



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

April 2018

## Principal's Message

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Last week, I had the honour of speaking about two Holy Cross students at the annual ALCDSB Beacons of Hope Award breakfast in Kingston. Grade 12 student Faith Lollar and grade 11 student Noah Matos 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 Faith and Noah!

The winter sports season has wrapped up and Holy Cross athletes from five teams (swimming, wrestling, boys' basketball, girl's hockey and boys' hockey) qualified for provincial (OFSAA) competition. Congratulations to wrestlers Tyson Fletcher (OFSAA Silver), Brennan LaPlante-Brady (OFSAA Bronze) and Jonathan Vecchio (6<sup>th</sup> in the province) on their stellar performances in Windsor. Congratulations also go out to the coaches and players of the HC boy's hockey team for their tremendous result at the provincial tournament in St. Catharines. Though ranked twelfth in the tournament, the boys had a very successful run at the event and competed in the gold-medal game against the number one ranked team from Whitby. A closely contested championship game saw HC on the losing end of a 3-1 battle. The team is to be commended for its character, resilience and for bringing home an OFSAA silver medal. Well done team. As always, thanks go out to all winter season coaches and athletes for your hard work and dedication. We now turn our focus to the fields, tracks and tennis courts, as preparation for the spring season are well underway at Holy Cross.

In March, all students returning to Holy Cross in 2018-19 were involved in course selection workshops delivered by our student services department. By now, all students should have entered course selections for the 2018-19 school year based on interest, ability and, most importantly, post-secondary destination or pathway.

### This Month

- April 2 - Easter Monday
- April 6 - Inside Ride
- April 10 - OSSLT (Grade 10)
- April 11 - Catholic School Council Meeting
- April 13 - PA Day
- April 17 - Graduates Assembly
- April 20 - Financial Literacy Presentation
- April 24 - Challenge Retreat (Youth Alpha)
- April 24 - Racing with Autism Presentation (Gr. 9 & 10)
- April 26 - Spring Cabernet
- April 27 - Mid Term Report Cards Issued

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 Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, about 300 Holy Cross students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), the province-wide literacy evaluation that is also a graduation requirement. In advance, I would like to extend thanks to all grade 10 classroom teachers and to our Literacy Committee, especially Mr. Dan Roberts and Mrs. Anne Poels, who have been working hard to ensure that our writers are prepared for the big day. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, senior students (not involved in writing the OSSLT) will work independently from home on assigned course work. Grade 9 students will attend regularly scheduled classes and will be working through sample OSSLT materials in preparation for next year. For this year's writers, individual student reports of the OSSLT results will be available by the end of June.

I wish all of 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 Faught



## PASTORAL NEWS

### **Jamaica Mission Trip**

18 students and 4 staff supervisors spent eight amazing days in Jamaica on the recent Holy Cross Mission Trip. During the week we worked at Riverton Early Childhood Centre and at St. Margaret's Primary & Trades School. These schools are supported by St. Patrick's Foundation. On Wednesday we built a 2-bedroom house with Food for the Poor. This house build was one of the highlights of our trip. We were so happy to hand the key to the house over to Mr. Kingsley Spaulding at the end of the afternoon just after the last coat of paint had been applied to his beautiful new home.



### ***THINKFAST 2018***

Over 50 Holy Cross students and staff took part in this year's overnight Thinkfast on March 23. Congratulations to them for fasting from food for 24 hours and for raising over \$2300.00 for Catholic Dev't & Peace. During the fast, the students took part in various activities and games which connected to this year's theme "Together For Peace". They also heard a presentation by our D & P animator, Luke Stocking, about a country wide petition campaign which asks our government to give more money to international aid for countries in the 'Global South'.





# Crusader Sports

## Crusader Boys Hockey Capture Silver Medal in OFSAA Boys AAA!!!



The first OFSAA medal ever for an "EOSSAA AAA Boys Hockey" team. HC won a Silver medal, Friday, in the "2018 OFSAA Boys AAA Hockey Championships". Losing a hard fought game to, #1 seed, Brooklyn (Whitby) 3-1. Evan Jamieson scored for HC and the play of goalie, Andrew Lumb, was outstanding throughout the championships. The team finished the championships with only two losses, both to Brooklyn.

In the Semi Final, HC defeated, #3 seed, Holy Trinity, 3-2. Jarryd Herron opened the scoring 42 seconds into the game. Jackson Hay and Adian Johnson added the others.

