



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2020

## Principal's Message

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 look forward to celebrating the Christmas season here at Holy Cross and to turning our focus to the anticipation of the birth of Christ. We will be lighting our first advent candle today and our students' council group have been hard at work (under the guidance of Mrs. Jennifer McDonald) making the school look festive. I know that this group has several (safely designed) seasonal activities planned for the community this month.

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, I'm pleased that our initial visits to incoming grade eight classes at our partner elementary schools have taken place. Kudos to Kristi LeSarge, our student success lead on connecting with our future Crusaders and letting them know about the many great things that (traditionally) happen at Holy Cross. By all accounts our newest Crusaders are excited to be joining the community at Holy Cross in September 2021 and by then, we certainly hope to be back to offering a full slate of extra-curricular opportunities for students, in addition to our excellent academic programming.

Our third Octomester wraps up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, three days before the Christmas break begins, so our students will have only a quick introduction to their fourth Octomester course. Following the break we resume on the fourth of January and wrap up term 1 (and Octomester four) on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. Details about the structure of next term are forthcoming.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and patience this year,

Merry Christmas!

### This Month

**December 9– Catholic School Council  
6:30-7:30**

**December 14– End Octomester 3**

**December 15– Octomester 3 Exam**

**December 16– start Octomester 4**

**December 17– Last day to change classes**

**December 21–Jan 1– Christmas Break**

**December 24– Christmas Eve**

**December 25– Christmas Day**



## **COUNSELLORS' CORNER**

### **College/University Applications**

The deadline for applications to OUAC (University) is January 15th and to OCAS (College) is February 1st, however, the Holy Cross recommended date is December 15th. All OUAC access numbers for university applicants have arrived and students should have stopped by Student Services to pick up theirs. Access numbers are not required for college applications however, students do require their OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on their report card. Remote learners should contact their Guidance counsellors to receive their OUAC access number.

### **Dual Credits at St. Lawrence College**

St. Lawrence College offers Dual Credit opportunities for students to take a college course that counts for high school credit. Available courses for the winter term are posted on the Guidance Page found on students' Virtual Commons. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

### **Full Disclosure Date**

Senior Students have until Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to drop a course without the mark appearing on their transcript. Please see your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

### **Honour Roll 2019-2020**

Congratulations to this year's Honour Roll recipients. Students are invited to pick up their certificate just outside of the Student Services office on Wednesday, December 2nd during their lunch. Remote learners will receive their certificates in the mail.

### **Grade 9 Honour Roll 2019-2020**

Kaleigh Alguire, Emma Angus, Diana Aquino, Toben Armstrong, Sophie Best, Joshua Bowry, Archer Brioux, James Burns, Brian Cahill, Mark Callery, Talon Carroll, Tanner Carroll, Kyra Charlery-Franklyn, Axel Chouinard, Abigail Clarke, Beth Coe, Richard Compton, Jordan Coppens, Nathan Cordeiro, Benjamin Costa, Pierson Costa, Jade Craig, Daniel Crook, Austin Cunningham, Jack Cusson, Jack DaSilva, Isabel DeMarsh, Maizy Dickson, Sophie Dickson, Arianna Di-Cristo, Nathan Diment, Mary Drumm, Kendrayah Ducharme, Anna Dyck, Justin Evaristo, Ava Fisher, Aaron Fisher, Blythe Forestell, Benjamin Franco, John French, Drew Garnier, Christian Garrison, Paige Gazeley, Minraj Gill, Marco Goncalves, Alia Gouveia, Claire Graham, Claire Hamilton, Conner Harrigan, Alexander Hawes, Marie Hetke, Ryan Hook-ey, Madison Hunter, Mark Iliescu, Eva Jalandoon, Jack Johnson, Adya Joseph, Ashley Julien, Edward Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Anna Kenney, Emily Kenney, Sofia Khanverdi, Fabby Kirjokari-Ramirez, Eshan Lalani, Ethan Larsen, Gemryl Laxina, Erin Ledford, Vaughn Legresley, Max Ma,

