



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

May 2018

Principal's Message – May Newsletter

Each year in May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). The theme this year, *Renewing the Promise*, reminds us of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the leadership role played by all those involved in Catholic education and the importance of Catholic education in our contemporary society. Holy Cross will be sending about 10 student representatives to participate in the ALCDSB Catholic Education Week mass on May 8th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Kingston, led by our Chaplain, Mr. Chris Forster. On May 10th, staff and students from Holy Cross will continue our recent pilgrimage tradition and will return to St. Paul the Apostle to celebrate our monthly school mass. Check the Holy Cross website and social media for pictures and details of the day.

As we move into May, our current Students' Council will pass the torch to our incoming group of student leaders. The HC Town Hall assembly, organized by the current council and staff moderator **Mr. Vince Stabile**, took place on Wednesday April 25th. The election results will be revealed in the coming days. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council for its efforts on behalf of our students. It has been a pleasure working with student leadership group at Holy Cross this semester; they have worked hard and succeeded in fostering increased school spirit and a sense of inclusiveness among the student body. I would also like to extend my thanks and wish good luck to the candidates that put their names forward in consideration for the 2018-19 student leadership group.

Our graduating students are beginning to see their academic and future goals coming into clearer focus. At a recent meeting of the graduating class, the school team provided the road map that leads our graduates through the months of May and June and up to June 28th (the date of our graduation mass and convocation ceremony). Please continue to check the Holy Cross website and student announcements for information relevant to this year's graduating class.

This Month

- May 3 - Grad Retreat
- May 5 - Food Blitz
- May 7 - Catholic Education Week
- May 9 - Catholic School Council Meeting
- May 10 - International Club Wonderland Trip
- May 10 - Teen Mental health Speaker Series
- May 18 - PA Day
- May 21 - Victoria Day

Understandably, this can be a stressful time of year for our potential graduates. We are fortunate to have our Wellness Team, led by Mrs. Lisa Lollar and Terrie Hoey, who continue to support our students on their journey. If you are feeling the pressure, why not seek out members of our wellness team or speak to a member of our staff. We are here to assist you.

On Thursday May 10th at 7:00pm in the Lecture Theatre, we welcome the final speaker in our 2017/18 Teen Mental Health Speaker Series. Nicholas Axas is a Team Leader in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Urgent Consult Clinic with Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Hotel Dieu Hospital site. Nicolas will be talking about his work on the front lines in teen mental health.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our future grade 9s to a tour of the school and the Spring Carnival, organized by the athletic leadership class and taking place on Friday May 4th at the school. Thank you for your leadership and mentorship of our future Crusaders!

God Bless,

Michael Faught

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PASTORAL NEWS



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Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and highlight our ongoing mission as a Catholic school community. This year our theme of *Renewing the Promise* will guide and inspire various events including our Board-Wide Mass which will take place on Tuesday May 8th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Kingston with Archbishop O'Brien presiding. Here at Holy Cross we will celebrate Catholic Education Week on Thursday, May 10 as we pilgrimage together to St. Paul the Apostle Church for our School Mass at 9:30 a.m. As we remember, celebrate and renew the 'promise' of Catholic Education next week, let us pray that God will continue to bless our students, staff and extended community.

Pastoral Update for May

We welcomed Ted Splinter (HC '03 Grad) to our school on April 27. Ted has joined the Franciscan Community of Friars (Canada) and visited our school to share about his faith journey since high school. We are looking forward to our Grad Retreat on May 3 at Rideau Acres. All Grade 12 students are welcome to join us for this amazing day of sharing our faith together. We are also looking forward to our May 10 School Mass. The entire school community will be walking on pilgrimage together over to St. Paul the Apostle Church for this celebration. May God continue to bless all our students and staff with Easter joy.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader

Crusader Sports



HC Student Athlete Signs with American University

Kiley Rodrigues has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas on a Full Athletic Scholarship for the fall of 2018. Kiley is a two-time team MVP for the golf team at Holy Cross. She was the KASSAA and EOSSAA golf champion in 2016. Last summer, Kiley had an awesome season earning her scholarship. She placed 10th in the Ontario Junior Girls Championship, came 4th in the Golf Canada Future Links Atlantic Championship and made the Semi-Finalist Flight in the Women's National Junior Championship, a prestigious annual tournament in the United States. Kiley has also been the Junior Club Champion for the past two years at her home course, Cataraqi Golf and Country Club. At Holy Cross, Kiley has a great passion for golf! But, she has also enjoyed playing hockey, tennis, and basketball for our school. While being involved in all of these sports, Kiley has also maintained her honour roll status. Outside of school, this year, Kiley and her hockey team won bronze at the Provincial level for the Midget A Ice Wolves. Congratulations Kiley!



