



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2018

## Principal's Message

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The season of Advent is nearly here, so let me begin by wishing you and your family every blessing during this very special time of the year.

November was a particularly exciting month for athletics at Holy Cross. Our field hockey team returned to OFSAA competition following a solid KASSAA season, congrats to the team and its coaches: Mia Sarris-White, Liz Mulvenna and Sabina McLarty on a great run. Our cross-country team again represented at the provincial competition, this year in Hamilton. Congrats team and coaches Anne-Marie Macrow, Lisa Coulter and Marie Hulse on another solid season. Our senior girls' basketball came away from their OFSAA tournament in London as the consolation champions! Congrats to the team and coaches Kelly Dixon, Julie Roantree and Kelsi Ball on your success this season. Finally, our senior football team built on its success from last year, capturing the KASSAA crown from LaSalle SS and then defeating Almonte DHS and Gananoque SS en route to qualifying for a berth in the Eastern Ontario OFSAA Bowl in Ottawa. In Ottawa, the Crusaders confidently marched past Thomas A. Stewart Secondary 25-8 to claim the first ever OFSAA Football crown for HCSS. Congrats to the team and the coaching staff, led by Pat Corin and Tim Pendergast for their tremendous dedication over a long season and on achieving an historic result for our community. Well done!

The annual Day of the Arts at Holy Cross brings in grade 6-8 students from our partner elementary schools to witness the many great things happening in our Arts department. On November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, nearly six-hundred students from eight elementary schools took in the senior student visual art display in the learning commons and were treated to performances by our symphonic band, and by our vocal music and dance

### This Month

**Dec 1 - Last day for school play "Newsies"**

**Dec 13 - Advent School Mass**

**Dec 13 - Katharine Splinter Memorial**

**Christmas Concert 7-9 pm Café**

**Dec 19- Christmas Coffee House**

**7-9 pm Café**

**Dec 24-Jan 4 Christmas Break**

**January 7- First day of classes 2019**

classes. The afternoon on each day featured a matinee performance of this year's musical theatre production, *Newsies*. If you haven't already booked your tickets to the show, make sure you do – the run finishes on December 1<sup>st</sup> and it's not to be missed! Once again, Stacy Check-Drumm and her team of dedicated staff and students have put together a phenomenal theatre experience. I continue to be amazed at the depth of artistic talent at this school. It truly is a pleasure to be able to share it with our community. To the cast and crew of *Newsies*- Bravo!

Our technology department has been busy in November, as well. Pat Healey, HC's new construction technology teacher spearheaded the construction of a Christmas float for entry in Kingston's annual Santa Claus parade. Supported by a huge HC contingent (musicians, dancers, student leadership and athletes), I'm pleased to say that the Crusader entry captured the best float in the school division – well done team! For the first time, HC entered the

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ALCDSB cardboard boat race competition. The STEAM team, led by John Esford and several members of his department had a great day and learned a lot! They are already planning for next year's competition.

Our initial visits to incoming grade eight classes at our partner elementary schools have wrapped up (led by Kristi LeSarge, our student success teacher). As part of our visits, we highlight the many extra-curricular opportunities at Holy Cross and encourage our future Crusaders to prepare to get involved in something when they arrive next September. At each school, we bring along grade nine 'ambassadors' for a return visit to their elementary *alma mater*, to answer questions, to speak about the school uniform and to encourage attendance at next summer's "Movin' On Up" grade nine orientation program. By all accounts our newest Crusaders are excited to be joining the community at Holy Cross next September. We look forward to welcoming them and their parents to our grade 8 open house in February 2019.

Merry Christmas!



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# DECA Business Team-Goes to Provincials!



The DECA Business Team competed at the Regional Competition in Whitby, Ontario, and 15 members successfully qualified to compete at the Provincial Competition in Toronto. The Provincial Competition will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown, between February 7th and 9th. The members successfully moving on include: Samantha Bradshaw, Pauline Jolicoeur, Chloe Daicar, Roxanne Gervais, Rob Roques, Cassandra Melo, Grace Gilbert, Rachael Callery, Joelle Bradshaw, Alyssa Benn, Emily Ross, Emily Pacheco, Sarah Lam and Taylor Sutton.



Auditions for the Holy Cross **Improv Team** 2018-2019 will be Tuesday, Dec. 4 to Thursday, Dec. 6 at 2:45-4:00 in the Drama room.

All are welcome.

