



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

December 2021

Principal's Message

This past weekend marked the beginning of **Advent** and indeed of the liturgical calendar. The readings remind us to “keep alert” and to light candles in this season of preparation and hope. Similarly, many people this year have already begun to decorate their homes with festive lights. We must all do our part to convey hope and light to one another in these potentially isolating times. Our school has visual reminders of the **Advent Season** and we are grateful to **Mr. Cotman and select classes** for the first of their **Advent** prayer services.

We are now well into Quad Two. It is a good time to check your child’s academic progress through their subject teacher. Courses move quickly in this system. I am hoping that students and staff are able to navigate this with some balance between learning and necessary downtime, both of which are essential. I have been so impressed with the efforts and collaboration of our whole community, but also note the stress levels. The **Christmas** holiday break is even more crucial this year than usual.

With mounting case counts in our region, I am so grateful we have been able to navigate fall sports, the Return to the Stage production, and the advent of so many clubs and activities. Please continue to be vigilant with safety measures. Let’s keep our school as healthy as possible. We are all reliant on one another to be well as a community.

Take care, everyone, of yourself and others.

Terri Daniel

This Month

- Nov 29– Dec10– Advent Clothing Drive
- Dec 9– streamed Advent Liturgy
- Dec 13-17– Spirit Week
- Dec 14– Last day Careers/Civics
- Dec 14– Quadmester 2 mid-term
- Dec 16– Midterm marks posted
- Dec 17– Last day of school 2021
- Dec 20-31 Christmas Break
- Dec 24– Christmas Eve
- Dec 25– Christmas Day
- Dec 26– Boxing Day

January 3, 2022 classes resume



Quadmester Calendar

Quadmester 2 : Nov 15 - Jan 27

Exam Days : Jan 28– Jan 31

Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12

Exam Days: April 13– April 14

Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 28

Counsellor's Corner

College/University Applications

The deadline for applications to QUAC (University) is January 13th, 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 stop 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.

Quadmester 1 marks have been sent to OUAC and OCAS and students should verify their academic information in their OUAC and OCAS accounts. Students should also check to make sure their time-tables include all necessary courses for post-secondary admission.

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. The next term will begin in February. Contact your guidance counsellor for a list of course offerings.

Full Disclosure Date

Grade 12 students have until January 6th to drop a quadmester 2 course not required for graduation purposes. Please see your guidance counsellor for more information.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary District 7040 is offering students between the ages of 15 and 18 the opportunity for a summer exchange with a student from another country. See Mrs. Cantarutti for an application form.

Honour Roll

Congratulations to this year's Honour Roll recipients! Students received their Honour Roll certificate at a celebration held on November 24.

