



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2019

Principal's Message

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

We had another exciting November in athletics at Holy Cross. Each of our fall teams were represented in either the KASSAA or OFSAA championships this season – unprecedented! Our cross-country team again represented at the provincial competition, this year in Sudbury, Ontario. Our KASSAA champion senior girls' basketball competed at the OFSAA competition in Mississauga. Our Senior Boys Volleyball team competed at OFSAA in Toronto. Our junior football team captured the KASSAA crown in a come from behind victory over Sydenham HS. Finally, our senior football team repeated as KASSAA champions and after two victories in EOSSAA competition moved to the OFSAA Bowl competition for the second consecutive year. In a closely fought battle, the Crusaders came from behind in the last minute to defeat Richview Collegiate from Etobicoke and repeat as OFSAA bowl champions! Congratulations and thanks to all fall season coaches on a great season. Well done!

The annual Days 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 25th and 26th, nearly six-hundred students from eight elementary schools were treated to performances by our symphonic band, and by our vocal music and dance classes. The afternoon on each day featured a matinee performance of this year's musical theatre production, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Little Shop wrapped up a successful run on November 30th, after seven performances – congratulations as always to our multi-talented Arts department, under the direction of Stacy Check-Drumm. I'm already looking forward to next year's show!

This Month

- December 2– Full Disclosure Date**
- December 3-5– Gr 11 Workshops**
- December 3-19– Spirit Wear Sales**
- December 5 - Reconciliation Gr11 & 12**
- December 12– Advent School Mass**
- December 12– Katharine Splinter Concert**
7:00pm Cafetorium
- December 18– Coffee House**
7:00-9:00om Cafetorium
- December 23-January 3– Christmas Break**

Our initial visits to incoming grade eight classes at our partner elementary schools have wrapped up (led by Kristi LeSarge, our student success teacher). 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 2020.

Merry Christmas!





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.

*****With the holiday season fast approaching, additional sale dates have been added to accommodate for Christmas shopping*****

Black Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Adidas) \$25

Grey HCSS Hoodie \$45

Grey Sweatpants with pockets \$35

Black Windbreaker \$25

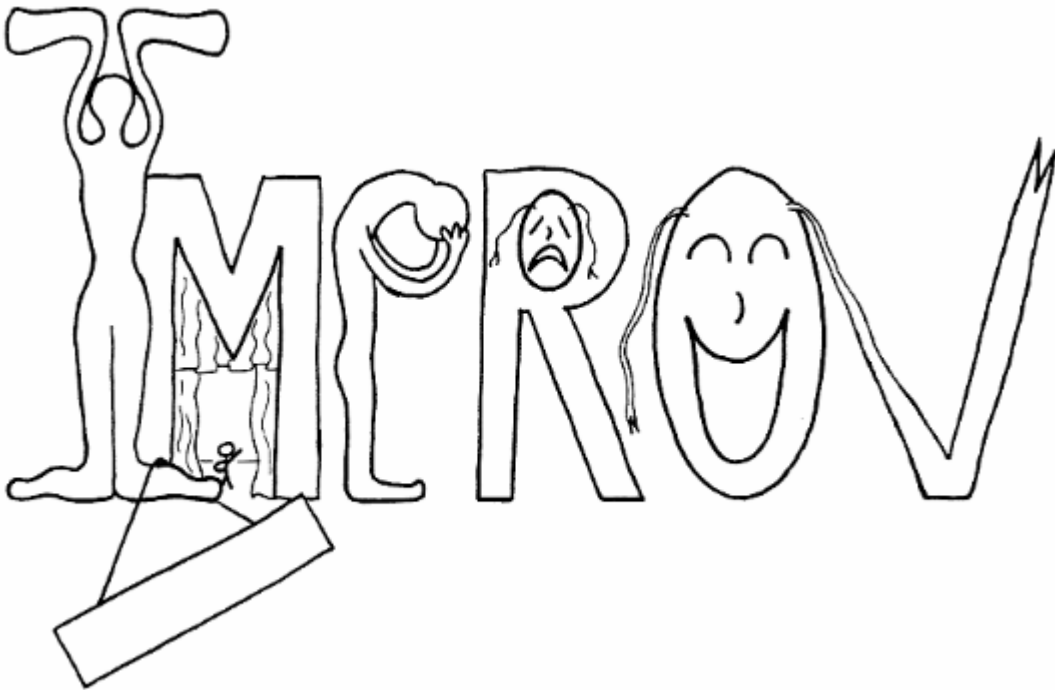
Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve \$15 or 2 for \$28

Vintage (Embroidered) Tee \$10

Unfortunately, the student leadership team cannot guarantee inventory as there are limited quantities and sizing available. **Get your gear quick before we run out!**

Holy Cross Improv Team auditions will be Monday, December 2 to Thursday, December 5 at 2:45 to 4:00 in the Drama room.

