



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

July 2020

Principal's Message

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I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well and I trust that you will find some time in the coming two months for rest and relaxation. We don't traditionally send out a summer newsletter at Holy Cross, however, things have been different this year and there are a few important information pieces that we thought should be shared.

Looking ahead to September, we are planning for business as usual with respect to things like our Moving-On-Up grade 9 orientation program (August 26th and 27th) and for students to access the school to obtain necessary items like textbooks and uniforms. However, we don't yet have a clear picture of what school will 'look' like in September. Our administrative team is currently working closely with the local public health unit and with the senior team at ALCDSB on a school re-opening plan for September 2020. The details of this plan will be communicated in the coming weeks. As always, the safety and well-being of all members of the Holy Cross community is our number one priority in this planning process.

As information is made available, we will communicate via School Messenger, social media and our school's website www.hctoday.ca

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break,

God Bless,

Michael Faught

This Month
July 1- Canada Day



Holy Cross Class of 2020

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020!

The Student Services department would like to congratulate you on your achievements and your commitment to hard work. It is unfortunate that COVID-19 forced the postponement of your graduation, but it is our hope that we will be able to see you in the fall for your commencement ceremony in person. Until then, we wish you all the best for a safe and happy summer!

Class of 2020:

Eric A. Abbasi, Aasim F. Abdulsultan-Lalani, Karlvin Kier Z. Agreda, Kerstyn B. Alguire, Carter L. Allen, Abigail I. Almeida, Eric M. Almeida, Rianna Almeida, Ashley D. Anthony, Xavier J. Arcand, Mercedes G. Augustyn, Nicolas G. Badalato, Carolina A. Banks, Eric J. Barlow, Ryan M. Bauder, Alayna A. Beckett, Nicholas D. Bergeron, Margaret A. Besselink, Logan N. Bibic, Mitchell S. Blasko, Marley R. Bouma, Grace A. Bowry, Graham R. Bronkhorst, Hannah M. Brooke, Avery E. Brown, Porschia M. Brownlee, Nathan Brunet, Matthew D. Burgess, Timothy A. Burley, Ashley A. Cameron, Colin R. Cameron-Day, Samuel M. Carroll, Graeme B. Casemore, Zachary J. Castro, Cassandra Z. Cecchini, Matthew W. Chodkowski, Kristian Circelli, Alexis M. Clarke, Chloe M. Clifford, Sydney A. Clow, Autumn G. Collins, Justin J. Collins, Jacob P. Cooper, Kennedy M. Costa, William R. Cowan, Jacob D. Cox, Seth E. Craig, Thai K. Dagnone, Abigail M. Daicar, Chloe A. Daicar, Jose C. Dava, Shayne G. Day, Samuel M. DePaul, Alexander S. Deszpoth, Jordan M. Do Canto, Ethan S. Drumm, Bryn F. Empey, Haydn J. Emsley, Alexis D. Erb, Brandon C. Evaristo, Ryan C. Feld-Wood, Dustin H. Fellows, Carter Q. Ferguson, Jenna L. Ferguson, Riley W. Finucan, John B. Francis, Tom C. Frederiks, Jackson F. Garrah, Keagan C. Gates, Conor J. Gaudet, Charlotte D. Gaulton, Lucas W. Gaulton, James A. Gazeley, Matthew A. Gemin, Roxanne M. Gervais, Jared T. Gibbons, Garrett G. Giddy, Noah J. Gilholm, Emma C. Glenn, Amelia K. Gordanier, Owen B. Gowsell, Thomas E. Graham, Benjamin P. Grimshaw, Stephanie O. Gyimah,

