



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

November 2017

## Principal's Message

As we approach mid-term in Semester 1, there are many exciting events at Holy Cross in the coming weeks. The KASSAA fall sports regular season is wrapping up and shortly, our fall sports teams will find themselves competing in playoff competitions across the city. Good luck to our student-athletes and coaches as they venture forward. Kudos to our Varsity girls field hockey team who have already wrapped up their KASSAA season and in dramatic fashion. The girls defended their KASSAA crown thanks to a last-second goal over Bayridge Secondary in the championship game at Tindall. Congratulations to the team and their coaches; Tracy Airhart, Liz Mulvenna and Mia Sarris-White and good luck as they move now to the OFSAA competition later this week, in Burlington.

Also on the sports front, on October 18th, the Holy Cross community, in tandem with our friends and rivals Regiopolis-Notre Dame raised over \$5000 (for the Kingston breast cancer screening clinic) at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Halligan Classic basketball games. It was a tremendous event which even included a buy-out to support our boy's volleyball teams in their afternoon games at RND. It was terrific to see a full house at Holy Cross for the Jr. and Sr. girl's games. This event really is a great example of how we strive to live our Catholic faith every day in everything we do.

Rehearsals and set construction are in full swing for our upcoming musical theatre production of *Godspell*. The curtains go up on November 29<sup>th</sup> and the show promises to be spectacular. Mark your calendars and look for ticketing information on our website in the coming weeks. Thanks, in advance, to our Arts department (headed by Mrs. Stacy Check-Drumm) and to the cast and crew of the show, for your dedication in support of musical theatre at Holy Cross.

## This Month

- Nov 1 Take Your Kid to Work Day
- Nov 1 Honour Roll Celebration
- Nov 3 Jamaica Fish Fry 3-7pm Cafetorium
- Nov 4 Tech Fest
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Service
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 23 Report Cards Issued
- Nov 24 P D Day
- Nov 27&28 Day of the Arts
- Nov 29-Dec 2 Godspell Performances

As always, there are many great things happening at HC. I continue to encourage all students to get involved, there are many clubs that would welcome new members, the winter sports season will soon be upon us and, of course, you can always come out and support your fellow Crusaders on the field, court or stage. I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thank you to the many staff and volunteers who selflessly give their time in support of our school teams and clubs. Thanks to your commitment to our students, we are able to provide many extra-curricular opportunities – literally something for everyone.

Mid-term report cards will be distributed in homerooms on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, just ahead of the PA day on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the school,

God bless,

Michael Faught



## DECA goes to regionals ...

November 5th, 30 students from the DECA Business Team are traveling to Whitby, Ontario



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Photo by Emily Pickstock Gr 11 SHSM Comtech Student.

Join the Jamaica Mission Team On Friday, November 3 for the Jamaica Fish Fry.

Tickets Adult \$15.00/child \$10.00

Available at the door

Holy Cross Café—3:30-6:30 pm



## Why learn French?

***"French is important because you learn to speak a new language and if you're lost you can talk to people who speak French."***

***-Kelsey, ALCDSB Grade 7 Student***

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



## PASTORAL NEWS



During November, we pray for all those who have died especially on November 2<sup>nd</sup> which is **All Souls' Day**. We encourage students and staff to stop by the Chapel during this month to write the name of a deceased friend or family member in our "**Book of Remembrance**" located just inside the Chapel doors. We will come together as a school community for a Service of Remembrance on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> during which we will remember and pray for those who have given their lives in service to our country.

Our Jamaica Mission Team is busy preparing for their annual "**Jamaica Fish Fry**" which will take place on **Friday, Nov. 3** from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Join us for a delicious Mike Mundell Fish & Chip dinner with salad, desserts and refreshments provided by the team members – all for \$15.00 (\$10.00 for kids 10 & under).

Our next visit to the **Rosewood Retirement Home** will take place on Thursday Nov. 2 after school. Students are asked to see Mr. Gervais, Mr. Drumm or Mr. Forster to sign up for this after-school activity.