In the Quarter Final, the Crusaders dominated Grand River offensively, scoring 6 goals. Jake Jefferies (2), Matt Sager, Tyson Fletcher, Aidan Johnson and Jarryd Herron were the snipers.

Congratulations Boys!

The Cheerleaders will head to Niagara Falls, April 5-7, 2018 to compete at the National Cheerleading Competition! Good Luck!



## Looking Forward to May

May 3 - Graduation Retreat  
May 7-11 - Catholic Education Week  
May 9 - Catholic School  
Council Meeting  
May 10 - International Club  
Wonderland Trip  
May 18 - PA Day  
May 21 - Victoria Day  
May 30 - Vocal and Dance Showcase  
Evening

## Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)  
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School  
1085 Woodbine Road, Kingston, Ontario, K7P 2V9

## Why Learn French?

“To challenge my brain every day.”

-Darren, ALCDSB Grade 10 Student

## EQAO Assessment of Mathematics

The dates for this year's Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics will be: Wednesday, June 13th and Thursday, June 14th, 2018. All students are expected to be present for this assessment. Please avoid scheduling appointments on these 2 school days. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



All student interested in participating in the University of Waterloo high school chemistry contest should contact Mr. Gervais or Ms. Waller. The Avogadro exam for grade 11's will take place on Thursday May 17 and the Chemistry 13 exam for grade 12's will take place on Thursday May 10th. Good luck and the mole be with you!



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**\*On Monday, April 30th the Spring Uniform can start to be worn till the end of June.**

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

Payment Methods: CASH, DEBIT, MASTERCARD AND VISA. No Cheques!

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Holy Cross C. S. S.

**Spring Uniform Sale**

**2 Golf Shirts + 2 Walking Shorts=15% OFF** Sale Effective: March 28 to April 22,  
2018

**Extended Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday, April 10, 2018: 3:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018: 3:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Regular Shop Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm**

\*Only Golf shirts and Walking Shorts can be purchased at this time, for current students.

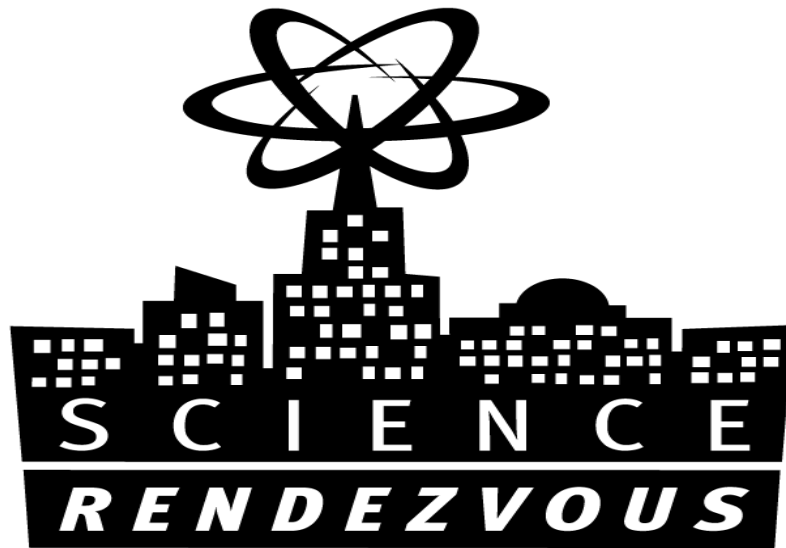
# Spirit Wear

The HC Spirit Shop is now web capable! Much like student fees, HC spirit wear can now be paid for online; the payment process is the same as the payment process for student fees. The only difference for this newly available service is that students/parents are asked to print their invoice and present as a proof of purchase before picking up their item. The HC Spirit Shop is open every Wednesday during lunch and after school; any schedule changes in operating hours will be added to the school calendar.

Black Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Adidas)	\$50
Green Athletic Pants (Adidas)	\$50
Black Windbreaker	\$40
Baseball $\frac{3}{4}$ length Sleeve	\$25
We The West Tees	\$15
Copper Insulated Water Bottle	\$10

Unfortunately, the student leadership team cannot guarantee inventory as there are limited quantities and sizing available in each styled item. **Get your gear quick before we run out!"**





[educ.queensu.ca/coc/science-rendezvous](http://educ.queensu.ca/coc/science-rendezvous)

Saturday, May 12, 2018

from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at The Rogers K-ROCK Centre



# ARTS DEPT NEWS

A huge thank you to Mr. Stabile's second semester guitar class for hosting such a wonderful spring coffee house just before March Break! Our artists were able to showcase their tremendous talents thanks to your commitment.