Jesselyn A. Hale, Matthew J. Hall, Abbey N. Hamilton, Joseph G. Hamilton, Nash W. Hamilton, Oscar H. Hamilton, Jackson A. Hay, Aiden A. Hayes, Kevin B. Healey, Emma J. Hepburn, Cassandra J. Hill, Dawson J. Hinch, Nickolas G. Hogan, Richard G. Hough, Britney M. Hovencamp, Matthew W. Howe, Carter W. Howland, Tyeson S. Hunt, Lukas W. Hunter, Nicholas C. Hutcheson, Dashed J. Hutson, Kyvon J. Inman, Catherine M. Irwin, Evan Jamieson, Gabriella F. Jardine, Melissa M. Jefferies, Aidan J. Joe, Ethan L. Joe, Christian A. Johnston, Pauline W. Jolicoeur, Anthony A. Joyce, Keegan D. Kelly, Michael A. Kelvin, Krystalin A. Kennedy, Isabella S. Khanverdi, Junhwi Kim, Joseph M. LaDuca, Dillon A. Lafleur, Veronica L. Laird, Murielle G. Lalonde, Braelynd M. Lane, Pdraig J. LaPlante-Brady, Flynn P. Larson, Maya A. Laurito, Scott R. Lawrence, Mikayla A. LeBlanc, Kendra J. Leishman, Daniel X. Leite-Kasaboski, Katrina Lenart, Quentin P. Levesque, Callum J. Levett, Isaac R. Lewis, Alanna Locke, Noah A. MacDonald, Noah J. MacLachlan, Bryce A. MacLean, Olivia C. MacLean, Silas A. Mahoney, Taylor G. Marks, Lauren Martin, Benjamin N. Martins, Brayden S. McCallan, Zachary E. McCarthy-Mowbray, Hana G. McCracken, Ashton K. McCulloch, Dominic G. McGinnis, Ella C. McShane, Moises D. Mendes, Ashley A. Mignault, Noah S. Mills, Samuel R. Mitchell-McAdoo, Jacob J. Moran, Dylan J. Morse, Matthew E. Murphy, Jacob B. Murray, Anita S. Nadarajah, Riley L. Neill, Emma B. O'Brien, Bryan D. Oliveira, Isaac C. O'Neil, John Paul I. Onwumeodo, Gabriella Orprecio, Katharine R. Orser, Jordan T. Osborne, Carter T. Page, Alicia M. Parker, Jaime M. Pasch, Brendan P. Patterson, Jayden M. Pellerine, Adam J. Pengelly, Monique A. Pereira, Robert Jr. Peruelo, Sophia C. Peters, Dru C. Pierson, Kaitlynn A. Pilgrim, Matthew A. Prent, Aidan J. Proderick, Noah Prudhomme, Alexander J. Pym-Robichaud, Alisa B. Quinton, Shivanand Rampersad, Sebastian D. Rielo, Hailey K. Robertson, Taylor J. Robertson, Russell B. Rogers, Sydney N. Rogers, Jaden Rooney, Gregory P. Roth, Bryce B. Rutter, Cristina M. Salamone, Sara Saleh, Joshua Sams, Taryn I. Schnerch, Bryce J. Shorey, Andreany F. Sly, Brandon M. Smith, Hannah Smith, Ryan J. Snider, Benjamin J. Snow, William G. St. Godard, Lydia S. Stafford, Emily Steele, Jack B. Stevens, Chase W. Stevenson, Cameron G. Stewart, Jasmine R. Stokes, Joshua M. Storing, Naruto Stratford, Alix J. Stymest, Kaleigh M. Sywyk, Bailee E. Tallen, Allissa S. Teal, Georgia A. Templar, Rebecca C. Thompson, Jack T. Thurlby, Jaden A. Tornow, Nathan A. Tracey, Emma M. Truesdell-Beaubiah, Carter G. Van Asperen, Emily A. Vandepol, Adam A. Walker, Jordan Walker, Caleb R. Wallace, Alia A. Waters, Carter J. Watkins, Hannah E. Watson, Ryan J. Watts, Manon Michayla N. Wemp, Chang Wen, Hayden C. Whitmore, Caitlyn E. Whittaker, Gabriel B. Williams, Mackenzie R. Williams, Abigail C. Wilson, Christian L. Wimmer, Zayde Z. Wisdom, Jordan J. Yates, Nathan J. Young, Eunice Yu, Jiacheng Zhou.

Student Timetables!!!