Everyone is welcome.



ARTS UPDATE

The Arts department showcased two major events this past week! On November 25th and 26th, elementary students from our feeder schools attended our annual “Days of the Arts” which showcases all of our arts programs and features a matinee of our musical production. The students from grades 7/8 were excited to be here and we were happy to host them!

Also last week, we presented the Broadway musical *Little Shop of Horrors* to packed houses and the show was a run-away success! This cast of 28 students truly amazed us with their incredible performances and enthusiasm on the stage. Congratulations to all on such a tremendous artistic experience and thank you to everyone “behind the scenes” who helped!

Some upcoming events:

Improv Tryouts take place December 2-5th after school in the drama room

The Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 13th at 7pm in the Cafetorium. All instrumental and vocal students will be performing. We welcome a \$5 donation to the memorial fund.

The guitar class will host a winter Coffee House on Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm in the Cafetorium. Auditions will take place the week of the 9th.







PASTORAL NEWS

First off, I would like to congratulate the Jamaica Mission Team on a successful Fish Fry. The delicious food paired with top-notch service and entertainment made for a wonderful evening! Way to go.

A special thanks goes out to the vocals and leadership classes, the dance team, and all of the teachers and staff who made the Remembrance Day Service possible. Your hard work and generous sharing of time resulted in a touching service of prayer and remembrance.

December will be a busy month for the chaplaincy team. We have Reconciliation on Thursday, December 5th and our Advent School Mass on Thursday, December 12th. We particularly look forward to being able to share the Sacrament of Reconciliation with all of our students – what a wonderful opportunity!

CICS will be working with Martha's Table for this year's Advent Collection. Homeroom classes will be collecting funds for the low-cost meal provider. Be sure to bring in donations for this great cause. The homeroom class which raises the most will win a pizza lunch party! The collection runs from December 2nd-12th.

During the week of December 9th-13th, CICS will be in the lobby inviting students to sign Christmas cards for those who are hospital bound. Please consider taking a few minutes from your lunch to write out a card or two.

As Advent begins, I would encourage all of us to take small steps to welcome Christ into our lives in new ways during this season. "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility... warm with love for one another" – Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Both as individuals and a school community, let us prepare our hearts for Christ over the coming weeks.

Wishing all a wonderful Christmas season!

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

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

Looking Forward to January

January 6– First Day classes 2020

January 15-16– Gr 9 EQAO

January 15– Gr 11 & 12 Vocal Concert
7-9pm Cafetorium

January 23-29 Exams

January 31– P A Day

Contact Us

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

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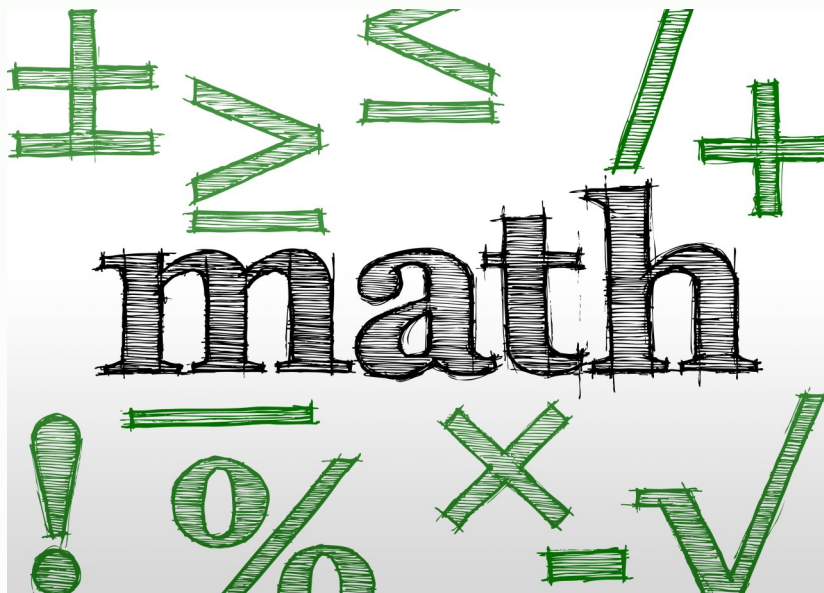
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EQAO Math Assessment– January 15th & 16th.

