



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2020

Principal's Message

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I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We are approaching the end of the emergency remote learning program for the second semester in what has been an unbelievably different 2019/2020 school year. I want to thank the entire community of Holy Cross CSS for sticking with us as we navigated, learned and adapted to the many challenges presented by learning from distance. We owe a debt of gratitude to our parents/guardians for their patience, support and partnership as we, the staff at Holy Cross CSS, evolved in our ability to move the learning agenda forward in the new program. Through it all, I am most proud of our efforts to stay connected as a school community and this is thanks to the hard work of the incredible staff at Holy Cross CSS. It is difficult to predict what the future (September) holds for our school community but know that we will be better and stronger for having come through the last four months in the emergency remote learning program.

Traditionally, June is a month of celebrating achievements in our school. This year, while we are not able to carry on in our normal

This Month

June 10– Genesis Awards 7pm

June 17– Green and Silver Athletic Awards

June 19– Virtual Coffee House
Twitter @HC_Chaplaincy 7pm

June 25– Graduation Mass from
St Paul the Apostle 2pm

June 25– Celebration Class of 2020
7pm YouTube

fashion, we are making every effort to ensure that we find ways to recognize those achievements in unique and safe ways. Our graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020, has been postponed to the fall of 2020 and details about dates and location will be forthcoming in the new school year. In the interim, we will recognize the Class of 2020 on June 25th with a few 'virtual' activities.

Principal's message cont'd

- At 2 p.m., our mass for the 2020 graduates will be streamed from St. Paul the Apostle Church, thanks to the work of Fr. Amato and our Chaplain, Mr. Nick Cotman.
- At 6 p.m., a video celebration of the Class of 2020 will be live streamed on YouTube, thanks to the work of Mrs. Jennifer McDonald.
- On the 25th, we encourage all families to celebrate their Class of 2020 to celebrate the achievements of their graduate on social media by posting photographs using the hashtag #HCClassof2020

Details about the virtual locations for these activities will be sent home by school messenger closer to the date and will also be available on the school social media accounts and the school website, www.hctoday.ca

On the 10th of June, achievements in the Holy Cross Arts program will be celebrated at the annual Genesis Awards, to be live streamed at 7 p.m. Many thanks go to Arts Department head, Ms. Stacy Check-Drumm and her team for putting together a celebration of the incredible artistic talent at Holy Cross CSS. Watch the school social media and website for details about the virtual location for this event.

Our annual Green and Silver Athletic Awards banquet is upcoming on Wednesday June 17th. 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. Please check social media and the school website for details about the virtual locations for this event.

Mr. Cotman and Mrs. McDonald are hard at work putting together a second 'virtual' coffee house for HC artists to share their musical talents. This will take place on Friday June 19th – stay tuned for details.

I'm very pleased to announce the members of the 2020/2021 students' council leadership group: Carson Alderson, Caleb Bailey, Kathleen Beckenhauer, Lauryn Furtado, Olivia Gilbert, Jack Kenney, Kaitlin Millar, Amber Minutillo, John Poulos, Emma Rizk, Emma Saganowich, Madeleine Skebo, Natalie Vecchio and Mary Williams. In 2020/2021, Mr. Vince Stabile will step down as moderator to the student leadership group and pass the torch to Mrs. Jennifer McDonald. I would like to thank Mr. Stabile for his years of hard work in support of this program at Holy Cross CSS. I look forward to great things in the coming year from this group and their new moderator, Mrs. Jennifer McDonald.

Principal's message cont'd

We know that many students and families are looking to gain access to the school to retrieve items in lockers and to return textbooks, musical instruments and technology. We are working closely with the ALCDSB senior leadership team and Kingston Public Health Unit to develop a plan. We would ask you to hold the following dates for school access:

Grade 9s – Thursday June 18th

Grade 10s – Friday June 19th

Grade 11s – Monday June 22nd

Grade 12s – Tuesday June 23rd

We will communicate a detailed plan (via school messenger, social media and the school website) in the coming week.

At the end of June, we will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Patsy Hawkins-Hogan and to Mrs. Cheryl Guittard 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!

We will also have a change in our administrative team in September, as Mr. Paul Melim moves to Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS as Vice-Principal. Mr. Melim has been an integral member of the Holy Cross CSS administrative team since 2010 and it goes without saying that he will be missed by our community. We wish him the very best in his new role at RND. In his place, I'm pleased to welcome Mr. Dan Finn into the role of Vice-Principal at Holy Cross in September. Dan comes to us from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic school where he served as Principal for the last 5 years. Mrs. Gallant and I look forward to welcoming Mr. Finn to our administrative team.

I hope that you have a safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you and your students at Holy Cross in the new school year. Stay well and stay connected.

God Bless

Michael Faught

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Post-Secondary Information

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 in early June. Go to 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.

Students who received offers of admission are reminded to accept the offer on their OUAC or OCAS account by the deadline date.

OSAP

OSAP Ontario has launched applications for the 2020-21 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for full-time students. Students can now apply to the OSAP program for the 2020-21 school year for help with their postsecondary education costs.

For many students, the loans they receive from OSAP are their first major financial commitment. This year, the OSAP application includes an information module to improve applicants' understanding of the program, their roles and responsibilities as OSAP recipients and provides some basic financial information.