Will be available on the student Maplewood Portal on **Thursday June 25th**

Grade 8 students from Catholic Elementary partner schools – your Maplewood username and password will be given to you by your grade 8 teacher.

Grade 8 students from non-feeder elementary schools – your Maplewood username and password has been emailed to your parents/guardians by our student services department at Holy Cross. If you did not receive it, please email Mrs. Conway (secretary in student services at conwhaze@alcdsb.on.ca)

Counsellors will be available until **July 10th** by email to accept requests regarding level changes and e-learning summer school upgrade and credit recovery courses.

Counsellors will be available for appointments beginning **August 24th**. Should schools be open, please call Student Services to make an appointment (613-384-1919 x. 3405). Otherwise, please email your counsellor starting on August 24th.

Mrs. Cantarutti: cantarut@alcdsb.on.ca

Mrs. Hulton: hulton@alcdsb.on.ca

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



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Timetables for 2020-2021 School Year

Timetables for the 2020-21 school year were made available on Thursday, June 25. Timetable and 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. Please email your counselor if you have forgotten your Maplewood username and password. Timetable change requests can be made the last week of August. Please call the Student Services Department for an appointment. Should school closures continue, please contact your guidance counsellor by email starting on Monday, August 24, 2020.

Mrs. Cantarutti – cantarut@alcdsb.on.ca

Mrs. Hulton – hulton@alcdsb.on.ca

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

Grade 9 Moving On Up Orientation

Plans are being made to hopefully offer to our Incoming grade 9 students the annual Moving On Up event. Set aside Wednesday August 26 and Thursday, August 27 for grade 9 events such as textbook, locks and locker distribution, literacy and numeracy activities as well as an opportunity to meet your grade 9 classmates. Registration information will be posted on the Hctoday.ca website

Holy Cross Uniforms

Our school uniform provider, McCarthy Uniforms, is pleased to offer social distancing shopping options, value promotions and flexible payment plans for school uniforms. Due to the uncertainty regarding COVID-19, please register as a student at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca to access information about your school uniform program, promotions and shopping plans for 2020. Information is also available on the Hctoday.ca website.

Summer Upgrade and Credit Recover Courses

Students in Grades 9 to 12 have the opportunity to improve their mark and consolidate their learning in a course they passed during the school closure period in the 2019-20 school year through a 55-hour online Upgrading Course. The course will review key concepts and overall expectations in a flexible, accelerated manner that allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills. If a student upgrades a course, both marks will be entered on the student's Ontario Student Transcript (OST) for students in grades 11 and 12. These courses will run from Monday July 13, 2020 until Friday July 24, 2020. Students are expected to work on the course for 5.5 hours each day.

This program is also open to students in Grades 9 to 12 who have previously failed a course. They MUST have taken the exact course in the past school year to complete the credit in the recovery program. These courses will run from Monday July 13, 2020 until Friday July 24, 2020. Students are expected to work on their course for 5.5 hours each day.

Students should contact their home school guidance staff to register before Thursday, July 9th, 2020. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please contact Chris Delisle, Summer eLearning Support at delichri@alcdsb.on.ca

Volunteering in the Summer

Students are invited to find volunteer initiatives that may include remote volunteer opportunities during emergency measures, such as letter-writing campaigns to seniors. If a student participates, they should document their experience and submit to their home school guidance department in September for review and consideration towards the 40-hour community involvement requirement.

Students under 18 years old should consult with their parents to plan and select their community involvement activities.

Learning Refresher of High School Course Content

The ministry is working to adapt the Learn at Home website to outline the key learning that takes place in high-demand and pre-requisite secondary courses (e.g., Math, Science, English/Français, etc.). This key concept mapping will be accompanied with free, online resources to help students independently refresh their learning in preparation for the 2020-21 school year.