Gold Medal Wrestler

Holy Crosses grade 9 student Natalie Vecchio (center) captured the Gold medal at Canadian National Greco Roman wrestling competition. She went undefeated through the early round and won the final match 8-0 to capture first place. She becomes the first female Kingston and Holy Cross wrestler to capture a national gold medal Greco Roman title. Congratulations Natalie, Holy Cross is proud of your accomplishment!



Looking Forward to June

June 13-14 EQAO Math Assessment
June 14 - Senior Vocal and Dance
Showcase Evening
June 21-27 - Exam Period
June 28 - Graduation
June 29 - PA Day

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca

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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.

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be distributed on Wednesday,
May 23rd.

TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION NEWS

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SHSM Com Tech

Specialist High Skills Major students in Information and Communications Technology travelled to Toronto to tour Humber College. Students had the opportunity for a behind the scenes look at the Journalism, Photography, Radio and Television Production facilities. This “Reach Ahead” experience allows students to witness post-secondary school studies to make informed decisions on their future. Students had the amazing chance to speak with Students, Professors, and Deans to learn “first hand” about the media production program offerings. Students continued on their “Reach Ahead” experience by exploring career opportunities in the media production field. The Crusaders toured the television production facilities at the Roger’s Centre. Chief Engineer Stephan Gagnon is a past HC Comm Tech student, Holy Cross Grad, and Ryerson Radio & Television Production Grad. Stephan talked about working in the industry, careers, and the high tech and expensive television production equipment used to broadcast a Blue Jays game. As a bonus students watched the Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 15 – 5. Lucky students also received free Blue Jays sweatshirts. SHSM Student President Breanna Purdy shares, “The Humber trip was amazing! We were given a grand tour by the Dean and got to see all of the amazing programs Humber has to offer!” Experiential education provides a rich learning opportunity for students and just one of the many benefits to completing SHSM. If you are interested in post-secondary school studies and a career in media production please contact Mr. John Esford or Mrs. Jennifer McDonald in room 218 for more information on joining the SHSM focus program. Take Tech!

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 ¾ 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!"**



Holy Cross Students Participate in Pitch-In



Over 150 students from several classes participated in Pitch-In Kingston as part of an Earth day clean up. Armed with gloves and garbage bags, the students collected enough litter to fill several dozen bags of waste. Areas they were covered included the school property and nearby parks and water ways. Keep it green HC!

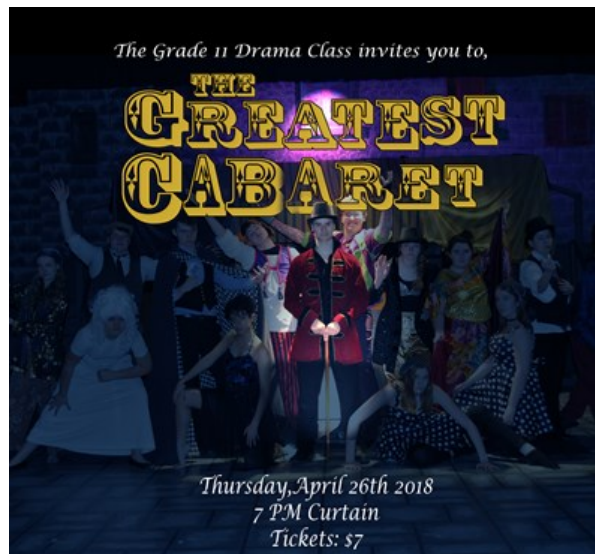
ARTS DEPT NEWS

Congratulations to the Improv Team coached by Ms. Rose who placed 2nd in the Kingston Reginal Improv Games competition last month!

Our music students had a wonderful time in sunny Florida competing at Festival Disney! All ensembles received a rating of “Excellent” and were very enriched by the clinic and the experience overall. Special thanks to Mr. Orser for coordinating such an amazing experience for our instrumental and vocal music students!



A huge thank you to Ms. Check Drumm's grade 11 drama class for organizing such a fun and entertaining evening at our very own Holy Cross Cabaret on April 25th. Our artists were able to showcase their tremendous talents thanks to you!



Looking ahead...