Ty MacKenzie, Adrianna MacLean, Elisabeth MacMillan, Renn McCauley, Gracie McDonnell, Ella McDonough, Abbygayle McNeil, Olivia McQuigge, Brody Medeiros, Jake Melim, Matthew Mignault, Alex Murphy, Erin Murphy, Katie Murphy, Mischa Niven, Mateus Oliveira, Reagan Ouellette, Zachary Pascoal, Luke Patterson, Devynn Pellerine, Michael Pereira, Peyton Pereira, Gracie Peters, Piper Platt, Lilly Porter, Devina Praticante, Rayne Price, Samantha Pringle, Dylan Reynolds, Paul Rizzo, Shelby Robertson, Camren Rodrigues, Madison Rollins, Quinn Rooney, Alexander Roth, Gianluca Russo-Smith, Andrew Ryce, Jack Saganowich, Wade Scholtes, Chas Simpson, Abigayle Sinclair, Nayia Skourtis, Catherine Slack, Joshua Slack, Erin Snow, Andrew St. Godard, Annie Stewart, Oriana Stokes-Noonan, Natalie Stubbert, Taylor Swain, Katie Taggart, Livia Taylor, Taylor Therrien, Alysha Tigchelaar, Isabella Toffolon, Carter Tulk, Rachel Tulk, Dawson Valliquette, Abigail Vivian, Julia Waller, Jessica Warner-Santos, Liam Weir, Jack White, Bradley Wilson, Taylor Wolsey, Emmet Wowk, Emma Wright, Kristel Zablan

Highest overall average goes to Gemryl Laxina.

### **Grade 10 Honour Roll 2019-2020**

Benjamin Agapas, Noah Algieri, Olivia Anderson, Brianna Andre, Olivia Andre, Ryleigh Arnold, Macy Aubin, Ann Marie Ballesteros, Ethan Bax, Owen Best, Michael Biss, Kaden Boisvert, Ethan Carlo, Gracie Caverly, Alexander Circelli, Olivia Clement, Bryson Day, Diego De Frias, Aiden Deveau, Devin Doucette, Paige Douglas, Ethan Downton, Ella Doyle McLaughlin, Ella Driscoll, Emily Drouillard, Declan Dupel, Claudia Einarson, Charleigh Enright, Ryker Erb, Katie Everson, Kaitlynn Ewart, Alessia Finos, Abigail Fox, Sierra Francis-Griffin, Taylor Franco, Cameron Gallagher, Avery Gallivan, Dylan Garrison, Hayden Gaudet, Spencer Gaudet, Parker Gaulton, Evan Gibson, Anna Goddard, Zachery Gora, Jonah Hamilton, Kevin Hamilton, Beatrice Hetke, Zoe Heyes, Aliyah Hinch, Patrick Hinch, Kelly Hoang, Olivia Hudel, Brad Hulton, Lillian Humphrey, CJ Jacques, Anezka Javier, Shaelynn Johnston, Sara Justinico Gonzalez, Caitlin Kelly, Davina Kelvin, Owen Kinney,