The EQAO Assessment of Mathematics will take place at Holy Cross on January 15 and January 16, 2020. All grade 9 students taking academic or applied math this semester will write this assessment.

Please DO NOT book any appointments or travel on these 2 days.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

COME SUPPORT RM 132 AND

EAT SOME FABULOUS

HOMEMADE TREATS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

DURING LUNCH: 11:05AM - 11:45AM

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY
SCHOOL FRONT FOYER**

**CASH ONLY
PLEASE**



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



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 13th**.

College/University Applications

Post-secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the deadline for applications to **OUAC (University)** is **January 15th** and **OCAS (College)** is **February 1st**, the **Holy Cross recommended** date is **December 15th**. 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 2018-2019

This year's Honour Roll Ceremony was held on Wednesday, November 6th, 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 2018 - 2019 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 *Keegan Kelly* (gr.11), *Emma Saganowich* (gr.10) and *Katie Everson* (gr.9). Finally, the audience was treated to a preview performance of this year's musical production *Little Shop of Horrors*. Overall it was a lovely celebration and a proud moment for us all.

Grade 9 Honour Roll 2018-2019

Benjamin Agapas, Noah Algeri, Olivia Andre, Ryleigh Arnold, Madisynne Atkinson, Macy Aubin,

Ann Marie Ballesteros, Owen Best, Ella Best-Taylor, Kaden Boisvert, Gracie Caverly, Bryson Day, Diego De Frias, Aiden Deveau, Devin Doucette, Ethan Downton, Declan Dupel, Claudia Einarson, Charleigh Enright, Katie Everson, Alessia Finos, Abigail Fox, Taylor Franco, Cameron Gallagher, Avery Gallivan, Hayden Gaudet, Evan Gibson, Anna Goddard, Jonah Hamilton, Kevin Hamilton, Beatrice Hetke, Noah Hewitt, Zoe Heyes, Aliyah Hinch, Patrick Hinch, Olivia Hudel, Lillian Humphrey, CJ Jacques, Anezka Javier, Shaelynn Johnston, Antoine Jolicoeur, Caitlin Kelly, Owen Kinney, Marthe Laplante Brady, Jacob LeBlanc, Ian MacDonnell, Deah Marcelo, Tara Martin, Nathan Matos, Sarah Matthews, Kieran McAllister, Luca McCullough, Adam McKinley, Marisa Mucciaccito, Kaleb Murray, Sophia Nikitopoulos, Adam Nuttall, Kira O'Donohue, Murilo Oliveira, Ethan Osborne, Anthony Overvelde, Bronwyn Pajo, Josie Pickstock, Aunna Polywkan, Chase Price, April Przontka, Stephanie Rand, Heidi Rogers, Zoe Rorabeck, Owen Salmon, Zoe Shorey, Zoe Silva, Avery Soares, Eric Sonnemann, Xavier Swift, Brock Szczukocki, Pareza Tahamtan, Karson Thibeault, Madeliene Tofts, Ethan Tran, Claire van Herpt, Harmony Van Schyndel, Kate Vanderlaan, Peyton Walsh, Ian Watts, Riley Webb, Liam Whalen, Anna Williams, Lauren Wilson, Jessica Witjes, Jacob Woods, Jack Wyatt