Grade 9 Honour Roll Recipients 2020 - 2021 Academic School Year

Mateo Algieri, Avery Arcand, Rocio Arroyo Lopez, Ayan Ashfaq, Blake Baldwin, Nicole Baldwin-Salazar, Paige Banting, Hailey Bauder, Samantha Beasant, Noah Benoit, Abbey Besselink, Noah Borges, Ava Burns, Graeme Campbell, Charlotte Cantarutti, Payton Carlson, Andrew Cheung, Noah Chin, Andrew Colling, Mirand Craig, Mia Craig, Emma Cross, Cole Cummings, Isabel Da Silva, Ethan Dart, Renee Daugherty, Tatem Dawson, Lucinda de Boer, Samara DeJonge, Julien DeMatos, Leila DeMelo, Matteo Diana, Sophia Diaz, Zachary Dillon, Cameron Dixon, Emma Dixon, Madylin Dixon, Hailey Doherty, Megan Driver, Avery D'Souza, Cooper Fawcett, Spence Ferguson, Abby Fraser, Grace Gignac, Alex Goddard, Chloe Healey-Jeffery, Ben Hedberg, Nathan Hibbert, Kathilen Hoang, Natalie Huizenga, Sadie Humphries, Madison Jarbeau, Hannah Jeffs, Roxanne Jolicoeur, Zoe Kanellos, Evangelyn Kelvin, Benjamin Kempston, Mairi Kennedy, Caleb Kern, Gabrielos Kho, Minhee Kim, Noah Kingsbury, Sophia Laurendeau, Eleanor Legge, Edithe Leishman, Tomas Levett, Ben Lyons, Griffin MacDonald, Sophie Manor, Isla Marcella, Jesse Marques, Caleb Marshall, Gates McAllister, Chiara McArthur, Fionn McCarthy, Zaccry McCarthy, Matthew McKee, Katie McKeown, Laura McKeown, Kate McKinley, Olivia McLellan, Kim Mendiola, Halaiah Miller, Maggie Munt, Aidan Myers, Myah Natalizio, Jack Nichol, Bonnie O'Brien, Maria Paiva, Will Parisotto, Shelby Peacock, Sadie Pearson, Ellie Pennell, Bryson Penney, Shea Pereira, Hunter Petersen, Josh Pigion, Christiano Pinho, Elliette Plata, Haydn Polywkan, Madison Pople, Mitchell Pople, Will Pringle, Camilla Purdy, Tyson Purvis, Kyle Rake, Emma Reed, Emma Richardson, Dorian Rimmer, Noah Robidoux, Ava Rochefort, Jacob Rudd, Lincoln Salmon, Spencer Salmon, Bevan Sanoj, Parker Sarris, Aliya Schouten, Daxton Seguin, Savanna Shay, Noah Silva, Derek Smith, Jack Soares, Brodee St. Pierre, Lena Staszak, Maya Talledo, Allie Thurlby, Aiden Tisdale, Hailey Tyler, Ally Van Buren, Marina Vasey-Howes, Quinn Venditti, Elena Vilela, Danica Visneskie, Emmalea Walker, Zach Waller, Sydney Walsh, Katie Ward, Megan Welbanks, Erica Wheeler, Ava White, Charlotte White, Jessica White, Peyton Wilson, Annie Yang, Carter Yeo, Joshua Young, Krizelle Zablan, Brooklynn Zewuster, Cailyn Zuuring

Grade 10 Honour Roll Recipients 2020-2021 Academic School Year

Kaleigh Alguire, Jacob Anglin, Emma Angus, Diana Aquino, Nathan Armstrong, Toben Armstrong, Jessica Asuncion, Lex Attwood, Ethan Augustyn, Charlene Bacong, Davin Bales, Ava Benn, Sophie Best, Joshua Bowry, Lauren Bragdon, Bruno Branco-Soares, Archer Brioux, James Burns, Brian Cahill, Mark Callery, Talon Carroll, Tanner Carroll, Kyra Charlery-Franklyn, Axel Chouinard, Ben Christie, Beth Coe, Ryan Compton, JordanCoppens, Charles Cordeau, Nathan Cordeiro, Benjamin Costa, Jade Craig, Daniel Crook, Jack Cusson, Jack DaSilva, Isabel DeMarsh, Maizy Dickson, Sophie Dickson, Arianna DiCristo, Nathan Diment, Mary Drumm, Kendrayah Ducharme, Liam Duffy, Anna Dyck, Ty Empey, Justin Evaristo, Liam Feeney, Aaron Fisher, Ava Fisher, Blythe Forestell, Nolan Fox, Benjamin Franco, James Fraser, John French, Drew Garnier, Christian Garrison, Paige Gazeley, Minraj Gill, Marco Goncalves, Alia Gouveia, Claire Hamilton, Conner Harrigan, Adam Hayes, Marie Hetke, Ryan Hookey, Mark Iliescu, Eva Jalandon, Jack Johnson, Adya Joseph, Rochele Julian,