Congratulations to Ms. Check's grade 12 vocal class who beat out competing local choirs for the chance to "Sing with Foreigner" at the K-Rock on March 24th. The vocal class won \$500 towards our vocal program and got the opportunity to feel like real rock stars!

The grade 11 drama class as well as vocal and dance students created and performed at our annual "Stations of the Cross" presentation on Holy Thursday.

## **We have a busy April ahead!**

- Our IMPROV team coached by Ms. Rose will be competing at the Kingston Regional Improv Games from April 4th-7th. The games will take place at the Domino Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Our INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC students will compete in the Kingston Kiwanis Festival here at our school on April 4th. This will also help prepare them for their big competition coming up! On April 10th, 100 of our instrumental and vocal music students will travel to Florida to participate and compete in Festival Disney. This music enrichment trip headed by Mr. Orser is sure to be a great learning experience and tons of fun as well!
- Finally, our grade 11 drama class is hosting HC's very own talent show "Cabaret" which takes place Thursday, April 26th in our cafetorium. Tickets are only \$5. Come out for a fun evening of entertainment which highlights our talented students! AUDITIONS are the week of April 3rd! Sign-up outside the drama room.







Also congrats to our very talented dance team led by Ms. Perugino! Before their competition, team members met for a private class with Shawn Bracke and joined Toronto dancers for an intermediate hip hop class downtown at the Underground Dance Center! On Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the team traveled to STRIVE Dance Challenge to compete against 18 high school teams and won first place in their categories and fourth overall team! They also took home over \$400 in scholarship money for their accomplishments! A special congratulations to Alana Stevenson and Ethan Bucholtz who won first overall for their student choreographed duet! The HC dancers also placed first overall in their contemporary routine called, Climate Change. Three of the five routines were awarded a special 'Judge's Choice' award. We look forward to seeing a couple of these routines at our Spring Cabaret and



# TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION NEWS



## **HC Tech Wins Gold!**

Congratulations to grade 11 student Michael Soudant and grade 12 student Alexis Lawson who won gold medals in the Limestone Skills Competition on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, at St. Lawrence College, Kingston.

Mike won a Gold Medal in Carpentry (Individual). His Supervising Teacher/Coach is Construction/Woodworking Teacher Mr. Patrick Healey.

Lexi won a Gold Medal in Photography. Her Supervising Teachers/Coaches are Mr. John Esford and Mr. Patrick Prior. Lexi now qualifies to advance to the Ontario Skills competition to represent the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in photography.

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School had a third student, Hanna Brady, in the Graphic Design – Studio competition. Hanna qualifies to advance to the Ontario Skills competition to represent the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in Graphic Design.

Congratulations to all students, teachers & support staff for their participation, preparation, training, and accomplishments in Technological Education. It takes a village to raise a child and to prepare them for a skills competition.

The next step in the Skills Competition journey is the Qualifying Competition on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence College, Kingston where students will face schools from Eastern Ontario. Pedro Marques & Breanna Purdy (Holy Cross CSS) compete in TV / Video Production. The top three teams in each category advance to the Provincial Skills Competition.

The 2018 Ontario Skills Competition takes place May 7 to 9, 2018, and it is Canada's largest skilled trade and technology competition. There are over 50 categories for students to compete in: from Brick Masonry, to Hairstyling, to Robotics to name just a few. The Skills Ontario Competition offers a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the best of the best in their technology sector. The event takes place at the Toronto Congress Centre, Etobicoke, Toronto. The Holy Cross Technological Education Department is sponsoring a bus to take interested Tech Ed students to the Secondary Skills Competition on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for the day to observe and witness first hand the excitement of skills competition. Hopefully this will inspire more students to participate and compete next year.

Best wishes to our Tech Ed competitors. Holy Cross really is a Tech School!