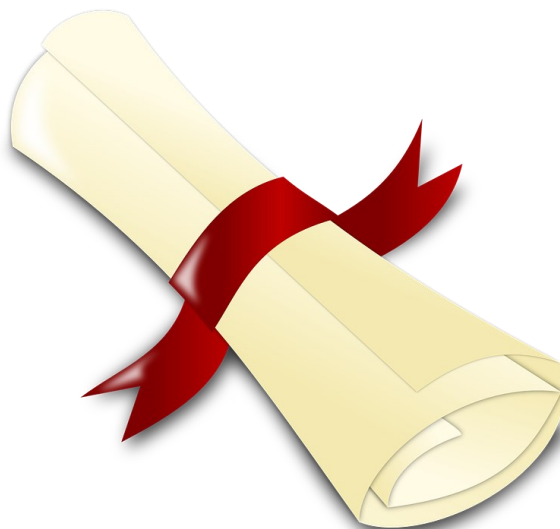
Marthe Laplante Brady, Colby Leaver, Jacob LeBlanc, Ian MacDonnell, Deah Marcelo, Tara Martin, Nathan Matos, Sarah Matthews, Kieran McAllister, Luca McCullough, Adam McKinley, Caden Montagner-Holder, Kaleb Murray, Nick Neumann, Sophia Nikitopoulos, Adam Nuttall, Dylan O'Brien, Kira O'Donohue, Murilo Oliveira, Ethan Osborne, Anthony Overvelde, Bronwyn Pajo, Mia Pengelly, Hannah Pennell, Josie Pickstock, Aunna Polywkan, Chase Price, April Przontka, Samarah Rahn, Stephanie Rand, Abby Renaud, Zoe Rorabeck, Owen Salmon, Zoe Shorey, Zoe Silva, Kiley Smith, Natalee Snider, Avery Soares, Eric Sonnemann, Bryleigh St. Pierre, Lucas Stevens, Luigi Stubbert, Brock Szczukocki, Pareza Tahamtan, Karson Thibeault, Madeliene Tofts, Ethan Tran, Claire van Herpt, Harmony Van Schyndel, Kate Vanderlaan, Eddie Van-Dyke, Lily Wakelin, Peyton Walsh, Ian Watts, Riley Webb, Jack Welbanks, Liam Whalen, Sierra Whan, Trinity Wheeler, Boden White, Anna Williams, Janessa Williams, Lauren Wilson, Jessica Witjes, Jacob Woods, Eamon Worrall, Jack Wyatt.

Highest overall average goes to Katie Everson.

### **Grade 11 Honour Roll 2019-2020**

Nicole Araujo, Aleesha Armstrong, Ashwathy Augustine, Kianoosh Ayoubi Mobarhan, Kiarash Ayoubi Mobarhan, Liam Bador, Caleb Bailey, Savannah Baillie, Kathleen Beckenhauer, Vincent Benoit, Matthew Brownlee, Patience Bryant, Karina Calder, Niko Carrillo Kuhnemann, Ethan Chacin, Tyler Clarke, Nathaniel Consack, Emma Contois, Jordyn Cordeiro-Emberley, Jack Craig, Megan Cross, Hunter Cutbush, Riley Da Costa, Angelica DeCastro, Cassie Dixon, Nicholas Drenniak, Joshua Easter, Madison Fenwick-VanDuinen, Alec Ferguson, Kayla French, Jessica Frost-Garant, Lauryn Furtado, Grady Gallagher, Olivia Gilbert, Emma-mae Halliday, Quinn Hannah, Abbie Hatcher, Morgan Henning, MacKenzie Henry, Taylor Hinch, Jordyn Howe, Hope Joyce, Jack Kenney, Charis Kern, Olivia Leger-Moraal, Julia Legge, Lilly Leite-Kasaboski, Ryan Mallen, Clare Maloney, Sabrina Marques, Alexis Mayer, Breanna McAllister, Kelly McKenna, Kaitlin Millar, Amber Minutillo, Nathan Mohan, Robert Morley, Ava Murphy, Owen Murphy, Lauren Noftall, Nolan O'Neill, Mackenzie Pacheco, Karsen Patterson, Rowan Pearson-Clark, Alisha-Jo Penney, Mariel Perez Rojas, Emma Rizk, Zachary Robbs, Matthew Robertson, Madysen Rodrigues, Emma Saganowich, Gilven Senires, Hope Silva, Madeleine Skebo, Kennedy South, Dakota Spencer, Madison Sproule, Zoe Stanley, Brogan Steffen, Samantha Stegel, Joshua Swain, Brayden Tait, Josh Tan, Marissa Terpstra, Victoria Thompson, Livia Titley, Aidan Tulk, Evan Tye, Christopher Tyler, Ethan Valente, Jeremy Van Grunsven, Ryker van Zevenbergen, Lauren Varey, Natalie Vecchio, Paris-Marae Vella, Josh Venditti, Hannah Wagenaar, Reilly Wallace, Shanna White, Mary Williams, Cooper Wistead, Tim Wollin, Braeden Young, Charles Young.

Highest overall average goes to Emma Saganowich.