**The Toronto Street Retreat** will be taking place November 22-23. See Mr. Forster, Ms. Cancian or Mr. Brady if you are interested in being part of this overnight experience of service to those in need in Toronto.

May this month of November bring blessings to all our staff, students and their family members. And may God give comfort to those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

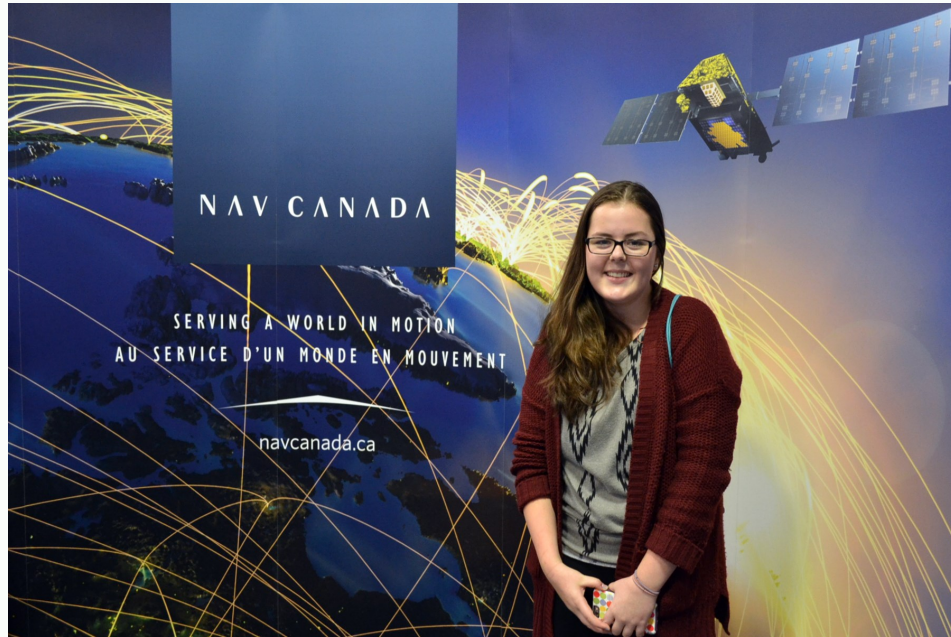


# Communications Technology



On Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, students in Mr. Esford's Grade 12 Communications Technology class travelled to Toronto for a photography safari. Students started at the historic Distillery district, walked along Mill street, visited the St. Lawrence Market, continued down Yonge Street, ending at Sugar Beach on Lake Ontario. Students explored a variety of photography genres, styles and techniques: architectural, portrait, food, landscape, sunset, nighttime skyline & light trail. Students will edit, print and mount their photos for a photography exhibit in the Holy Cross Learning Commons in the near future. (Photo credit: Jacqueline LeBlanc)

# Specialist High Skills Major



Pictured above Emily Pickstock at NAV Canada

Photo by Brandon Almedia Grade 12 SHSM Com Tech student.

On Sunday October 15, 2017 two SHSM Specialist High Skills Major students in Information and Communication Technology travelled to Ottawa on a week long “Adventure in Hi-Tech”. The Rotary Club sponsored students to travel to Ottawa to explore areas of Hi-Tech. 17 students were invited to this exclusive event from across Ontario and even one from New York State. The five day trip was full of learning about careers in Hi-Tech, types of technology and how they work, as well as hands on activities. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the NAV Canada Flight Service Station where students toured the learning facilities and observed new technologies in the field of air travel. Collectively all of the students enjoyed Shopify, a multi-million dollar Canadian e-commerce company. Students toured their office, which was extremely modern, and intriguing. They were given insight on how different fields of work come into play at Shopify and those interested in software development were shown great opportunities on how to get a job at Shopify through Carleton University. “ Shopify was my favorite part of the trip because it provided me with great information on careers in the high tech sector,” shared grade 12 student Brandon Almedia. In addition to learning there were opportunities for students to mingle and have fun including a trip to the mall and some mini putt!

