



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2019

## Principal's Message

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We have a busy month upcoming in June at Holy Cross! Our staff and students are working hard as we approach culminating activities and examinations later in the month. I am confident that our excellent teaching and support staff have prepared your sons and daughters to succeed to the best of their abilities on these tasks. At home, you can encourage your children to prepare early, pace themselves and to get the rest that they need to succeed. Be aware that students enrolled in grade 9 mathematics this term will be writing the EQAO assessment on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, as part of the culminating work in those courses.

In athletics, the spring athletics season is nearing completion. Congratulations to all coaches and student-athletes for your dedication, hard-work and for providing some memorable accomplishments for our school. Best wishes to the members of our track and field team and to our varsity baseball team that will be competing at the provincial competitions next week. Our annual Green and Silver Athletic Awards banquet is upcoming on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This event recognizes and celebrates the achievements of our athletic programs over the past school year. A special thanks to **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko** and his leadership group for their work in what will be an excellent night of celebration.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, achievements in the Holy Cross Arts program were celebrated at the annual Genesis Awards. It was a tremendous night of Holy Cross artistic talent on display, culminating with the announcement that next year's major production will be *Little Shop of Horrors!* I'm already looking forward to seeing this show in late November. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, *From Now On*, the Senior Vocal and Dance showcase provided an opportunity for many of our graduating artists to share their talents one last time on the HC stage.

### This Month

**Jun 6 - School Mass**  
**Jun 11 - First Year 40 Celebration**  
**Jun 12 - Athletic Banquet 5-8pm**  
**Jun 13-14 - EQAO Math Gr 9**  
**Jun 18-25 - Exam Period**  
**Jun 26 - Exam Return/Review 9-11am**  
**Jun 27 - Graduation**  
**Jun 28 - P D Day**

Many thanks go to Arts Department head, **Ms. Stacy Check-Drumm** and her team for these wonderful nights of performance and displays of artistic talent.

At the end of June, we will be bidding farewell to **Mr. Chris Forster and Mr. Jeff Brady** who are entering retirement. Thank you each for your many years of service and dedication to the community of Holy Cross CSS. You will be missed!

Finally, our grade 12 graduation will be upon us soon. I look forward to celebrating this event on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, with the Holy Cross community. Our mass for the graduating class will take place at noon at St. Paul the Apostle Church. The graduation ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at the school. See you there!

Michael Faught



From left to right:

Brennan LaPlante Brady

**Valedictorian**

Mallory Wylie

**Class Representative**

Sophia Skebo

**Salutatorian**

Parker Alderson

**Class Representative**

# Holy Cross Student Wins Photo Contest!



Holy Cross student, Monica Cordeiro, won "Best in Show" at the Warkworth Lilac Festival Photo contest. While she entered in the youth category, the judging panel was so impressed with her work that this photograph was allowed to compete against over 100 entries submitted by adults, where she won the top prize. Here she depicts Holy Cross student, Orim Bright, as "Nature's Friend". Please congratulate Monica and Orim when you see them.

## Counsellor's Corner

### Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of Community involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to Student Services. If you still have not completed your community involvement you need to see Student Services ASAP. – Last call – Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Graduating students who applied for admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other Ontario universities through the OUAC starting June 6<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.ouac.on.ca/ais](http://www.ouac.on.ca/ais)

To be considered students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs, as well as an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

### Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

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

**Student timetables** for the **2019 - 2020** school year will be available online by the end of June in draft form. Timetable /Teacher assignments may still change throughout the summer months. Final timetables will be made available at the end of August. Students can access their timetable by using the Maplewood Portal on the HC Today website. Student timetables will not be mailed over the summer. A copy will be available in the text book room during text book pick up in late August. It is the intent of Student Services to have timetable problems/ changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course. Senior students wishing to upgrade also require the appropriate prerequisite. Please see your counselor for details.

### Summer School 2019

**New Credit:** July 2 – 29. 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning.

Courses available are: ENG3U, ENG4U, ENG4C, MHF4U, MCR3U, CHV2O5 Civics, and GLC2O5 Careers, OLC4O (Ontario Literacy Course)

\* Please note that Grade 11 and 12 “U” and “C” level courses will have an onsite exam on July 29<sup>th</sup>, at Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education. See your Guidance counselor for more information.

