



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

September 2018

## Principal's Message

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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. A special welcome to our nearly 240 grade 9 students, the class of 2022, who recently participated in our annual 'Movin-on Up' Crusaders Camp at the school August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Ms. Gallant and her team for putting on an excellent and informative introduction to Holy Cross for our newest Crusaders.

As always, there are many opportunities for students to get involved in the Holy Cross community. Our talented Arts department is holding auditions in the first week of school for our upcoming musical theatre production, *Newsies!* Our fall athletics program is up and running: Junior and senior football, boys' volleyball, girls' basketball, field hockey and golf teams will be beginning their KASSAA seasons in September. Our many clubs will also be looking for new members, check out the Green-Team and CICS (Crusaders in Community Service) among others at the school. I like to think that there is something for everyone at Holy Cross.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend our first School Council meeting, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Learning Commons. I look forward to meeting you and to the opportunity to share with you, the great things happening at Holy Cross. We have one meeting per month which lasts for about an hour. In years past, parents and guardians have helped fund student events, wellness activities and organize parent engagement evenings. In 2017-18, our School Council sponsored a very successful Speaker Series about Teen Mental Health. This year, we will continue that effort starting with Dr. Deji Ayonrinde who will speak about cannabis use and the effect on the developing brain on **Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre.

### This Month

- Sept 4 First day of School!**
- Sept 10 Picture day**
- Sept 13 School Mass**
- Sept 14 Last day for timetable changes**
- Sept 17 Live Different presentation Gr9**
- Sept 19 Catholic School Council Mtg**  
**6:30-7:30 pm Learning Commons**
- Sept 25-26 Drive for Life**
- Sept 26 Parent Post Secondary Info**  
**6:30-8:00 pm Cafetorium**
- Sept 28 Professional Development Day**

. I look forward to welcoming you at these important sessions. For up to date information about things happening at Holy Cross, I encourage you to regularly check the school website at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

You can also subscribe to our monthly newsletter on the school website, by providing your email address in the form available on the main page.

Our pastoral theme for the 2018-19 school year is: *"Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God"* which speaks to the way in which we relate to each other in our school, in our families and in the wider community. Our grade 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to hear about this message of Kindness when the group **Live Different** come to Holy Cross in mid-September. Stay tuned for other activities and events under the theme of Kindness from our Chaplaincy team this year.

Visit our website at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

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Principals Message continued

We have a few staffing changes for the 2018/19 school year. **Ms. Kelsi Ball** has joined the HC community and will be teaching at the Alt program. She replaces Mrs. Airhart, who has joined the modern languages department at RND. Thanks to Mrs. Airhart for your years of service at Holy Cross. **Mr. Pat Healey** is our new construction technology teacher, replacing the long-serving Mr. Corrigan, who retired in June. Finally, **Mrs. Sabina McLarty** is joining the Social science department. Welcome to our new staff!

Parents and guardians – Please ensure that you have reviewed with your son/daughter, the school's Code of Student Conduct, available on our website (and on your student's Virtual Commons). It is very important to us that all members of our community understand and participate in our mission and are aware of the high expectations that we have for our students at Holy Cross.

God Bless,

Michael Faught, Principal.



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## Parking Lot Safety

The safety of our students is a major concern at Holy Cross, so please pay attention to direction and speed restraints 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. When dropping off and picking up students, **do not block traffic flow.** When possible, park in a designated parking space. **Do not block the “No Parking” area or the handicap parking spaces** in the front of the school as these areas are needed for students with special needs as well as students crossing the parking lot to get to the city bus stop. Finally, there is **no parking in the laneway at the back of the school.** This is where the busses drop off and pick up students. Vehicles parked in the rear laneway not only delay the busses, but also create a risk to students trying to get to their busses. Caution and consideration will make things safer for all.





## Attendance Procedures

Regular attendance greatly improves a student's chances for success in school and until a student is 18, it is their parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they are in attendance daily. If your student is going to be absent, please call the **school attendance line at 613-384-1919 ext 2** to notify the school and provide a general explanation. If we do not receive a call about an absence, an automated call will go home to remind you to give us a call. If a student will not be in class due to a school activity such as a field trip, sporting event or school/bus cancellation (weather), you do not need to contact the school.

**Occasionally a call will go home in error.** If you receive an absence call and your student says they were there, or that they were at a school event, please call the attendance office so that we may look into the error, and ensure attendance is accurate. Finally, when a student reaches **10 and 15 absences in a course**, a letter will be sent to their home to ensure that parents/guardians are aware of the absence count. This count will include any absence that was not a school activity, even if the school was advised of the absence. These letters are to fulfill our duty of keeping parents/guardians informed. If you receive a letter, and are surprised by the number of absences, please give the school a call and we can work together to resolve any problems.