Article by Emily Pickstock Grade 11 SHSM Com Tech student.

## Looking Forward to December

Dec 1 & 2 Godspell Production

Dec 7 Reconciliation Gr 9 &10

Dec 14 Reconciliation Gr 11 & 12

Dec 14 Music Concert 7-9pm Café

Dec 20 Coffee House 7-9pm Café

Dec 21 Advent School Mass

Dec 25-Jan 5 Christmas Break

Jan 8 Classes resume

## Contact Us

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

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## Parking Lot Safety

Just a reminder that safety is our major concern at Holy Cross, so we ask that you observe direction and speed while driving in the school parking lot. The entrance to the school parking lot is at the east end of the school and exit is at the west end. Please do not go out the in and vice versa. Reduce your speed while driving and watch for students. Lastly, when picking up your students, do not block traffic flow. When possible, park in a designated parking space. Do not block the "No Parking" area in the front of the school as this area is needed for students with special needs as well as students crossing the parking lot to get to the city bus stop. **Caution and consideration will make things safer for all.**

## Poinsettias are coming!

The Bridges Class will be offering poinsettias for sale again this year. Orders begin November and close

November 17. Plants will be delivered December 7th.

Contact Greg Walker at 613 384-1919 ext 2258



# ARTS Update



The time is here! “Prepare Ye” to be ‘spell’-bound as the Holy Cross Arts Department proudly presents the musical **Godspell** later this month. “Day by Day” this talented cast of almost 50 students has been rehearsing since early September, and they are thrilled to perform this classic 1970s Broadway production on our Holy Cross stage!

From the composer of *Wicked* (Stephen Schwartz), **Godspell** is a high-energy musical that brings to life the parables found in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Everyone from the backstage and lighting crew, to the makeup department to the rock band are ready to build a “Beautiful City” as the curtain rises **November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and continues each evening until closing night on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. There is also a special matinee performance at **1:30pm** on **Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Ticket sales begin on *November 15<sup>th</sup>* and are only \$15 on sale at lunch in the main foyer or at the door. Visit [hctoday.ca](http://hctoday.ca) or call (613) 384-1919 for more ticket information. This show will sell out so get your tickets early!

Photo courtesy of Gareth Myers Gr11/12 Yearbook Student



## **Counsellor's Corner**

### **Honour Roll Ceremony**

A ceremony honouring last year's Honour Roll students will take place during Period One on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Students reaching 80% in a full course load (8courses) are eligible for Honour Roll. Eligible students received an invitation on Monday, October 23, 2017

### **Take Your Kid to Work Day**

Grade 9 students will participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### **Keys**

KEYS Job Centre is hosting "Link n' Learn" – speed mentoring for Youth on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 3:30 – 6:00 at Memorial Hall, City Hall. Students will meet with supportive people who are willing to help them explore their skills and creativity. Information about the INSight Youth Mentoring Program will be shared, and pizza will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided. More information is available in Student Services.

### **Post Secondary Information**

Workshops for on-line application to OUAC (Universities) were conducted October 18<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. PINs have arrive in Student Services. Students interested in applying to Ontario Universities must pick up their PIN. Workshops for on-line applications to OCAS (College) will be held Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> at [parl.gc.ca/hocpage](http://parl.gc.ca/hocpage)



## Enrichment Opportunities

### Shad Valley July 2 – July 28, 2018

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 20, 2017. For more information go to [www.shad.ca](http://www.shad.ca),

## GOT YOUR BACK Holy Cross!!

Speaker Series....

The Wellness Team hosted the first **Got Your Back Holy Cross Speaker Series** workshop this month to great success! Many students grabbed their lunch and attended the **Let's Talk: Learn to Speak Out & Listen In**. The session focused on how to help a friend, and even ourselves, when we are dealing with a problem or mental health issues. Queen's University's Jackie Huberman and Dr. Susan Buchanan shared many useful and strategies.