Students who have questions about OSAP or the OSAP application can contact the Financial Aid Office at the college or university they plan to attend.

Student timetables for the 2020 - 2021 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. Students wishing to upgrade require the appropriate prerequisite. Please email your counselor for details:

Mrs. Cantarutti – cantarut@alcdsb.on.ca

Mrs. Hulton – hulton@alcdsb.on.ca

Mrs. Vella-Bowry – vbowry@alcdsb.on.ca

Course Selection:

Students can check their course selection for the 2020-2021 school year on their Maplewood accounts. Once students log in to their account, they can access their choices in the 'timetables' link. Click timetables – choices to see course choices. Please contact your guidance counsellor by email to make changes

Summer School July 2020

4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning in July

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

Students are only able to take one summer school course.

E-Learning 2020-2021

The Algonquin and Lakeshore District School Board is planning to offer the following courses 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 email your Guidance Counsellor for more information





PASTORAL NEWS

Hi Holy Cross! I hope each of you are keeping well in these challenging times. Please be assured of the prayers of the Chaplaincy Team for the entire Holy Cross community. We also thank and keep in our prayers all who are working to keep us safe, healthy, and get us the essentials we need.

I would like to congratulate Katie Everson and Jett Gazeley for receiving this year's "Beacons of Hope" recognition at Holy Cross. Thank you for enriching Holy Cross through your witness of faith and service!

Our "Virtual Spring Coffee House" showcased the immense talent of our staff and students at the close of Catholic Education Week. It was wonderful to experience this entertainment together as a community. A huge thank you to all students and staff who performed and helped in organizing this initiative!

Although physically distant, we are near to one another in spirit and prayer. In these challenging times we look to each other and our God for strength and comfort. As Cardinal Collins said during his homily for the Catholic Education Week Mass, "If our hope rests in Christ, our Lord, then nothing can stop us because wherever we are, we can do good."

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

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

Looking Forward to

August 26 & 27 Moving on Up

September 1, 2020 First Day of School

Contact Us

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

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CEW Secondary School Volunteer Award – Lauren Martin

Congratulations to Lauren Martin on receiving the Catholic Education Week Secondary School Volunteer award from ALCDSB! It is wonderful to see Lauren's efforts in our community being recognized.

Lauren's volunteer spirit was evident to me before my first year as Chaplaincy Leader even began. In August, as the beginning of the school year approached, Lauren reached out to me to offer her support in getting CICS (Crusaders in Community Service) initiatives going and organizing a meeting to kick-off the year. She offered her support in any manner that might have been helpful and was eager to start serving the school community right off the bat. That Lauren took the initiative to welcome me into working with this amazing club and was so eager to get to work speaks volumes about why she is receiving this award.

As a co-chair on CICS Executive, Lauren's volunteer efforts are extensive. She regularly visits Rosewood Retirement Residence, connecting with residents, sharing laughs and stories. She has sacrificed many lunches to work on wellness and mental health initiatives at Holy Cross. Lauren has helped organize and advertise fundraising initiatives, visiting classrooms to talk about our Advent and Lenten campaigns. Lauren volunteered at the nativity exhibition this past Advent at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, leading activities and lessons for younger students. Lauren has also regularly contributed to school Masses by singing in the choir and reading.

These are just a few examples of Lauren's work at Holy Cross which portray why she is deserving of this recognition. Thank you, Lauren, for all that you do for our school community!

COMING SOON...



THE GENESIS AWARDS

A LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT



**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 10TH @
7PM**

LINK AVAILABLE SOON

Buying a school uniform for the back-to-school 2020 season is safe & easy.



All families, especially families of incoming grade nines, please register with McCarthy Uniforms at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca so you can access:

- Updated information on where and how to shop over the summer months
- Flexible payment options and new promotions
- Online appointment booking portal for in-person fittings
- Uniform fit & instructional videos



For now all McCarthy Uniforms In School Shops are closed but stay tuned for opening hours when schools re-open and social distancing regulations are relaxed.

McCarthy Uniforms augmented their digital shopping options, invested call centre and support resources and have been proactive to ensure that school uniform inventory supply chains are strong & ready for back to school 2020.

Celebrating the Class of 2020!!!

June 25th, 2020

**Live Streamed Mass (from St. Paul the Apostle
Church—2 p.m.)**

Live Video Tribute for the Class of 2020 at 6 p.m.

**Watch HC social media and the school website for
details www.hctoday.ca**

Holy Cross Virtual Coffee House

June 19th at 7pm

See Twitter account

@HC_Chaplaincy

For live-stream





The Specialist High Skill Major – Information & Communication Technology (SHSM-ICT) Program is available to all senior students at Holy Cross that want to be part of an exciting and growing industry in the field of communications technology.

Students interested in pursuing a career as an animator, audio engineer, game designer, graphic designer, journalist, photographer, video producer or web designer should take advantage of this opportunity.

The Specialist High Skill Major ICT program is for any senior that has:

- A creative and imaginative mind;
- An interest in graphic design, photography, videography, computing, animation, audio & visual art;
- An appreciation of media production equipment;
- Good communication skills in both the oral and written word;
- The ability to work with other people;
- A critical eye for detail.

For more information, contact Jennifer McDonald mcdojenn@alcdsb.on.ca