



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2017

## Principal's Message

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We have a busy agenda at Holy Cross, as always, in June. Firstly, the spring athletics season wraps up with athletes from the tennis, track and field and boys' soccer teams competing at provincial OFSAA competitions. Congratulations and best of luck to all student-athletes and coaches. Our annual Green and Silver Athletic Awards banquet was held on May 24th, recognizing and celebrating the achievements of our athletic programs in 2016/17. A special thanks to **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko** and his leadership group for putting together an excellent night.

On the 18th of May, achievements in the Holy Cross Arts program were celebrated at the annual Genesis Awards. As well, the Vocal and Dance showcase took place on the 24th of May and was an opportunity for many of our graduating artists to share their talents one last time on the HC stage. Thanks to the Arts Department head, **Ms. Stacy Check-Drumm** and her team for these wonderful nights of performance and displays of artistic talent.

Our staff and students are working hard as we approach the season of culminating activities and examinations. Encourage your students to prepare early, pace themselves and to get the rest that they need to succeed. Students enrolled in grade 9 mathematics this term will be writing the EQAO assessment on June 14th and 15th, as part of the culminating work in those courses. I am confident our students are well prepared to succeed in all of their academic pursuits this June.

Finally, our grade 12 graduation will be upon us soon. I look forward to celebrating this event on June 29th, with the Holy Cross community for the first time! Our mass for graduating class will take place at noon at St. Paul the Apostle Church. The graduation ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at the school. See you there!

Michael Faught

### This Month

June 2-Gr 9 Music Trip Thrills and Trills

June 6– Ryan Perkin Flag Football Tournament

June 6– Opioid Info Night 7:00pm

June 8 - School Mass

June 12 –Timetables available online

June 12 –First Year 40 Assembly

June 12 –Last day of instruction Gr11/12

June 13 - 19 Review, exam prep and course material completion Gr 11/12

June 14 –Last day of instruction Gr9/10

June 15-21 Review, exam prep and course material completion Gr 9/10

June 14-15 - Gr 9 EQAO Math Assessment

June 20-26 –Exams

June 28 - Exam Return day 9-11 in classrooms

June 29 - Last Day of School

June 29– Graduation Mass 12:00pm

June 29 - Graduation Ceremony

September 5– First day of School!



Holy Cross **Green Team** joins forces with **Bridges** class to plant 3 nectarine and 2 apple trees in our back yard.





# Genesis Awards



## Looking Forward to Summer

Summer Hours: (July and August)  
Please note that the main office will be open over the summer Monday to Thursday, **closed Fridays**.

**The Office will be closed Aug 7-11.**  
The Office will return to regular work hours the last week of August.

August 30-31 Moving on Up program  
for new Grade 9 students

Sep 5 - First day of class

## Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

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### **“HANDMADE ONLY” Craft Sale Looking for Vendors**

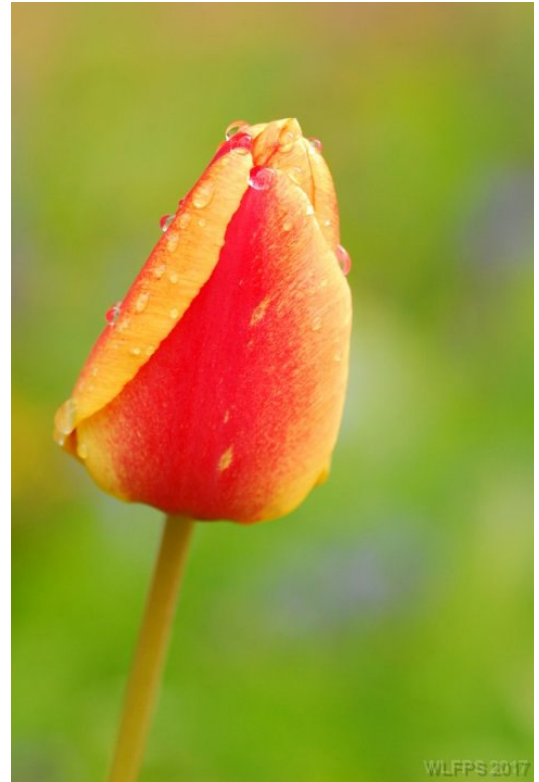
**Any vendors wishing to participate in the Jamaica Mission Trip “Handmade Only” Crafters’ Show at Holy Cross must do so soon. The show runs from 10-3 on Saturday Oct. 14, 2017. A 6’ table is only \$30.00 and admission is free. Vendors get to keep all their table profits. To secure your spot or for further information please contact: [jandewy@yahoo.com](mailto:jandewy@yahoo.com) . A friendly reminder to those currently signed on that payment is now due.**