## HC Curling Corner

New Cohort Starts December 5



Although the HC Curling Club has been running for 8 weeks, it is never too late to join. As the fall season sports teams wrap up and the Newsies production comes to a close many students find themselves with extra time on their hands. Using this time to get caught back up on school work is a great idea, but staying involved in a physical and social activity outside of school is a great idea as well.

The curling club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 - 5:00 at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Students can make their way on their own, or check with the staff advisor, Mr. Holmes, for a ride from school. \$105 fee pays for membership in the HS Curling League. This covers two parties (Christmas and end of season), and a Junior Curling Membership at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. The season runs from the beginning of October to April but a new cohort begins in December. Ice time is also available on the weekend for those that are really keen to improve their game.

Members of the HC Curling Club are chosen to represent Holy Cross at KASSA. We encourage as many students as possible to participate. Those that represent Holy Cross will need to pay an additional fee of approximately \$45 plus tournament fees (about \$20 per tournament).

For more details contact Mr. Holmes at [holmjohn@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:holmjohn@alcdsb.on.ca) or stop by at lunch to see him in room 109.





Congratulations to the Holy Cross Crusaders Senior Football team for winning the 2018 OFSAA Eastern Bowl! On Monday the Crusaders travelled to TD Place, Ottawa (Home of the CFL's Red Blacks) to play the Central Ontario champions, the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins. The final score was Crusaders 25 - Griffins 8. The 2018 edition of the HC Crusaders set school history as the first HC team to win an OFSSA football title in the school's 34 year history.



Holy Cross hosted Chris Bray, a very talented singer, song writer, and inspirational speaker, on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Chris shared an inspiring message with our Grade 9 students through music and personal testimony about the importance of faith in our lives. During the presentation Chris invited student volunteers up on stage to assist him in acting out the lyrics of one of his songs. As Aunna & Nolan shared afterwards, "It was amazing!".



## PASTORAL NEWS

Each Monday of Advent we will gather in the Main Lobby right after Morning Prayer to pray and to light a candle on our Advent Wreath. On the first Monday of December students from the Leadership Class & CICS' Executive will be distributing the Advent Collection containers to our home form classes. This year, Holy Cross is supporting CHALICE, a wonderful charitable foundation based in Halifax. All the monies donated to them will go to assisting families in developing countries to obtain clean drinking water, health supplies and much needed educational materials. The Advent Collection will conclude on Thursday, December 20 with a special Awards Ceremony during lunch in the Cafeteria. If the students raise \$2000.00 for CHALICE, then our brave teacher volunteers will go up on stage to receive a variety of well-deserved awards. On December 6<sup>th</sup> our Grade 12 & 11 classes will gather in the Learning Commons to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. On December 13<sup>th</sup> we will gather in the gym to celebrate our Advent School Mass. Throughout December CICS will continue to take students to visit a local retirement homes, to be student leaders at the Nativity Exhibition at St. Paul the Apostle Church, and to serve lunch at the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

May all of us find ways to share God's love with those in need around us. Let's make this Advent Season a wonderful time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. May the love of Christ be with all of our students, staff and families this Christmas.

Mr. Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader



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



## Looking Forward to January

January 7 - Classes Resume

January 16 - Gr 11 Vocal Concert  
7-9pm \$5 Café

January 24–30 Exams

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## **CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND BAKE SALE**

This year students in the Bridges Life Skills class will once again be making **fresh cut handmade Christmas Wreaths**. The cost is \$20.00/wreath. Students will be taking orders in the school foyer December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> during the lunch hour. Pick-up will be until December 14<sup>th</sup> (as orders are filled). You don't want to miss out on these beautiful one of a kind Wreaths!

Mark December 18<sup>th</sup> in your calendars for the Bridges Life Skills class annual **Christmas Bake Sale!** So many yummy treats to look forward to!



## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

### Course Changes for Semester Two

Students intending to make changes in their Semester Two time-table are asked to do so by **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### College/University Applications

Post-secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the deadline for applications to **OUAC (University)** is **January 16<sup>th</sup>** and **OCAS (College)** is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the **Holy Cross** recommended date is **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. All PIN numbers for university applicants have arrived, and students should have stopped by **Student Services** to pick up theirs. PIN numbers are not required for college applications; however, students do require their OEN number which can be found on their report card.