Michigan State men's golf head coach [Casey Lubahn](#) announced today (Nov. 18) the signing of **Ashton McCulloch** (graduate of Holy Cross C.S.S. in Kingston, Ontario) who signed National Letters of Intent to join the Spartans for next fall.

*Casey Lubahn on Ashton McCulloch...*

*"Ashton is an exceptionally accomplished athlete and comes from a part of Ontario that has a great Spartan connection in former player Craig Revell. He has been the top player in Ontario in his class for a number of years and he continues to improve significantly. He is a quiet, determined young man who lets his clubs do the talking but he is a fierce competitor evidenced by his elite finishes. From the moment we had his family on campus, Coach Ellis and I felt like they were exactly what we look for - people of great character, values, and humility. We know Ashton will be a huge contributor in the classroom and on the golf course from day one at MSU."*

# Octomester Dates

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



# Merry Christmas



*Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

*Luke 2:10-11*

**From the Holy Cross family to yours!**



## PASTORAL NEWS

We continue to witness inspiring demonstrations of our faith at Holy Cross. The continued hope in the face of challenges, along with regular acts of selflessness and teamwork, contribute to nurturing a Catholic community during a time in which community is difficult to experience.

November began by offering us the opportunity to participate in Treaties Recognition Week. We looked at the basic aspects of what constitutes a treaty and reflected on the responsibility each of us have in being treaty people. In observance of Remembrance Day, we held a prayer service and a moment of silence at 11:00. Thank you to everyone for showing great reverence during this time. The community also recognized November as the Month of the Holy Souls by praying in a special way for loved ones who have died.

In December, we look forward to finding peace and renewed hope. The Season of Advent offers us the opportunity to encounter God in a fresh way, which is especially needed this year. More than ever, we look forward to welcoming the person of Jesus into our lives and world. May we always remember that we are waiting not for a day, but for a person!

Our Advent campaign will be a collection of specific items to assemble gift baskets for residents in retirement and long-term care homes. We will be collecting from November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>. Lists of requested items will be shared with classes. Thank you so much for your support of a cause that is deeply important this year!

The Chaplaincy Team wishes the entire community a safe and blessed Advent Season. We pray that the constraints we face open up new ways in which we encounter God's grace in the weeks ahead.

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.*

*Galatians 4: 4-5*

## All Are Welcome In This Place

## Looking Forward to January

Jan 4– First day of classes

Jan 13– Octomester 4 midterm

Jan 15– University Applications due

Jan 27– Octomester 4 End

Jan 28– Octomester 4 Exams

Jan 29– P A Day

## Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

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# Christmas Talent Show !

All talents welcome! Submit your entry  
by scanning this QR code, or by sending  
your video to the website:  
[tinyurl.com/christmastalent](http://tinyurl.com/christmastalent)



SCAN ME

THURSDAY DEC. 17, 2020

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS SUNDAY DEC. 13





# Spirit Week!





Do You Miss  
Singing?

Join The HC

# VIRTUAL CHOIR

Starting Monday, Nov 30th

Email Ms. Check Drumm for  
more info!

[checkdru@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:checkdru@alcdsb.on.ca)



## 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](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Sign Up to create your account.

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. (schoolcashionline.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 Crewneck Sweatshirt \$40 **NEW**
- Grey Sweatpants with pockets \$35
- Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve \$15 or 2 for \$28 (green or white)
- HC pom pom toque \$25 **NEW**
- HC pajama pants \$40 **NEW**
- "We the West" Lanyard \$ 3
- Drawstring bag \$18 **NEW**
- Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt \$20 **NEW**

### **HOLIDAY SPIRITWEAR PACKAGE SPECIAL**



**Crewneck sweatshirt** – choice of green or grey

**T-shirt** – choice of green or dark heather grey

**Drawstring bag**

\* Will be delivered to homerooms the week of Dec 14th

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.





ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

THE GRADUATE is expected to be:  
A DISCERNING BELIEVER FORMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of

**HOLISTIC THINKER** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

# GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

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ED, RESPONSIBLE,  
MER who develops and God-given potential.

**CITIZEN** who gives witness teaching by promoting peace, readiness of human life.



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Advent: What is Christ and what hope?

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BOOK SHOP