



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

November 2019

## Principal's Message

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As we approach mid-term in Semester 1, there are many exciting events at Holy Cross in the coming weeks. The KASSAA fall sports regular season is wrapping up and shortly, our fall sports teams will find themselves competing in playoff competitions across the city. Good luck to our student-athletes and coaches as they venture forward. We are pleased to be sending six competitors to the provincial cross-country championships in Sudbury. Congrats to the team and its coaches (Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Hulse and Mrs. Macrow) on a great season and good luck in the Big Nickel!

Also on the sports front, on October 30th, the Holy Cross community, in tandem with our friends and rivals Regiopolis-Notre Dame raised nearly \$5000 (for the Kingston breast cancer screening clinic) at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Halligan Classic basketball games. It was a tremendous event featuring a huge green and silver fan contingent who were treated to two decisive Crusader victories! Congratulations to the organizers, players and coaches; this event really is a great example of how we strive to live our Catholic faith every day in everything we do.

Rehearsals and set construction are in full swing for our upcoming musical theatre production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. The curtains go up on November 27<sup>th</sup> and the show promises to be spectacular. Mark your calendars and look for ticketing information on our website in the coming weeks. Thanks, in advance, to our Arts department (headed by Mrs. Stacy Check-Drumm) and to the cast and crew of the show, for your dedication in support of musical theatre at Holy Cross.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, our grade 9 students will be participating in the 'Take Our Kids to Work' Day event, where they will get a glimpse into the world of work! That same day, we take the opportunity to recognize the academic achievements of our students in grades 10-12 at our annual Honour Roll

### This Month

- Nov 1 – P D Day**
- Nov 1 – Fish Fry for Jamaica Mission**
- Nov 6 – Honour Roll Celebration**
- Nov 6 – Take Our Kids to Work Day**
- Nov 7 – Term 2 begins**
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day**
- Nov 13 – Catholic School Council Mtg  
6:30-7:30 Learning Commons**
- Nov 22 – Mid-Term Reports home**
- Nov 27-30 – Little Shop of Horrors**
- Nov 29 – P D Day**

Celebration – a great event that celebrates the efforts and achievements of our students.

As you can see, there are many great things happening at HC in all domains (Academics, Arts, Athletics and Extra-curricular). I continue to encourage all students to get involved, there are many clubs that would welcome new members, the winter sports season will soon be upon us and, of course, you can always come out and support your fellow Crusaders on the field, court or stage. I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thank you to the many staff and volunteers who selflessly give their time in support of our school teams and clubs. Thanks to your commitment to our students, we are able to provide many extra-curricular opportunities – literally something for everyone.

Mid-term report cards will be distributed in home-rooms on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, a reminder that we have two Professional Development days this month – the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> where our staff will be hard at work at our school-wide focus in support of student-centred learning.

God bless,

Michael Faught

## Message to Parents, Guardians Re: Procedures for Threats to School Safety

### *Keeping Our Students and Staff Safe*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The **Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside Board buildings and on Board property. In partnership with emergency services in the area, a board-wide plan has been developed to address threats to school safety. This plan includes procedures known as

Evacuation, Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure, Bomb Threat/Explosive Incident, and Lockdown.

An **Evacuation** occurs when all students and staff are removed from the school (e.g. a fire or gas leak in the school). A **Shelter in Place** occurs when there is an environmental or weather related situation in the area (e.g. chemical spill). A **Hold and Secure** is initiated when there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could endanger the safety of students and/or staff (e.g. criminal event near the school but not on school property). A **Bomb Threat and Explosive Incident** procedures are initiated when a threat of a bomb or explosive device is received by a school either by phone or some other means (mail or social media for example). **Lockdown** procedures are initiated when there is a threat of violence within the school (e.g. student with a weapon).

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with expectations during a threat to school safety, our school will be practicing threat response procedures as we have normally done with fire drills. In a real emergency situation, signs will be posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school has activated a **Shelter in Place** or **Hold and Secure**. The doors will be locked and no one will be allowed into the school. In a real **Lockdown** situation, the school will not be able to post signs and lock doors because the imminent threat is in the school building and all staff and students will be actively responding to the threat. If an **Evacuation** should occur, emergency services will secure the school site.

I understand that a parent or guardian would be concerned for their child during a response to a potential threat to school safety. I want to assure you that the school is prepared for any of these risks. However, if a real emergency is in effect, you will be unable to contact your child or school personnel while the situation is being resolved. If this school should activate the Threats to School Safety Procedures because of an imminent threat, the Board's Communications Officer will use all media available to update families of the situation as it unfolds.