### Honour Roll 2017-2018

This year's Honour Roll Ceremony was held on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, during Period One in our cafetorium. It was a wonderful celebration of academic achievement. 293 students were honoured for achieving an average of 80% or higher during the 2017 - 2018 Holy Cross school year. As well, the Math Contest winners in each grade were awarded their medals and certificates. The culminating moment was the announcement of the student in each grade who achieved the highest average. Our congratulations to *Meghan Jefferies* (gr.11), *Keegan Kelly* (gr.10) and *Sabrina Marques* (gr.9). Finally, the audience was treated to a preview performance of this year's musical production **Newsies**. Overall it was a lovely celebration and a proud moment for us all.

### Grade 9 Honour Roll 2017-2018

Carson Alderson, Maeryn Antoniewicz, Nicole Araujo, Connor Asuncion, Ashwathy Augustine, Caleb Bailey, Nicholas Baker, Kathleen Beckenhauer, Vincent Benoit, Patience Bryant, Joshua Bunnett, Karina Calder, Alex Cantarutti, Niko Carrillo Kuhnemann, Ethan Chacin, Emma Contois, Andy Costa, Megan Cross, Riley Da Costa, Jack de Sousa, Angelica DeCastro, Sarah Deschamps, Cassie Dixon, Matthew Driver, Madison Fenwick-VanDuinen, Alec Ferguson, Kayla French, Jessica Frost-Garant, Ryan Fuller-Pierce, Lauryn Furtado, Grady Gallagher, Jacob Gallivan, Olivia Gilbert, Emma-mae Halliday, MacKenzie Henry, Taylor Hinch, Jordyn Howe, Sarah Hunter, Hope Joyce, Jacob Kasaboski, Jack Kenney, Anna Kubik, Olivia Leger-Moraal, Julia Legge, Meagan Legros, Lilly Leite-Kasaboski, Julia Lundy, Lisa Macdonald, Clare Maloney, Sabrina Marques, Alexis Mayer, Breanna McAllister, Eric McDonald, Kelly McKenna, Mary Menor, Kaitlin Millar, Amber Minutillo, Robert Morley, Chris Mundle, Lauren Noftall, Nolan O'Neill, Mackenzie Pacheco, Karsen Patterson, Rowan Pearson-Clark, Mariel Perez Rojas, Amber Pigion, Carter Pollock, Gillian Pond, John Poulos, Leah Randall, Emma Rizk, Madysen Rodrigues, Emma Saganowich, Madeleine Skebo, Madison Sproule, Caren Stacey, Trey Stanley, Brogan Steffen, Joshua Swain, Brayden Tait, Josh Tan, Marissa Terpstra, Victoria Thompson, Livia Titley, Aidan Tulk, Alex Tye, Christopher Tyler, Ethan Valente, Jeremy Van Grunsvan, Ryker van Zevenbergen, Lauren Varey, Natalie Vecchio, Josh

### **Grade 10 Honour Roll 2017-2018**

Kerstyn Alguire, Nicolas Badalato, Carolina Banks, Alayna Beckett, Maggie Besselink, Grace Bowry, Avery Brown, Matthew Burgess, Zachary Castro, Cassandra Cecchini, Matthew Chodkowski, Chloe Clifford, Joshua Cole, Autumn Collins, Justin Collins, Thai Dagnone, Abigail Daicar, Chloe Daicar, Samuel DePaul, Jordan Do Canto, Ethan Drumm, Brandon Evaristo, Jenna Ferguson, Conor Gaudet, Charlotte Gaulton, Jett Gazeley, Roxanne Gervais, Jared Gibbons, Noah Gilholm, Emma Glenn, Amelia Gordanier, Stephanie Gyimah, Jesselyn Hale, Abbey Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Jackson Hay, Kevin Healey, Nickolas Hogan, Britney Hovencamp, Carter Howland, Ky Inman, Catherine Irwin, Evan Jamieson, Ellie Jardine, Melissa Jefferies, Ethan Joe, Christian Johnston, Pauline Jolicoeur, Anthony Joyce, Keegan Kelly, Flynn Larson, Maya Laurito, Scott Lawrence, Mikayla LeBlanc, Kendra Leishman, Daniel Leite-Kasaboski, Katrina Lenart, Callum Levett, Silas Mahoney, Taylor Marks, Lauren Martin, Zachary McCarthy-Mowbray, Ashton McCulloch, Ella McShane, Moises Mendes, Ashley Mignault, Riley Neill, Isaac O'Neil, Katie Orser, Alicia Parker, Brendan Patterson, Monique Pereira, Robert Jr. Peruelo, Sophia Peters, Dru Pierson, Aidan Proderick, Ali Quinton, Hailey Robertson, Taylor Robertson, Sydney Rogers, Gregory Roth, Bryce Rutter, Cristina Salamone, William St. Godard, Lydia Stafford, Rebecca Thompson, Jack Thurlby, Nathan Tracey, Carter Van Asperen, Alia