## **E-Learning 2019-2020**

The Algonquin and Lakeshore District School Board will be offering the following course online during the school year.

Semester One: CGW4U – World Issues: A Geographic Analysis

CIA4U – Analyzing Current Economic Issues

Semester Two: BAT4M – Principles of Financial Accounting

EWC4U – The Writers' Craft

ICS4U – Computer Science

\*Please see your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

## **First Year Forty**

Grade 9 students who have completed 40 hours of community service will be invited to a celebration taking place in the Cafetorium on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, during period 2. Grade 9 students can still bring in their volunteer hours until Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Exam Return Day**

Teachers will be available for students to pick up their Semester 2 exams on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00.

## **Bursary**

Gananoque Horticultural Society Bursary is given to a graduating student planning on pursuing studies in horticulture and/or related sciences. See Mrs. Cantarutti for an application.



## PASTORAL NEWS



Congratulations to the 30+ Holy Cross students and staff who took part in this year's **Grad Retreat** at Rideau Acres on Thursday, May 2. We had a great day sharing about the challenges to our faith that we will all encounter when we leave high school. Special thanks to Michel Quenneville and to all our guest speakers from Queens University.

The **CICS' Executive** is set for next year: Jett Gazeley and Lauren Martin will lead as Co-Chairs; the Secretary will be Monique Pereira; Kendra Leishman, Clare Maloney & Ashwathy Augustine will work on Communications; Zoe Rorabeck will be our Junior Rep; and Natasha Baribeau and Dru Pierson will serve as Senior Reps. Congratulations to these students who will plan and lead our school's charitable and social action activities next year. On Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Tim Shea and Fr. Sebastian Amato will be celebrating our end of year School Mass. We will be recognizing our graduating students as well as retiring staff at this Mass. And, on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Fr. Sebastian Amato will preside at our 2019 Graduation Mass. All grad's, their parents, staff, family members, and friends are welcome to join us. May God bless all our students as they prepare for final assignments and exams, especially our graduates as they look forward to beginning a new chapter in their lives.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader

**Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly**

## Looking Forward to Summer !

August 28-29 Moving on Up!

September 3, 2019 First Day of School

## Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)  
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EQAO Assessment of Mathematics The dates for this year's Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics will be: Thursday, June 13th and Friday, June 14th, 2019. 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.



## FUN FRENCH FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

“The learning of a second language is in itself an excellent pursuit, not least because it develops an appreciation of the act of communicating with others, the subtleties that must be expressed in words, the importance of listening.”

*Dr. André Obadia*  
<http://bit.ly/2KcAk1O>

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

# ARTS News

The music students gave a tremendous performance at World Strides Music Festival in New York City! They placed...Students also got a chance to explore the “Big Apple”, visiting Central Park, Times Square, Little Italy, the World Trade Center Site, and a river cruise near the Statue of Liberty. They also experienced two incredible Broadway shows: *My Fair Lady* and *Beautiful*. Thank you to Mr. Orser, Ms. Greenwood and all of the staff who made this trip such a memorable experience!

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Arts Department hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Genesis awards night which celebrates our students’ creative endeavours in the areas of visual arts, dance, music, drama, photography and communications technology.

Congratulations to our special award winners:

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

RICK THOMPSON

DOMINO THEATRE

DRAMA CLUB

ART CLUB

DANCE CLUB

SHSM

BUDDING ARTIST

ANGIE MULCAIR

ANGIE WIMMER

SOFIA SKEBO

BRENNAN BRADY

CALLAN MURPHY

BRAELYND LANE

MACKENZIE GEUKERS

ZANDER VAN ASPEREN

SABRINA MARQUES





**And our MAJOR GENESIS AWARD WINNERS!**

DRAMATIC ARTS

VISUAL ARTS

MUSIC

VOCAL MUSIC

DANCE

YEARBOOK & COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY

AUDIO AND VIDEO PRODUCTION

JOEL YANTHA

CASSANDRA MELO

SOFIA SKEBO

ABBY STEWART

ETHAN BUCHOLTZ

KATHERINE DAFTER

EMILY PICKSTOCK

ROGER MURPHY







# Crusaders in NYC