## PASTORAL NEWS

On behalf of our Chaplaincy Team, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our incoming Grade 9 students and to all who are coming to Holy Cross for the very first time this year. Fr. Amato and Fr. Shea are both back with us this year and will be celebrating our Opening School Mass on Thursday, September 13. We will be joined this year by Michel Quenneville, a fifth year seminarian, who has been assigned to St. Paul the Apostle Parish and who will be working with us at Holy Cross. I enjoyed meeting our Grade 9 students at the Movin' On Up Days last week. And will hopefully get to know them better over the coming months. I would strongly encourage them, and all our students, to get involved in the many faith-based activities that we organize throughout the school year. These include serving or reading at our School Masses, singing in the School Choir, attending a Youth Poverty Challenge Conference, joining our Crusaders In Community Service (or CICS) Social Action Club. Our first CICS' meeting for this year will be on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> during lunch in Room 214. And all are welcome to come out and hear about some upcoming social action activities. You will find plenty of ways to get involved here at Holy Cross and opportunities each day to put your faith into action both in our local community and on a global level. Our Pastoral theme for this year "*Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with Your GOD*" from the prophet Micah challenges us all to be just, kind and humble in our personal relationships and in all our activities. May God bless our efforts to do this here at Holy Cross, in our families and in the local community. And may all our students, staff and their families experience Christ's love for them this year and always.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader

**Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly  
with your God (Micah 6:8)**

## Looking Forward to October

Oct 1 Thanksgiving Food Drive begins  
Oct 8 Thanksgiving  
Oct 10 School Mass  
Oct 12 Early Report Cards home  
Oct 18 Parent Teacher Interviews  
3:00-8:30pm  
Oct 24 Parent Teacher Interviews  
6:30-8:30pm  
Oct 26 P D Day  
Oct 31 Halloween

## Contact Us

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## ITALY TRIP 2020

Holy Cross students will have the opportunity to travel to Italy during the March Break of 2020. The tour will feature the cities of Venice, Florence, Assisi, Ortona and Rome. Highlights will include visits to the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Roman Coliseum, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, the Canadian Military Cemetery at Ortona, and climbing the dome of Florence's cathedral. It promises to be an unforgettable trip filled with history, art, great food and beautiful scenery. The trip is open to students who will be in grades 10-12 the year of the trip. A student information meeting will take place Wednesday, September 19th in room 202 at lunch.

# ARTS Dept News

The 2018-19 school year promises, as always, to be an exciting one filled with numerous artistic and creative opportunities for students in our arts community. Our mission is to provide our arts students with a wide variety of arts classes as well as extra-curricular activities which develop and enrich students' natural talents. We hope that your kids will consider enrolling in subjects such as dramatic arts, dance, vocal music, guitar, visual arts and instrumental music this school year. We will foster them to discover their inner creative artists!

An information meeting for this year's musical, **NEWSIES**, takes place on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am in Room 246 (drama room). **AUDITIONS** are Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Full details are on the drama board outside room 246.

Our first **CHOIR** practice takes place on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am in Room 146 (music room). All are welcome!

Parent Information Meeting for this year's **MUSIC TRIP to NYC** will be on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the lecture theatre. Any grade 10, 11 or 12 student who is enrolled in instrumental music or vocal music this school year is eligible

**ART CLUB** takes place on Wednesdays after school and will begin later in September in the visual arts room. *Other arts extra-curricular activities such as coffee house, dance club, dance team, improv team, etc., as well as other arts events, will occur later in the school year. Continue reading your monthly newsletters for arts updates!*





DATES ARE NOVEMBER  
28-DECEMBER 1, 2018

# Holy Cross Arts Dept

IT'S GONNA BE SO MUCH  
FUN! THE MUSIC IS  
TERRIFIC!

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# NEWSIES

BROADWAY'S SMASH HIT MUSICAL



## Newsies takes HC by storm!

HOLY CROSS ARTS DEPT  
KINGSTON, ON

HOLY CROSS has always had the reputation of producing excellent theatre productions and this production is no exception.

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of

Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions

This is gonna be a good one folks. The music is fantastic and the dancing is amazing and we had so much fun making this video we really hope the students love it as much as we do. Auditions are held September 10-13. Show dates are November 28-December 1- on the Holy Cross stage!

## STABILE WEDDING RINGS





# HC Clubs

Club	Day	Time	Location	Supervisor
Dungeons and Dragons	Tuesday	After School	Rm 247	Ms. Pacheco
Art Club	Wednesday	After School	Rm 134	Ms. Pacheco
Book Club	Thursday	Lunch/After School	Rm 247	Ms. Pacheco
Crusaders in Community Svc	Monday	Lunch	Rm 214	Mr. Brady/Mr. Forster
DECA	Wed/Friday	Lunch	Rm 213	Mr. M Clarke
Fishing Club	Wednesday			Mr Hunter/Mr. Gervais/Mr. Corbin
International Club	Thursday	various	Lecture Theatre	Ms. Pacheco/Ms Vella Bowry/Ms. Holmes
Math Club	Monday	Lunch	Rm 111	Ms. Goodberry
Safe Space				Ms. Cancian
SHSM	1st Wed of month	Lunch	Rm 218	Mr Esford
Smash Brothers Club	Friday	Lunch	Lecture Theatre	Ms. Vella-Bowry

# Counsellor's Corner

## **Time table changes and course load:**

All students in grade 9, 10, and 11 will carry a full course load which is 4 credits per semester. Students in grade 12 who have a minimum of 24 credits may elect to have a spare in each semester. All grade 12 students who have not graduated are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester. It is the view of the school, that students fully engaged in the classroom will perform better academically and will progress to graduation with fewer challenges.

Students have until Friday, September 14 to request a timetable change. Students must meet with their guidance counsellor to discuss their request.

## **Post-secondary Information**

Information sessions regarding post-secondary education will start next week. Students should regularly check the announcements for the presentation schedule. A monthly schedule is also posted in Student Services. Students interested in applying to University should plan on attending the information session on Wednesday, September 12 at 11:15 or at 2:30. There will be a parent post-secondary information meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 in the cafeteria.