Grade 10 Honour Roll 2018-2019

Carson Alderson, Maeryn Antoniewicz, Nicole Araujo, Ashwathy Augustine, Caleb Bailey, Savannah Baillie, Nicholas Baker, Kathleen Beckenhauer, Vincent Benoit, Matthew Brownlee, Patience Bryant, Karina Calder, Niko Carrillo, Kuhnemann, Ethan Chacin, Emma Contois, Megan Cross, Hunter Cutbush, Riley Da Costa, Angelica DeCastro, Sarah Deschamps, Cassie Dixon, Matthew Driver, Madison Fenwick-VanDuijn, Alec Ferguson, Kayla French, Jessica Frost-Garant, Ryan Fuller-Pierce, Lauryn Furtado, Grady Gallagher, Olivia Gilbert, Quinn Hannah, Morgan Henning, MacKenzie Henry, Taylor Hinch, Jordyn Howe, Sarah Hunter, Hope Joyce, Jacob Kasaboski, Jack Kenney, Charis Kern, Anna Kubik, Olivia Leger-Moraal, Julia Legge, Lilly Leite-Kasaboski, Lisa Macdonald, Clare Maloney, Sabrina Marques, Alexis Mayer, Breanna McAllister, Hunter McDougall, Kelly McKenna, Kaitlin Millar, Amber Minutillo, Owen Murphy, Lauren Noftall, Nolan O'Neill, Mackenzie Pacheco, Karsen Patterson, Mariel Perez Rojas, Amber Pigion, Gillian Pond, John Poulos, Leah Randall, Emma Rizk, Madysen Rodrigues, Emma Saganowich, Dakota Spencer, Madison Sproul, Zoe Stanley, Brogan Steffen, Joshua Swain, Brayden Tait, Josh Tan, Marissa Terpstra, Victoria Thompson, Livia Titley, Aidan Tulk, Christopher Tyler, Ethan Valente, Jeremy Van Grunsven, Lauren Varey, Natalie Vecchio, Paris-Marae Vella, Josh Venditti, Hannah Wagenaar, Reilly Wallace, Shauna White, Braeden Young, Charles Young.

Grade 11 Honour Roll 2018-2019

Abby Almeida, Nicolas Badalato, Carolina Banks, Maggie Besselink, Grace Bowry, Avery Brown, Porschia Brownlee, Zachary Castro, Cassandra Cecchini, Chloe Clifford, Autumn Collins, Justin Collins, Abigail Daicar, Chloe Daicar, Jose Dava, Samuel DePaul, Ethan Drumm, Ryan Feld-Wood, Jenna Ferguson, Tom Frederiks, Conor Gaudet, Charlotte Gaulton, Jett Gazeley, Roxanne Gervais, Noah Gilholm, Emma Glenn, Amelia Gordanier, Stephanie Gyimah, Jesselyn Hale, Abbey Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Kevin Healey, Shamus Hicks, Britney Hovencamp, Carter Howland, Lukas Hunter, Ky Inman, Ellie Jardine, Melissa Jefferies, Ethan Joe, Christian Johnston, Pauline Jolicoeur, Keegan Kelly, Krystal Kennedy, Pdraig LaPlante-Brady, Flynn Larson, Maya Laurito, Scott Lawrence, Mikayla LeBlanc, Kendra Leishman, Katrina Lenart, Callum Levett, Noah MacDonald, Lauren Martin, Brayden McCallan, Zachary McCarthy-Mowbray, Ashton McCulloch, Ella McShane, Moises Mendes, Ashley Mignault, Samuel Mitchell-McAdoo, Katie Orser, Alicia Parker, Brendan Patterson, Monique Pereira, Robert Jr. Peruelo, Dru Pierson, Aidan Proderick, Ali Quinton, Hailey Robertson, Taylor Robertson, Sydney Rogers, Bryce Rutter, Sara Saleh, William St. Godard, Lydia Stafford, Alix Stymest, Rebecca Thompson, Jack Thurlby, Nathan Tracey, Caleb Wallace, Alia Waters, Michayla Wemp, Caitlyn Whittaker, Mackenzie Williams, Abby Wilson, Lucas Wimmer

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.

5 Students were also honoured for their achievements in the Waterloo provincial math contest. Luca McCullough and Adam McKinley received a Certificate of Distinction for their performance in the Grade 9 Pascal math contest and Adam also received a school medal. Anelica DeCastro and Aidan Tulk received a Certificate of Distinction for the Grade 10 Cayley math contest and Aidan also received a school medal. Keegan Kelly received a Certificate of Distinction and a school medal for the Fermat math contest.