Italy Switzerland 2018

Students who are adventurous and wish to experience different cultures are encouraged to consider taking advantage of the opportunity to travel to Italy and Switzerland during the March break of next school year. The trip is open to students who will be in grades 10-12 and currently 18 of the 33 available trip spots have been filled. Information on the trip and the itinerary can be found at [Explorica.ca](http://Explorica.ca) - just enter Coleman-5712 after clicking the sign up for a tour tab. Permission and reference forms need to be completed before sign up is permitted. It promises to be an amazing experience for our student travellers!

# Photography



Kassidy Hutcheson (white line glass photo with yellow roses) wins First Place in the Warkworth Lilac Festival Photo contest in the Youth category against 141 other contest entrants.

MacKayla McQueen won Third Place in the same competition with her morning dew photo of a tulip.

Both photographs were taken at Holy Cross as part of a commercial photography assignment in the Grade 11 Yearbook class.

**Congratulations for your outstanding work!**

# ARTS Update

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Genesis Awards for Achievement in the Arts was celebrated here at Holy Cross. This year the show included highlights from the 2016-17 artistic year as well as the debut of our 60-member grade 9 band. The night also featured our award-winning jazz ensemble, vocal ensemble and dance team, as well as a *Les Mis* medley, our barbershop quartet and wonderful videos produced by Mr. Esford and the Com Tech program. The evening also showcased the artistic works of our students in the art exhibit mounted in the library.

At the end of the evening, the Arts Department proudly announced our next musical production – **Godspell** running November 29-December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Ticket sales begin November 15<sup>th</sup>. You will not want to miss this unique musical extravaganza!

## 2017 SPECIAL AWARDS

Community Spirit – Christina Blundell

Rick Thompson – Marissa Sloboda

Domino Theatre – Alex Daicar

Drama Club – Sara Doyle

Art Club – Allie Robertson

Dance Club – Roddy Kimmerer

SHSM – Andrew Donnelly

Budding Artist – Abby Stewart

## MAJOR GENESIS AWARD WINNERS

Dramatic Arts – Holly Hebert

Visual Arts – Amanda Lalonde

Music – Colin Watts

Vocal Music – Sara Doyle

Guitar – Michael Biringer

Yearbook and Commercial Photography – Kelly White

Graphic Design and Photography – Justin MacGregor

Audio and Video Production – Riley Day



# International Club



Our International Club trip to Niagara Falls  
48 students from Kingston and Belleville.

## **FUN FRENCH FACTS**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Learning another language can improve your mental alertness and can increase the size of your brain!

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French.

<http://tinyurl.com/>

# Counsellor's Corner

## Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of Community involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to Student Services. If you still have not completed your community involvement you need to see Student Services ASAP. – Last call – Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Graduating students who applied for admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other Ontario universities through the OUAC starting in June. Go to [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) or call 519-823-1063.

To be considered students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs, as well as an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

## Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on **volunteer** and **employment** opportunities, please contact Student Services.

**Student timetables for the 2017 - 2018** school year will be available online on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Timetable / Teacher assignments may still change throughout the summer months. Final timetables will be made available at the end of August. Students can access their timetable by using the Maplewood Portal on the HC Today website. Student timetables will not be mailed over the summer. A copy will be available in the text book room during text book pick up in late August. It is the intent of Student Services to have timetable problems/changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course. Senior students wishing to upgrade also require the appropriate prerequisite. Please see your counselor for details.

