



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

November 2020

Principal's Message

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We are approaching the end of our second Octomester this year, with classes wrapping up on the 11th of November and culminating activities slated for the 12th. There is a quick turn-around into Octo-3 classes which begin on Friday the 13th.

Report cards for Octo-2 classes will come home on the 20th of November.

The following is important information for November 12th:

- This day will be a half day in the morning – which will be for culminating activities and will differ depending on the class. Some classes will participate in exam style or regular classroom activities
- Teachers, in consultation with the school administration will clearly communicate the expectations of the day to their class
- Students will be dismissed at 10:45 (similar to the traditional morning exam block in previous years)
- Any students who cannot secure transportation home and are in attendance for the afternoon on November 12 will be provided with a designated spot until regular dismissal
- To ensure COVID-19 protocol, students who do remain at school until regular dismissal time must remain in the designated area

All students in the Life Skills Developmental Centres will be in attendance on November 12, participating in their regular program

Octomester 3 will begin on Friday, November 13th and Octomester 4 will begin on December 16th. Information regarding second semester (February 2021) will be shared in coming weeks.

This Month

November 2– Full disclosure date Gr 11 & 12

November 2-6 Treaties Recognition Week

November 11– Remembrance Day

November 11– End Octomester 2

November 12– Octomester 2 Exam Day

November 13– start Octomester 3

November 16– Last day to change Octo 3 Classes

November 16-20– Spirit Week

November 30– Midterm Octomester 3

The health, safety and wellness of our students continues to remain a priority in our board. We continue to learn from our experiences during this pandemic and work diligently to ensure that our students are receiving all supports required for a successful year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thanks to our students for their hard work in persevering through twenty-two days of learning in the same subject. We know it is not ideal for everyone, but you are doing a great job to this point – keep at it. Thanks also to our families for your ongoing support in these unusual times.

God bless,

Michael Faught



Counsellor's Corner

Post-Secondary Information

Students are encouraged to check the Guidance Page on their Virtual Commons for updates regarding college and university information. A post-secondary information power point is available on the Guidance Page, as well as on the HC website in the Student Services section. Information explaining the application process is available on the power point presentation.

Students interested in applying to Ontario Universities can now pick up their OUAC access codes. Students require these codes to create an application on the Ontario University Application Center website (ouac.on.ca). Students interested in applying to Ontario Colleges do not need these access codes. The college application is found on the ontariocolleges.ca website, and students require their OEN number (found on students' report card).

Students are encouraged to attend virtual open houses and info sessions to learn more about individual post-secondary institutions. There will be a virtual college fair on November 4 and 5. Go to www.ontariocollegefair.ca to register.

Students are reminded to check their timetables to make sure they have all necessary requirements for graduation purposes, as well as for post-secondary pre-requisites. This year the Ministry of Education has decided to reduce the mandatory community service requirement for graduation purposes to **20 hours**. This recognizes that graduating students have had barriers to earning their community involvement hours last school year and there may be continued barriers this school year.

Take Your Kid To Work Day – Grade 9

This year Take Your Kid To Work Day will take place on November 4. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual manner. Unfortunately, the normal process of sending students out to join parents/guardians in their workplaces will not be possible for this school year however, we still want to ensure that we coordinate an opportunity to participate in the spirit of the day. Fortunately, *The Learning Partnership* have produced a great complement of activities/resources and myBlueprint is also stepping up to help fill the void as well. Grade 9 teachers will be offering activities to grade 9 students that involve career exploration.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library is looking for grade 11 and 12 secondary students to tutor grade 7 and 8 students. The library has created a virtual tutoring and homework drop-in facilitated by teens for teens. Students interested in volunteering can apply online or can email Graeme Langdon, glangdon@kfpl.ca, for more information.

Enrichment Opportunity

Discovery Day – Virtual event for students interested in careers in health sciences

Discovery Day in Health Sciences is being hosted in partnership with the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and with the University of Calgary on November 6. The ½ day virtual program comprises of a keynote lecture, one interactive workshop and a career panel discussion. Participants will be able to select a workshop of their choice. It is available to grade 10 and 11 students. Interested students should contact Mrs. Cantarutti.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS!

Open to all youth (ages 12 to 24) who live in Kingston, Frontenac, or Lennox and Addington.

YOUTH2K FL&A

IS LOOKING FOR

YOUTH REPS

YOU NEED 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO GRADUATE.