# HC Green Team



1. Stop buying bottled water.

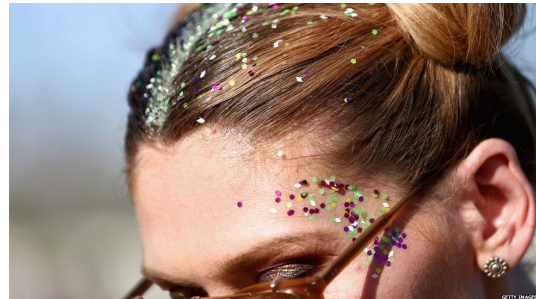
Six simple ways to cut back on plastic in your life:



2. Say no to plastic straws.



3. Use re-usable or real cutlery when eating fast food.



4. Avoid microbeads and glitter.



5. Use cloth produce or shopping bags.



6. Buy loose.

# Counsellor's Corner

## Mid Semester Report Cards

On **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** 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 2018-19 school year is well underway at Holy Cross. Students received Course Selection Verification sheets on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, will be invited to a recognition ceremony on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> year of high school will be recognized at an assembly on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>** (latest). **June 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 19<sup>th</sup>** and a final mark by **June 21<sup>st</sup>**.

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



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Students must see their counsellor to sign up and receive a permission form.



### **Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council Opportunities available for students who reside in the L & A Region:**

Environment Bursary program for students entering Environmental studies or a related field – apply by May 18, 2018

Ontario Nature's Youth Summit- September 21-23 in Orillia – Apply by May 18, 2018

Youth Rangers – Kingston ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry program for 17 year olds – apply by April 27, 2018 – see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information

### **Bursary/Scholarships:**

*Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN):*

A bursary program is available for graduating high school students pursuing post-secondary studies related to careers in the justice system. Visit <http://ojen.ca/en/program/bursaries-for-grade-12-students-pursuing-studies-toward-a-career-in-law> for more information. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 11, 2018.

*National Union of Public and General Employees (OPSEU and CUBGW, Local 325):*

Students who are attending a full-time program at a post-secondary institution and who are children/grandchildren of a National Union member are eligible for several scholarships including: Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship, Tommy Douglas Scholarship, Scholarship for Indigenous Students, and Scholarship for Students of Colour. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

*Niagara Community Foundation Sean Jackson Scholarship:*

Available to a student entering post-secondary who is making a positive impact with their community. Apply before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

### **Discovery Days in Health Sciences:**

Students interested in medical related fields are invited to attend a day at Queen's Bio Sciences complex on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. There are very limited spaces available – see Mrs. Cantarutti for a permission form by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

### **Career Fair**

# April is Oral Health Month

“Brush Up on the Facts” campaign urges parents to keep kids’ teeth healthy.



Good oral health is important for children’s self-esteem, sense of well-being and overall health. Dental cavities can cause missed school and may lead to problems with chewing, sleeping, concentrating and learning.

The “Brush Up on the Facts: Keep Kids’ Teeth Healthy” campaign is geared to parents and focuses on the impact dental health has on kids’ growth and development and the free dental programs and services that are available for eligible kids 0-17 years of age.



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## Holy Cross Computer Science Takes First Place



Pictured above (left to right): Holy Cross students Callan Murphy, Jacob Laframboise, Carter Bailey, and Emmett Bravakis with Dr. Richard Linley (Queen's Computing and host of the event).

Holy Cross competed in the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario's Programming Contest Round 1 and performed incredibly well with our teams taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place. Teams of four students competed in a series of programming challenges during a three-hour period. Teams from across the Tri-Board (Limestone, Algonquin and Hastings) School Boards converged at Queen's School of Computing to test their skills in this challenging competition. With only one computer per team, members worked together and divided up responsibilities to solve the challenging problems. Pictured above, are Holy Cross students Callan Murphy, Jacob Laframboise, Carter Bailey, and Emmett Bravakis. They completed 3 of the 4 problems in the first 90 minutes of the competition spending the remaining time on the final problem. Honourable mention goes to Holy Cross students Colin Rebelo, Jonathan Vecchio, Ross Howes, and Gavyn Witjes who earned a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Holy Cross advances to round 2 of the competition competing against teams from across Eastern Ontario.

Anyone that is interested in joining the computer programming club or learning more about computer science is invited to see Mr. Holmes in room 217. Holy Cross offers a wide variety of computer hardware and software courses to meet various interests and needs.





Jonathan and Colin hard at work.



Ross and Gavyn planning a solution.



Ross, Matt, Jay and Evan working together as a team.



Callan, Jacob, Emmet and Carter focused on their work.