The BIG NIGHT is almost here! Our GENESIS arts awards take place Thursday, May 17th at 7pm. Tickets are \$6 and will be sold at lunch and at the door. Please attend our special evening celebrating the accomplishments of our artists and performing artists!

The grade 9 instrumental music band, along with the vocal ensemble, will travel to Toronto on May 25th to perform at the Trills and Thrills Festival. Good luck to our new musicians!

Counsellor's Corner

Grade 8 Carnival at Holy Cross

On **Friday, May 4th** our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The **class of 2022** will participate in ice breaker activities coordinated by the Sports Leadership class.

University and College

University and college bound students are encouraged to check their **OUAC** and **OCAS accounts** to verify all transcript data. Mid term marks have been sent to both application centres.

Dual Credits

St. Lawrence College provides an opportunity for Grade 12 students to attend a St. Lawrence College course and receive credit towards their Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma. Visit the Holy Contact Mr. John Esford in room 218 periods 1 or 2 for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

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

St. Lawrence College Connections Program

On **Thursday, May 3rd**, a group of grade 10 and 11 Holy Cross students will be exploring careers in an interactive Connections program at **St. Lawrence College**. The program will provide an exciting opportunity to investigate first-hand such careers as hairstyling/aesthetics, carpentry, police foundations, law and security, and early childhood education.

Summer School 2018

New Credit: July 3rd – 30th. 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning.

Courses available are: ENG3U, ENG4U, ENG4C, MHF4U, MCR3U, CHV2O5 Civics, and GLC2O5 Careers.

* Please note that Grade 11 and 12 "U" and "C" level courses will have an onsite exam on Monday, July 30th, 2018 at Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education.

Please contact your Guidance counsellor for more information.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018

This year's graduation ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 28th** beginning at **6 p.m.** at the school. A **Graduation Mass** will be celebrated at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** on **Taylor-Kidd Blvd** at **12:00 p.m.** for the graduates, their families and friends and staff. Students can pick up grad tickets and information starting Friday, May 4th at lunch.

Following is a list of students who, at this point, are **potential** graduates and eligible to take part in the **June 2018** graduation ceremony. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories) forty (40) hours of Community involvement and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by **Friday, May 11th, 2018**. It is **the student's responsibility** to ensure that **all** requirements (including night school courses and on-line courses) have been completed or will be completed. The final marks for on-line and night school courses must be submitted to Student Services by **Monday, June 18th, 2018**. Please contact your counsellor if you have any concerns.