For the safety of our students and staff, two lockdown practice drills and one Bomb Threat practice will be held during the school year. The practice drills are scheduled for:

**2 Fire Drills in September**

**Bomb Threat Drill September**

**Lockdown Drills in October and March**

I invite you to attend our School Council meeting scheduled for November 13, 2019@ 6:30pm to receive full details on the procedures that address threats to school safety. This will also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Please call me at the school if you should have questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Faught

Principal



# 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 Thursday during lunch; any additional dates will be added to the school calendar.

***\*\*As we approach the holidays, sale dates will be added to accommodate for Christmas shopping\*\****

Black Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Adidas) \$25

Grey HCSS Hoodie \$45

Grey Sweatpants with pockets \$35

Black Windbreaker \$25

Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve \$15 or 2 for \$28

Vintage (Embroidered) Tee \$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!**

# School Musical NEWS

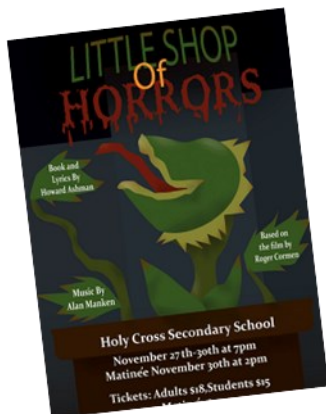


November is here, which means our annual school musical is just around the corner, this time taking place in a small flower shop on “Skid Row,” with a blood-thirsty plant attempting to take over the world!

The Holy Cross Arts Department is thrilled to present the incredibly humorous and highly entertaining musical “Little Shop of Horrors.” Audrey, Seymour, Orin, Mr. Mushnik and all the other crazy characters from this 1982 comic book horror rock musical are going to be on the Holy Cross Stage from **November 27-30<sup>th</sup>** at **7PM** with a special matinee performance on the 30<sup>th</sup> at **2PM**. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$18 for adults. All tickets for the matinee are \$15.

Ticket sales begin November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sold from 11:00AM - 11:50AM weekdays in the front foyer. It is **RESERVED SEATING** so purchase your tickets early!

Please call **(613) 384-1919 ext. 3415** for more information.



Kevin Healey as Orin, Sabrina Marques as Audrey and Moises Mendes as Seymour

# Dance Team/Class Field Trip to Toronto!

Members of the grade 10 dance class, alongside the 2019 Dance Team travelled to the Toronto Dance Industry on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to participate in a variety of dance workshops hosted by STRIVE Dance Challenge. Our students learned combinations in a series of genres such as contemporary, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical from some of Ontario's best choreographers! These students came away with new dance vocabulary, and developed more confidence in their dance abilities.

Thank you to all those who participated!



The Dance Team has started rehearsing for our Remembrance Day ceremony that will take place on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> in the cafetorium. We look forward to watching their pieces take shape for competition in the new year!



## YEARBOOKS

Still available to order online at [alcdsbschoolcashonline.com](http://alcdsbschoolcashonline.com)



## PASTORAL NEWS



October proved to be a productive month for the chaplaincy team! Homeroom classes brought in donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive which were collected and delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Members of the 2019 Jamaica Mission Team went to the Witness Faith Day at St. Mary's Cathedral to speak to grade six students about their experiences in Jamaica and the importance of living out our Catholic faith. Students from CICS represented the school at the Queen's University Faculty of Education by attending a youth forum with researchers and students from other secondary schools to talk about social issues facing students today and brainstorm ways to address these issues. Here at school the Wellness Team and CICS worked together on the "Chew on This" initiative by sharing information on poverty in Canada during lunch to raise awareness of the need for action. CICS has also continued to visit Rosewood Retirement Residence to interact and sing with residents.

On Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> the Jamaica Fish Fry will be held in the school cafeteria from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. There are 17 vendors who will be selling homemade and other goods. Tickets are \$15.00 (\$10.00 for children 10 and under). Support our mission team by coming in for a delicious Fish and Chips dinner!

We will be having a Remembrance Day Service to commemorate and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country. Class teaching Masses with Fr. Amato and Fr. Shea will also be kicking off for the junior grades.

During November, we pray in a special way for all those who have died, especially on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls' Day. Students and staff are encouraged to stop by the Chapel this month to write the name of a deceased friend or family member in our Book of Remembrance.