Attend all meetings to earn 25 hours! Opportunities for more will also be available.

Share your ideas. Connect with others. Earn incentives.

Virtual meetings twice a month - drop in and bring a friend!

Every Second Thursday - 3:30 to 5:00 PM
Every Fourth Wednesday - 5:30 to 7:00 PM

For links and updates, follow us @Youth2KFLA

Do you require technical support and/or accommodations to participate?
Email Amber: amberestudentscommission.ca

get updates about delayed or cancelled buses



we anticipate this year will have more delays and route cancellations than normal due to the pandemic. please ensure you are subscribed to our notifications



subscribe by email
to specific bus
routes or students



download
BusPlanner
Delays App*

*use verification code: TSTS



review daily
notices on
triboard.ca



follow our delays
[@BusDelayNCancel](https://twitter.com/BusDelayNCancel)
on twitter

Octomester Dates

Period 2 class: October 13, 2020-November 11, 2020

Period 2 exam: November 12, 2020

Period 3 class: November 13, 2020-December 14, 2020

Period 3 exam: December 15, 2020

Period 4 class: December 16, 2020-January 27, 2021

Period 4 exam: January 28, 2021

Hang in there, Crusaders



Created by Charis Kern, HC student



PASTORAL NEWS

Congratulations to staff, students, and the entire community on their hard work and perseverance through the month of October! The willingness of all to do their part in these challenging times is an inspiring witness of Christ's call to love our neighbours.

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone for their contributions to our Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. The school community brought in a truly impressive amount of food donations that are so important to many in Kingston right now. Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson's first octomester class on bringing in the most items per student!

Fr. Amato and Fr. Shea have begun to join us again at the school! Their presence around the building during their visits has been a blessing. As we are not celebrating Mass, we will be exploring different ways they can be serve the community, including class visits.

Approaching quickly is Treaty Recognition week, from November 2-6. This week aims to educate staff and students on how we are all treaty peoples by looking at what treaties are and considering how we can honour them today.

We will be having a Remembrance Day service over our PA system to commemorate and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country.

We ask that you keep Scottie Legg and his family in your prayers. His passing has been a difficult loss for many in Kingston, including the Holy Cross community. Anybody who is looking for someone to talk with is encouraged to visit me in my office beside the chapel, or connect with our youth workers, Terrie and Amey. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

God bless,

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

All Are Welcome In This Place

Looking Forward to December

Dec 9– Catholic School Council 6:30-7:30

Dec 14– End of Octomester 3

Dec 15– Octomester 3 Exam Day

Dec 16– Start Octomester 4

**Dec 17– Last day to change Octomester
4 classes**

Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Break

Dec 24– Christmas Eve

Dec 25– Christmas Day

Dec 31– New Years Eve

Contact Us

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

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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Our school community has started our OSSLT preparation for all our grade ten and eleven students. At this time, we have been informed by the ministry that the OSSLT will take place for both grades in the spring. We will continue to prepare our learners for this test. More information will follow when our home support component is ready.