Potential Grads June 2018

Hannah L. Aikman, Antonio M. Almeida, Brandon M. Almeida, Noah A. Almeida, Sophia E. Amarante, Jack R. Anson, Emily A. Babcock, Carter J. Bailey, Jacob R. Ballantyne, Henry M. Banks, Carolyn N. Baribeau, Eugene B. Barrett, Wade L. Battersby, Lyndsey C. Beatty, Mitchell S. Beaubien, Madeline R. Bertoia, Ace C. Bioco, Jillian M. Bracken, Hanna L. Brady, Emmett J. Bravakis, Lauren J. Bronkhorst, Jackson B. Brown, Shauna N. Brown, Noah B. Cabral, Emily M. Calder, Ami S. Calthorpe, Alec R. Campbell, Joseph P. Cantarutti, Avery T. Check, Griffin P. Chenier, Zachary J. Chevarie, Brandon T. Christie, Matteo Circelli, Jay P. Collins, Hailey B. Condie-Robidoux, Alexander M. Correia, Elleigha B. Crosby, Taylor Dales, Christopher F. DaSilva, Chantal M. Daugherty, Olivia C. de Sousa, Meredith E. DeMarsh, Gabriel V. DePaul, Thomas J. Dias, Lauren M. Dora, Catharine M. Dowling, Matthew C. Ducharme, Abby J. Dutra, Maicie Ewart, Emily C. Fabbro, Matthew J. Ferguson, Nicole E. Flagler, Alexander C. Fudge, Keith Furlan, Joel T. Garrison, Kalysta C. Gates, Bridget R. Gaudreau, Claire M. Gazeley, Tristan P. Gervais, Hannah L. Gibbons, Rana Girgirah, Sarah K. Glenn, Marley C. Gollé, Emmett Gordon, Cole A. Gouveia, Gillian Graham, Kaelin E. Grassie, Kimberly N. Grimard, Noah Grobber, Reginald O. Gyimah, Aimee M. Hale, Stephen E. Harper, Mark W. Harrigan, Morgan J. Hawkins, Tanner L. Hawley, Tyler G. Healey, Clare D. Hennessy, Alea N. Henshaw, Robert J. Heyman, Harley M. Hinch, Julia C. Hollingsworth, Jordan D. Houle, Conner R. Howes, Brett T. Humberstone, Ayrton T. Hunt, Evan J. Hunt, Logan A. Hunter, Nolan Hutcheson, Christian T. Ibanez, Tyler L. Ignazzitto, Daniel D. Jang, Melanie S. Janiuk, Kaylie A. Jansen, Shane G. Jenkins, Kirsten E. Knott, Jacob R. Laframboise, Emily D. Lambert, Xavier Langevin, Veronica Laplante, Paul Larabie, Sergio F. Laranjeira, Alexis J. Lawson, Jacqueline A. LeBlanc, Brielle M. Lemay, Alaina M. Lewis, Michelle K. Lindsay, Angus P. Little, John T. Little, Faith A. Lollar, Serenity K. Lovett-Mishell, Marie O. Lynch, Cameron J. Lyon, Anna E. Lyons, Hayden N. Machacynski, Andre d. Machado, Meghan A. MacPherson, Pedro J. Marques, Jaedra K. Marshalleck, Lucas C. Matheson, Brigitte E. Matthias, Bryson J. McCulloch, Kaeli E. McDonald, Andrew McEwen, MacKayla McQueen, Donald J. Meaney, Cameron F. Menard, Jared C. Migneault, Jacob T. Mitchell, Rachel S. Mojsiuk, Domenico L. Montalbano, Mikaela A. Moore, Rachel J. Norman, Ty R. Norman, Hanna L. Norton, Jared M. Nuttall, Tristan J. O'Brien, Nathan J. Oliveira, Xavier D. O'Neil, Olivia P. Orprecio, Leyi Ou, Emily C. Pacheco, Alexis D. Pascoal, Karan N. Patel, Ethan S. Patterson, Natalie V. Pawlak, Brynn A. Pearson, Connell D. Pelow, Thomas F. Pendergast, Hector M. Perez, Liam B. Perrett, Macayla A. Perrin-Landon, Reine Rosangel U. Peruelo, Olivia L. Potter, Jonathan F. Power, Breanna M. Purdy, Marcus J. Pye-Condie, Jacob A. Randall, Zachary J. Raymond, Colin L. Rebelo, Nicholas W. Reynolds, Madelynn R. Richard, Shawntel P. Richter, Alexandra M. Robertson, Tyler C. Robertson, Kiley M. Rodrigues, Cole R. Rooks, Robert E. Roques, Madeline G. Rosebery, Emily Ross, Chelsea P. Rowell, Katie M. Salamone, Patrick J. Sammon, Connor G. Scale, Cameron P. Schwehr, Rebekah K. Scott, Phyllis A. Scully, Lyndsey N. Shannon, Elexis M. Sherboneau-Villeneuve, Jacob P. Sheridan, Cicilin M. Siju, Emma M. Smith, Madison Snider, Clara A. Sonnemann, Laurenio P. Sousa, Izabella M. Splinter, Sydney C. St. Clair, Owen M. Stacey, Gabrielle C. Stevens, Alana I. Stevenson, Logan Stewart, Liam R. Stroman, Taylor N. Sutton, Clayton D. Taylor, Max A. Taylor, Amberlee M. Tennyson, Jolie E. Thurlby, Kayla M. Tigchelaar, Katrina Tozer, Anthony M. Troiani, Abby D. Tryon Gignac, Ricardo A. Valdes Torres, Malcolm R. Vallier, Jacqueline A. van Herpt, Katherine M. van Herpt, Hannah M. Vance, Briar G. Vandenberg, Sierra M. Vieira, Bailey E. Wagner, Ashley S. Walker, Kacy-Lynne C. Walker, ZiYi Wang, James P. Waters, Eric J. Wendling, Victoria M. Wentz, Jacob C. Williams, Logan A. Wistead, Gavyn A. Witjes, Levi Woodland, Emily E. Wood-Quinn, Donald J. Woods, Madison R. Woods, Julianna O. Yates, Hannah L. Yeatman-Michaud

RETURNING GRADE TWELVES

Any students who are interested in returning for a fifth year, or portion thereof, and who have not yet made course selections, must first meet with **Mr. Faught**. Please schedule an appointment.

HC Green Team

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



1. Stop buying bottled water.



2. Say no to plastic straws.



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



4. Avoid micro beads and glitter.



5. Use cloth produce or shopping bags.



6. Buy loose.

For more information about our over use of plastic see the link below:

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