### **Grade 11 Honour Roll 2017-2018**

Brittany Ali, Sierra Andre, Angelyssa Aquino, Natasha Baribeau, Colby Barr, Mackenzie Bauder, Tim Beyers, Victoria Blacklock, Joelle Bradshaw, Rachael Callery, Hunter Caverly, David Chase, Sydney Clow, Thomas Coleman, Monica Cordeiro, Emily Crockford, Leah Cross, Shawna DeMarsh, Andrew Doucet, Ares Dragonas, Ryan Frost-Garant, Michael Gagnon, Cole Garnier, Payton Gauthier, Grace Gilbert, Julia Giugovaz, Erin Grentree, Dylan Hagerman, Taylor Howe, Reid Hulton, James Iliescu, Aaron Jamieson, Meghan Jefferies, Lydia Jiang, Maddie Julien, Lauren Kelly, Mitchell Keuhl, Adam Kinney, Dante Kusar-Cameron, Morgan Lackey, Sydra Laforest, Ashley Lanteigne, Rosalie Lau, Sarah Laurendeau, Geryl Laxina, Madeline Legge, Veronica Losier, Andrew Lumb, Grace MacArthur, Elizabeth Macdonald, Matthew MacDonald, Aidan MacDonnell, Celeste Machado, Kayleigh Makarucha, Noah Matos, Kathy McCann, May McCauley, Kristen McGinty, Connor Medeiros, Cassandra Melo, Sarah Messerschmidt, Kyra Mezzatesta, Callan Murphy, Chantal Nadeau, Kendra-Lynn Page, Paula Peruelo, Emily Pickstock,

Marie Claire Rivet-Glavicic, Colby Rogers, Keasha Ruttan, Natasha Saccon, Kaitlynn Sager, Nicholas Santucci, Sofia Skebo, Matthew Sloboda, Dylan Smith, Mary Beth Smith, Daniela Soares, Michael Soudant, Abby Stewart, Andy Stokes-Noonan, Naruto Stratford, Hannah Tibble, Jadyne Truesdell, Kylie Van Dyke, Jonathan Vecchio, Rebecca Watson, Hannah Westbury, Megan Whalen, Julia White, Emma Williams, Mallory Wylie, Lanna Yang, Joel Yantha, Joseph Zablan



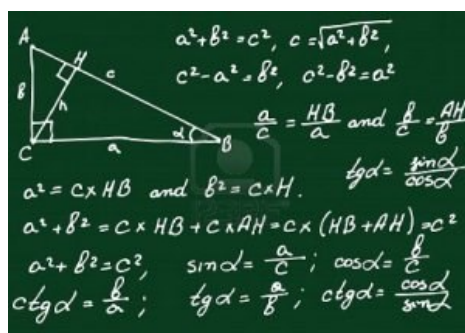
Counsellor's Corner cont'd

### Provincial Math Contest Winners were also recognized at the Honour Roll Ceremony.

To achieve a Certificate of Distinction, the student must place in the top 25% of thousands of students who participate nationally. To achieve a school medal, the student must have the top mark within our school.

Natalie Vecchio and Aidan Tulk both received a School Medal and Certificate of Distinction for their performances in the Grade 9 Pascal math contest. Clare Maloney also received a Certificate of Distinction in the Pascal math contest

Keegan Kelly received a Certificate of Distinction for the Grade 10 Cayley math Contest. Jonathon Vecchio received a Certificate of Distinction for the Canadian Senior Math contest. Meghan Jefferies and Callan Murphy both received a Certificate of Distinction for the Fermat math contest and Callan also received a School Medal for the Fermat math contest.



# EQAO Mathematics Assessment

Holy Cross Grade 9 Mathematics students will write the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics on Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th. They will have no other formal assessments on these dates. Students will write the assessment in the cafeteria or in the Special Education room. All students who have math class in the a.m. will begin the assessment Period 1. All student who have math class in the p.m. will begin the assessment in Period 3.



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Math and science tutoring is held in the Learning Commons every Tuesday, from 2:30-4:30pm. See you there!

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