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



## Looking Forward to December

December 2– Full Disclosure day  
December 5– Reconciliation  
Gr 12 & Gr 11  
December 12– Advent School Mass  
December 12–Katharine Splinter  
Christmas Recital  
December 18– Coffee House  
December 20– last day of Classes  
December 24– Christmas Eve  
December 25–Christmas

December 23–Jan 3 Christmas Break

## 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  
(613) 384-1919



### After School Numeracy

Grade 9 & 10 Math Students

Tuesdays, Room 111 2:45-4:00pm

The After School Numeracy Program is a time when students can: complete homework, receive extra practice problems, review for tests, and correct past tests, with with extra help from a math teacher.



### LITERACY TEST PREPARTION

We are offering a new after school program for Grade Ten students at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

Sessions will be held every **Wednesday** from **2:45pm to 4:00pm** in **Room 241** at Holy Cross.

The first day will be **Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019** and the last day will be **Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>st</sup> 2020**.

Registration forms are available in the Main Office.

# HC Golf Team



The HC Boys golf team finished in first place at this year's KASSAA golf championship at Loyalist Golf and Country Club. As they advanced to the EOSSAA championship, they faced tougher competition and were unable to repeat the success of recent years. Next year looks more promising for the team.



On October 14th, Paige Douglas made the journey to St. Thomas to participate in the OFSAA Girls Golf Championship. The conditions were tough, as the field of golfers battled rain and cold temperatures. Paige showed determination and perseverance throughout the two day tournament. It was a valuable experience, and we look forward to next year's golf season.



# Katharine Splinter

## Memorial Christmas Recital

Thursday, Dec 12

7:00pm in Cafetorium

\$5.00 donation at the door

Featuring the HC Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble and Symphonic Band



# HC Curling Corner



The Holy Cross Curling Club/Team has started up and we are looking for more curlers (boys and girls). We are hoping to build on last year's success of a bronze medal at EOSSAA.

As the fall season sports teams wrap up many students may 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.

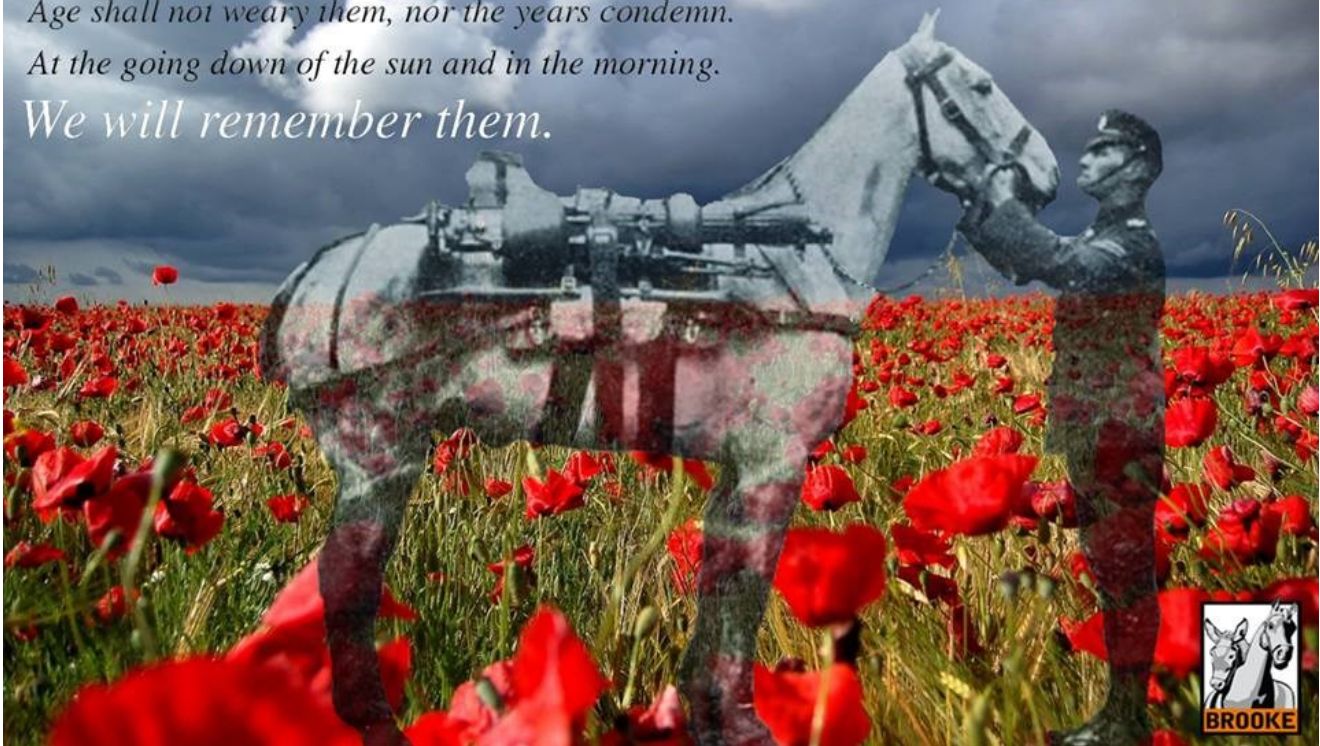
The curling club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 - 5:00 at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Students can make their way on their own, or check with the staff advisor, Mr. Holmes, for a ride from school. \$120 fee pays for membership in the HS Curling League. This covers two parties (Christmas and end of season), and a Junior Curling Membership at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. The season runs to April and as a junior member of the RK Curling Club you are also eligible to participate in the junior curling program on Sundays.