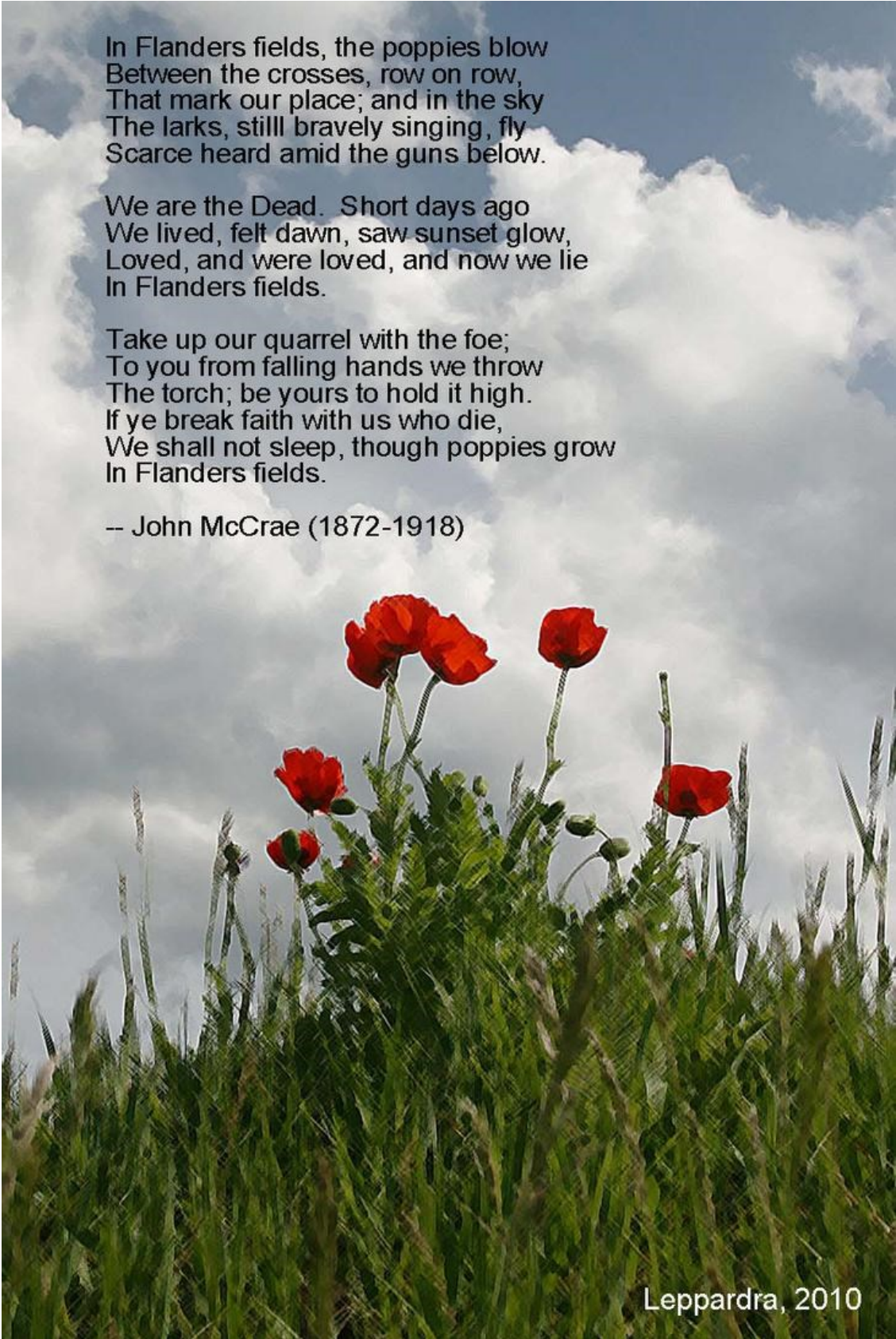


Treaties Recognition Week

In 2016, Ontario passed legislation declaring the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week.

This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships.





In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-- John McCrae (1872-1918)

Leppardra, 2010

Report your Child's Absence

3 WAYS TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE



SchoolMessenger Mobile App



 SchoolMessenger

Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play store.

Sign up to create your account.

To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.

SchoolMessenger Website



go.schoolmessenger.ca

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To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.

Call toll-free



1-844-445-4383

Call the toll-free number at 1-844-445-4383 to report your child's absence.

You will be asked to enter the phone number that you have registered with the school.

Follow the prompts to report your child's absence.

The Spirit Shop

The HC Spirit Shop continues to be online only. New items have been added!

HC Spirit Wear can be paid for using the same payment process as for student fees. (schoolcashonline.com). Samples are displayed in the main foyer. Students may not try on samples for sizes. Photo examples will be posted on social.

*****Weekly purchased items by Wednesday
will be given to homeroom teachers to distribute by Friday**
Please note some orders may be delivered later than a week***

- Grey HCSS Hoodie \$45
- Grey or Green Crew Neck Sweatshirt \$40 **NEW- in stock**
- Grey Sweatpants with pockets \$35
- Black Windbreaker \$25
- Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve \$15 or 2 for \$28 (green or white)
- HC pom pom toque \$25 **NEW-arriving mid-late November**
- HC pajamas pants \$40 **NEW – arriving mid-late November**
- “We the West” Lanyard \$ 3

Unfortunately, the student leadership team cannot guarantee inventory as there are limited quantities and sizing available. In the event we cannot fulfil your order, you will be refunded.

If this is a Christmas order, please contact the school so the item will not be delivered to your student and we can arrange pick up. If your student has not yet received their item that was previously purchased, please email.