Such as: TALK

T...tell them you care

A...Ask them gently

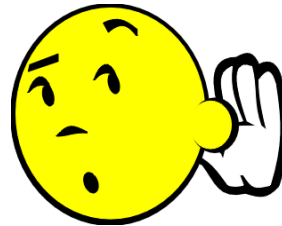
L...Listen Attentively

K...Know your resources

S...Stay in touch.

We are so looking forward to our upcoming workshop:

Relaxation on Nov 15@lunch in room 214!



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2017 HC Golf Team: Ashton McCulloch, Bryson McCulloch, Cameron Lyon, Conor Gaudet, Mitchell Beaubien, Matthew Murphy, Kiley Rodrigues and Emily Calder.

Once again, our boys team captured the KASSAA championship this season. The team moved on to EOSSAA and finished in second place. Ashton McCulloch advanced in the individuals category to compete at the OFSAA Championship. Overall, he finished 17th in the province.

In the girls individuals category, Kiley Rodrigues finished in second place at KASSAA. She followed this up with a third place finish at EOSSAA, which allowed her to advance to OFSAA Festival in North Bay. She finished 17th in the province.

Emily Calder also had strong finishes at KASSAA and EOSSAA (6th overall) which also allowed her to advance to OFSAA.

It was a successful season for the team.

Coaches:

R. Watts

M. Faught (assistant)

C. Marshall (assistant)



## Come Learn to Curl

The Crusaders have a curling club/team that practices every Wednesday after school. No experience is necessary, as we have experienced curlers ready to teach the skills for anyone new to the sport. Members have the choice of participating solely at the club level, but they are encouraged to represent Holy Cross at the Kingston area championships (KASSAA) at the end of February. A \$105 fee gives our students a junior membership at the Royal Kingston Curling Club (where the club meets). Transportation is available after school to the club (beside Centre 70 on Days Road), and practices take place from 3:15-5:00. Optional ice time is also available on Sunday's from 2:00-4:00.

Come have some fun and learn a life long sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. You can join at any time, but the earlier you join, the more curling you will enjoy.

See Mr. Holmes in room 217 for additional information.



# HOLY CROSS FIELD HOCKEY 2017 KASSAA CHAMPS



## HC FIELD HOCKEY KASSAA CHAMPS 2017

Congratulations to the Holy Cross Field Hockey team for winning the 2017 KASSAA Championship! On Tuesday, October 24th, HC earned their ticket to the KASSAA finals, beating Regiopolis Notre Dame 4 - 0 in semi-final action. On Wednesday, October 25th, HC beat Bayridge Secondary School 3 - 2 in a nail-biting KASSAA final championship game. The Crusader's first goal was scored early in the game by grade 11 student Alle Arsenault. A second Holy Cross goal was scored by grade 12 student Kaeli McDonald. A 2 - 2 tie in the fading minutes of the contest was broken by a goal in the last 5 seconds of the game by Alle Arsenault. This is a back-to-back repeat championship win for Holy Cross, winning the 2016 and now the 2017 KASSAA Field Hockey title! The Crusaders now advance to OF-SAA finals November 2nd to 5th in Burlington. Well done ladies! Holy Cross is proud of your hard earned accomplishment!

(Photo credit: Elizabeth Macdonald - Grade 11/12 Yearbook)



# PH Classic - Everyone Wins!



## Europe Trip March Break 2018

Holy Cross students will be travelling to Italy and Switzerland this upcoming March break. There are a few spots still available for what promises to be an amazing experience of all the best that these two beautiful nations have to offer. Highlights will include visits to Geneva, Lucerne, Venice and Florence. Students will visit museums, galleries, a chocolate factory, enjoy a gondola ride, cable car to a Swiss mountain top and have ample time to do their own exploring. **The deadline for signing up for the trip is November 27.** Students who have an interest in going can pick up the required forms from Mr. Coleman in room 203.