Members of the HC Curling Club are chosen to represent Holy Cross at KASSA. We encourage as many students as possible to participate.

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 217.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.  
We will remember them.*



## **Counsellor's Corner**

### **Honour Roll Ceremony**

A ceremony honouring last year's Honour Roll students will take place during Period 1 on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Students reaching 80% in a full course load (8 courses) from September to June at Holy Cross are eligible for Honour Roll. Eligible students received an invitation on Monday, October 28, 2019.

### **Take Your Kid to Work Day**

Grade 9 students will participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This day is important in that it gives students the opportunity to gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces, and gain a better understanding of exploring career choices. Regular classes for grade 9 students will not be held on this day. Signed permission forms must be returned to Student Services in order for students to participate.

### **Post Secondary Information**

Workshops for on-line application to OUAC (Universities) were conducted October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. PINs have arrived in Student Services. Students interested in applying to Ontario Universities must pick up their PIN. Workshops for on-line applications to OCAS (College) will be held Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information on the Holy Cross Website

### **Enrichment Opportunities**

#### **Shad Valley July 5 – July 31, 2020**

Shad Valley is a demanding four-week program that focuses on academics through workshops, lectures and a business project where the students are challenged to bring a new science and engineering based invention to market. Students also participate in challenging recreational activities, such as hiking and camping. There are several Shad Valley campuses across Canada, Queen's University being one. Applications are due November 18, 2019. For more information go to [www.shad.ca](http://www.shad.ca),

#### **Queen's University – 2020 Enrichment Mini-Course (EMC)**

The Enrichment Mini-Course is an opportunity for highly motivated, above average and gifted high school students to go to Queen's University for a week to study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level.

Grades: **9-12**

Date: **May 6 - 10, 2020**

Registration Opens: **December 2, 2019**

Cost: **\$305.00 (\$715.00 for residence option)**

Go to [esu.queensu.ca/emc](http://esu.queensu.ca/emc) for more information

### **Rotary Youth Exchange Program:**

*Rotary District 7040* provides scholarships for high school students, ages 15-18.5, to study a year abroad. The scholarship covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for the airfare, insurance, and some other fees.  
For more information: [www.DISTRICT7040YE.com](http://www.DISTRICT7040YE.com)

### **House of Commons Page Program**

Grade 12 students attending university in Ottawa next year, and who have an 80% average can apply to the House of Commons Page Program. Students must be able to speak both official languages. Apply by December 4<sup>th</sup> at [parl.gc.ca/hocpgae](http://parl.gc.ca/hocpgae)

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Toy Drive campaign has kicked off and they are in need of assistance at the Toy Distribution Centre and Santa Shuffle!

Email [toydrive2@kingstonsa.ca](mailto:toydrive2@kingstonsa.ca) for a full list of dates and times available to volunteer!





## Italy 2020

The deadline for enrolling in the March Break trip to Italy is the end of November. Students who may have an interest in going on this cultural experience should see Mr. Coleman in room 203 to get the appropriate forms. The trip will see students visiting the cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Ortona. Our students will be visiting museums, galleries, the Vatican, the Canadian war cemetery at Ortona and will immerse themselves in the Italian culture.



