Corner

## Course Changes for Semester Two

Students intending to make changes in their Semester Two time-table are asked to do so by **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## College/University Applications

Post-secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the deadline for applications to **OUAC (University)** is **January 17<sup>th</sup>** and **OCAS (College)** is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the **Holy Cross** recommended date is **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. All PIN numbers for university applicants have arrived, and students should have stopped by **Student Services** to pick up theirs. PIN numbers are not required for college applications; however, students do require their OEN number which can be found on their report card.

## House of Commons Page Program

Grade 12 students accepted to a university in the National Capital Region with an academic average of 80% are eligible to apply to the House of Commons Page Program. Work begins in late August 2018, and the work schedule will be coordinated with their university schedule. Students must also speak fluent French to be eligible. For more information please go to [www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage](http://www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage). The deadline to apply is Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## Honour Roll 2016-2017

This year's Honour Roll Ceremony was held on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, during Period One in our cafetorium. It was a wonderful celebration of academic achievement. 305 students were honoured for achieving an average of 80% or higher during the 2016 - 2017 Holy Cross school year. As well, the Math Contest winners in each grade were awarded their medals and certificates. The culminating moment was the announcement of the student in each grade who achieved the highest average. Our congratulations to **Jacob Laframboise** (gr.11), **Meghan Jefferies** (gr.10) and **Keegan Kelly** (gr.9). Finally, the audience was treated to a preview performance of this year's musical production **Godspell**. Overall it was a lovely celebration and a proud moment for us all.

## Grade 9 Honour Roll 2016-2017

Aasim Abdulsultan-Lalani, Kerstyn Alguire, Ashley Anthony, Sadie Augustyn, Nicolas Badalato, Carolina Banks, Maggie Besselink, Grace Bowry, Avery Brown, Matthew Burgess, Zachary Castro, Cassandra Cecchini,

Matthew Chodkowski, Kristian Circelli, Alexis Clarke, Chloe Clifford, Joshua Cole, Autumn Collins, Justin Collins, Jacob Cox, Thai Dagnone, Abigail Daicar, Samuel DePaul, Alex Deszpoth, Jordan Do Canto, Ethan Drumm,

Brandon Evaristo, Jenna Ferguson, Conor Gaudet, Britney Hovencamp, Carter Howland, Ky Inman, Catherine Irwin, Evan Jamieson, Ellie Jardine, Melissa Jefferies, Christian Johnston, Pauline Jolicoeur, Anthony Joyce, Keegan Kelly, Dillon Lafleur, Veronica Laird, Maxim Langevin, Flynn Larson, Maya Laurito, Scott Lawrence, Mikayla LeBlanc,

Kendra Leishman, Katrina Lenart, Callum Levett, Lauren Martin, Benjamin Martins, Ashton McCulloch,

Moises Mendes, Ashley Mignault, Isaac O'Neil, Alicia Parker, Brendan Patterson, Monique Pereira,

Robert Jr. Peruelo, Sophia Peters, Dru Pierson, Aidan Proderick, Ali Quinton, Hailey Robertson, Taylor Robertson, Sydney Rogers, Gregory Roth, Bryce Rutter, Lydia Stafford, Rebecca Thompson, Jack Thurlby, Carter Van Asperen, Michayla Wemp, Caitlyn Whittaker, Mackenzie Williams, Abby Wilson



## Counsellor's Corner cont'd

### Grade 10 Honour Roll 2016-2017

Parker Alderson, Brittany Ali, Max Anderson, Sierra Andre, Angelyssa Aquino, Natasha Baribeau, Mackenzie Bauder, Grace Beasant, Tim Beyers, Victoria Blacklock, Alejandro Daniel Bolivar Rivas, Rachael Callery, Sarah Calthorpe, Hunter Caverly, Jenny Chambers, David Chase, Charlotte Coffey, Thomas Coleman, Jacob Cooper,

Monica Cordeiro, Leah Cross, Katherine Dafter, Max Dantzer, Pierre DeCastro, Shawna DeMarsh, Andrew Doucet, Ares Dragonas, Dawson Einarson, Georgia Enright, Rebecca Ferguson, Shaughnessy Flynn, Ryan Frost-Garant, Michael Gagnon, Cole Garnier, Jordyn Garrah, Payton Gauthier, Madison Giddy, Grace Gilbert, Julia Giugovaz,

Erin Greentree, Kiara Hanna, Kaylin Harrigan, Jessica Harvey, Taylor Howe, Ross Howes, Reid Hulton,

James Iliescu, Meghan Jefferies, Aidan Johnson, Maddie Julien, Lauren Kelly, Mitchell Keuhl, Lilianna Kho,

Adam Kinney, Dante Kusar-Cameron, Morgan Lackey, Sydra Laforest, Sarah Lam, Ashley Lanteigne,