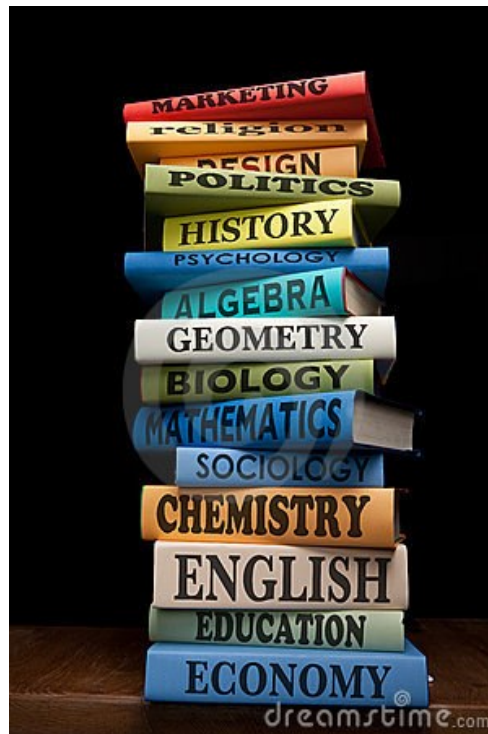
The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted the lives of students by displacing regular routines, and removing protective factors such as sports, clubs and other social activities. In response, the Learn at Home website will also include free well-being resources for students and families to access throughout the summer months.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>

St. Lawrence College Dual Credits:

Senior students have the opportunity to take a dual credit at St. Lawrence College. Students participate in post-secondary courses, earning dual credits that count towards both their high school diploma (OSSD) and their post-secondary diploma or apprenticeship certification. Tuition, textbooks and support for transportation are covered by the program!

Visit our website: stlawrencecollege.ca/dualcredit. For more information contact your guidance counselor.





PASTORAL NEWS

Witnessing the inspiring initiatives put forward by students and staff alike over the final stretch of this school year has been a wonderful affirmation of the Catholic spirit of our community. I am particularly grateful for the moving participation in our final Coffee House of the year. Fantastic job everyone!

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We hope you were able to join us for our virtual Mass on June 25th. Fr. Amato and Fr. Shea, thank you for your celebration of Mass and inspiring words. A special thanks to Chris Forster for supplying us with music and to Kevin Alexander for the recording and editing. To all of our graduates, please be assured of our prayers as your time at Holy Cross comes to its completion. We will always be eager to spiritually support you.

The Chaplaincy Team would like to wish all students and their families a wonderful summer! We hope you find renewed peace and energy over the months ahead.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a reflection on my experience of finding hope in our current circumstances:

Since the closure of schools and the general upturning of our day-to-day lives, instances which instill hope have (thankfully!) been found quite readily. The ultimate source of our hope, the love of God, has manifested itself on many levels: in Pope Francis standing before an empty St. Peter's Square presenting our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to the entire world; in local communities publicly expressing their gratitude for frontline and health care workers; and, of course, in the dedication and creativity of education workers to support both one another and their students. The hope which these examples offer reveal that even the most challenging circumstances can be an unexpected source of God's grace.

Take care and God bless,

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

**Thursday, September 3, 2020 First Day
of School**

Contact Us

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

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Moving on Up!

August 26 & 27



Transportation Changes for September

Just a reminder for students and/or parents to check bussing for September. There have been some changes in timings. Please see your Maplewood Transportation tab or visit Tri-Board.ca at the end of August. Any substantial changes will be emailed to you by Holy Cross.



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.



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REGISTRATION: [SKILLSONTARIO.COM/CAMP](https://skillsontario.com/camp)
CONTACT: MLINKLATER@SKILLSONTARIO.COM



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**ARE
YOU
READY**

**To Be
Hired?**

If you are a student or recent graduate who is ready to find work, **virtually join** the education-to-employment team at **KEYS** once a week for a fun and engaging **ReadySetHired Hour** to discuss all things work related!

Every Tuesday at 2:00pm we will have a new topic: Resumes, Mindfulness, Dealing with Stress, Excelling your First Day, Get the Job You Want, Interviews, Secondary and Post-Secondary Career Exploration and much more!

As you tune in each week, let us know what topics you need. We look forward to seeing you!

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<https://ready-set-hired.eventbrite.ca>
Registration open now until one hour prior to event

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