## Summer School 2017

**New Credit:** July 4 – 31. 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning.

Courses available are: ENG3U, ENG4U, ENG4C, MHF4U, MAP4C, MCR3U, CHV2O5 Civics, and GLC2O5 Careers, and OLC4O (Ontario Literacy Course)

\* Please note that Grade 11 and 12 “U” and “C” level courses will have an onsite exam on July 31<sup>st</sup>, at Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education.

**Co-op Program:** July 4 – 31. 4 week co-op program (one credit) will be offered if there is sufficient enrolment.

All program details and registration packages are posted on the Board's website and in Student Services. See your counselor to sign up.

The Limestone Board will also be offering on site summer school classes on July 4 – 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your Guidance Counsellor for information.



## E-Learning 2017-2018

The Algonquin and Lakeshore District School Board will be offering the following courses online during the school year.

Semester One: ICS4U – Computer Science

CGR4M – Environment & Resource Management

BAT4M – Principles of Financial Accounting

Semester Two: CIA4U – Analyzing Current Economic Issues

CPW4U – Canadian & International Politics

Please see your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

## First Year Forty

in the Cafetorium on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, during period 2. Grade 9 students can still bring in their volunteer hours until Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Grade 9 students who have completed 40 hours of community service will be invited to a celebration taking place

## Exam Return Day

Teachers will be available for students to pick up their Semester 2 exams on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00.



Senior Boys soccer team is heading to Hamilton for their fourth consecutive OFSAA Championship on May 31st. Competition is June 1-3. See more info at OFSAA AAA Boys Soccer 2017 website for more information on the tournament.

# Parents Let's Talk

## Opioid Information Evening

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

**Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School**

**6:30 p.m.** Community carousel and light refreshments

**7:00 p.m.** Presentations

Monday, June 12, 2017

**Napanee District Secondary School**

**6:00 p.m.** Community carousel and light refreshments

**6:30 p.m.** Presentations



**You never think it will be your child trying drugs, until it is.**

Illicit fentanyl, a highly potent opioid, has been confirmed in our area in a variety of fake prescription pills and other street drugs such as cocaine, crystal meth, heroin, and marijuana. Illicit fentanyl is known to be deadly in small amounts, making the risk of overdosing extremely high. Ingesting even a small amount can be fatal.

Join KFL&A Public Health and community partners to find out, as a parent, what you need to know about opioids to keep children in our community safe.

[www.kflaph.ca](http://www.kflaph.ca)

2017-05-17





# PASTORAL NEWS



The 18 students who will represent Holy Cross on next year's Jamaica Mission Trip have been chosen. They are now planning group fundraisers for the projects they will be working at next February in Jamaica. Included on this list is the "International Food Fair" on Tuesday, May 30, as well as several bake sales at local parishes, a Vendor's Craft Sale here at Holy Cross on Saturday, Oct. 14, as well as our annual "Jamaica Fish Fry" on Friday, Nov. 3. Please support our fundraising efforts.

The **CICS' Executive** is set for next year: Marie Lynch and Faith Lollar will lead as Co-Chairs, the Secretary is Cici Siju, on Communications will be Hannah Aikman, Senior Reps are Hannah Gibbons and Kendra Lyn-Page; and the Junior Rep's will be Jett Gazeley and Chloe Clifford. Congratulations to these students who will lead our school's charitable and social action activities next year. Our last **CICS' Outreach** of the year to the **Rosewood Retirement Home** took place on Wednesday, May 31. Special thanks to **Mr. Drumm** and **Mr. Gervais** who have been part of these visits all year, as well as to all those staff and students who took time out of their busy schedules to visit our "Senior" friends at the Rosewood. Your visits there have been much appreciated.

We will celebrate our final School Mass of the year on **Thursday, June 8th** with **Fr. Tim Shea** presiding. On **June 29th** at 12:00 noon at **St. Paul the Apostle Church**, Fr. Leo Byrne will preside at our 2017 Graduation Mass which will be his final mass for us after many years in the parish. All Grad's, parents, staff, family members, and friends are welcome to join us. May God bless all our students as they prepare for final assignments and exams, especially our graduates as they look forward to beginning a new chapter in their lives.

**Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader**