Brennan LaPlante Brady, Rosalie Lau, Sarah Laurendeau, Geryl Laxina, Madeline Legge, Veronica Losier,

Andrew Lumb, Grace MacArthur, Elizabeth Macdonald, Matthew MacDonald, Aidan MacDonnell, Celeste Machado,

Kayleigh Makarucha, Kathy McCann, May McCauley, Connor Medeiros, Cassandra Melo, Sarah Messerschmidt, Kyra Mezzatesta, Callan Murphy, Chantal Nadeau, Nicholas O'Brien, Kendra-Lynn Page, Dustin Pasch,

Paula Peruelo, Emily Pickstock, Caleb Pollock, Angelica Purdy, Caitlyn Reed, Dacey Richmond, Colby Rogers, Keasha Ruttan, Natasha Saccon, Kaitlynn Sager, Nicholas Santucci, Sofia Skebo, Matthew Sloboda, Dylan Smith,

Mary Beth Smith, Daniela Soares, Emma Sonnemann, Michael Soudant, Abby Stewart, Andy Stokes-Noonan,

Naruto Stratford, Hannah Tibble, Jadyn Truesdell, Zander Van Asperen, Kylie Van Dyke, Jonathan Vecchio, Rebecca Watson, Megan Whalen, Julia White, Emma Williams, Aydan Wilson, Mallory Wylie, Joel Yantha, Hunter Young

### Grade 11 Honour Roll 2016-2017

Sophia Amarante, Jack Anson, Carter Bailey, Henry Banks, Carolyn Baribeau, Madeline Bertoia, Jillian Bracken, Hanna Brady, Emmett Bravakis, Noah Cabral, Emily Calder, Ami Calthorpe, Alec Campbell, Joey Cantarutti,

Jay Collins, Alexander Correia, Olivia de Sousa, Gabriel DePaul, Katie Dowling, Maicie Ewart, Emmy Fabbro,

Matthew Ferguson, Keith Furlan, Joel Garrison, Claire Gazeley, Tristan Gervais, Hannah Gibbons, Sarah Glenn, Marley Gollé, Cole Gouveia, Kaelin Grassie, Aimee Hale, Stephen Harper, Tyler Healey, Clare Hennessy,

Alea Henshaw, Robert Heyman, Conner Howes, Brett Humberstone, Ayrton Hunt, Nolan Hutcheson,

Christian Ibanez, Tyler Ignazzitto, Daniel Jang, Melanie Janiuk, Kaylie Jansen, Kirsten Knott, Jacob Laframboise,

Veronica Laplante, Jacqueline LeBlanc, Brielle Leman, Michelle Lindsay, Angus Little, Jack Little, Faith Lollar,

Marie Lynch, Andre Machado, Meghan MacPherson, Pedro Marques, Brigitte Matthias, Kaeli McDonald,

Jared Migneault, Mikaela Moore, Rachel Norman, Jared Nuttall, Tristan O'Brien, Loraine Ou, Emily Pacheco,

Alexis Pascoal, Karan Patel, Natalie Pawlak, Connell Pelow, Tommy Pendergast, Macayla Perrin-Landon,

Reine Rosangel Peruelo, Breanna Purdy, Madelynn Richard, Allie M. Robertson, Tyler Robertson, Kiley Rodrigues, Patrick Sammon, Phyllis Scully, Cicilin Siju, Emma Smith, Clara Sonnemann, Taylor Sutton, Clayton Taylor,

Max Taylor, Amberlee Tennyson, Kayla Tigchelaar, Katrina Tozer, Jacqueline van Herpt, Kate van Herpt,

Briar Vandenberg, Bailey Wagner, Kacy-Lynne Walker, Peter Wang, Logan Wistead, Julianna Yates,

Hannah Yeatman-Michaud

## Counsellor's Corner cont'd

### Provincial Math Contest Winners were also recognized at the Honour Roll Ceremony.

Matt Ferguson and Jacob Laframboise received a school medal for their performances in the 2016 Hypatia Math Contest. David Chase received a Certificate of Distinction for the Canadian Intermediate Math Contest. Connor Medeiros and Jingyu Ding both received a Certificate of Distinction for their performances in the Galois Math Contest.

John Vecchio and Callan Murphy received a Certificate of Distinction for the Cayley Math Contest. John also received a school medal for the Cayley Math contest. Callan also received a Certificate of Distinction for his performance in the

Canadian Intermediate Math Contest and a Certificate of Distinction in the Galois Math Contest. Keegan Kelly and Ali Quinton both received a school medal for the 2016 Pascal Math Contest. Keegan also received a Certificate of Distinction for the 2016 Fryer Math Contest

The After School Numeracy Program  
for grade 9 students runs on Mondays  
after school from 2:30 to 4:00 in  
Room 111.