Ashley Julien, Edward Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Anna Kenney, Emily Kenney, Sofia Khanverdi, Fabby Kirjokari-Ramirez, Michelle Lacasandile, Mia LaDuca, Eshan Lalani, Paige Lansbergen, Ethan Larsen, Kylie Laughlin, Gemryl Laxina, Erin Ledford, Vaughn Legresley, Ty MacKenzie, Adrianna MacLean, Elisabeth MacMillan, Renn McCauley, Jakob McDonald, Gracie McDonell, Ella McDonough, Mariah McEvoy, Abbygayle McNeil, Olivia McQuigge, Brody Medeiros, Jake Melim, Matthew Mignault, Alex Murphy, Erin Murphy, Katie Murphy, Mischa Niven, Reagan Ouellette, Zachary Pascoal, Luke Patterson, Devynn Pellerine, Joshua Penney, Peyton Pereira, Gracie Peters, Piper Platt, Lilly Porter, Devina Praticante, Rayne Price, Samantha Pringle, Dylan Reynolds, Paul Rizzo, Shelby Robertson, Camren Rodrigues, Madison Rollins, Alexander Roth, Gianluca Russo-Smith, Andrew Ryce, Jack Saganowich, Wade Scholtes, Fiona Serviss, Chas Simpson, Abigail Sinclair, Nayia Skourtis, Catherine Slack, Joshua Slack, Erin Snow, Andrew St. Godard, Brooklynn St. Pierre, Annie Stewart, Oriana Stokes-Noonan, Natalie Stubbart, Taylor Swain, Katie Taggart, Livia Taylor, Alysha Tigchelaar, Isabella Toffolon, Carter Tulk, Rachel Tulk, Abigail Vivian, Julia Waller, Liam Weir, Jack White, Bradley Wilson, Will Wimmer, Taylor Wolsey, Emmet Wowk, Emma Wright, Kristel Zablan

Grade 11 Honour Roll Recipients 2020- 2021 Academic School Year

Benjamin Agapas, Noah Algieri, Aiden Almeida, Olivia Anderson, Olivia Andre, Ryleigh Arnold, Madisynne Atkinson, Macy Aubin, Ann Marie Ballesteros, Brileigh Bauder-Sauve, Ethan Bax, Dylan Beltrami, Owen Best, Ella Best-Taylor, Michael Biss, Kaden Boisvert, Sarah Brady, Ethan Carlo, Gracie Caverly, Alexander Circelli, Olivia Clement, Nate Cook, Peyton Da Silva, Bryson Day, Diego De Frias, Aiden Deveau, Devin Doucette, Paige Douglas, Ethan Downton, Ella Doyle McLaughlin, Declan Dupel, Claudia Einarson, Katie Everson, Sierra Fitzgerald, Abigail Fox, Sierra Francis-Griffin, Taylor Franco, Cameron Gallagher, Avery Gallivan, Hayden Gaudet, Spencer Gaudet, Evan Gibson, Anna Goddard, Dylan Graham, Jonah Hamilton, Beatrice Hetke, Zoe Heyes, Patrick Hinch, Kelly Hoang, Roland Hole, Branden Hovencamp, Olivia Hudel, Brad Hulton, Lillian Humphrey, Charles Jacques, Anezka Javier, Shaelynn Johnston, Madison Joyce, Sara Justinico Gonzalez, Caitlin Kelly, Davina Kelvin, Owen Kinney, Marthe Laplante Brady, Matteo Laurito, Rianna Lawrence, Jacob LeBlanc, Liam Legacy, Priya Lotey, Owen MacArthur, Lisa Macdonald, Ian MacDonnell, Luisa Macedo, Julia Main, Deah Marcelo, Tara Martin, Nathan Matos, Kennedy Matos-Bell, Sarah Matthews, Kieran McAllister, Luca McCullough, Adam McKinley, Reese McShane, Caden Montagner-Holder, Emma Morin-Gravelle, Jessica Moscrop, Marisa Mucciacito, Kayla Murphy, Nick Neumann, Sophia Nikitopoulos, Adam Nuttall, Dylan O'Brien, Kira O'Donohue, Ethan Osborne, Anthony Overvelde, Bronwyn Pajo, David Parsons, Cara Pasch, Jack Pascoal, Mia Pengelly, Hannah Pennell, Makayla Penney, Josie Pickstock, Emiliano Pimentel, Santiago Pimentel, Aunna Polywkan, Chase Price, April Przontka, Stephanie Rand, Abby Renaud, Jonah Reynolds, Zoe Rorabeck, Owen Salmon, Zoe Shorey, Zoe Silva, Avery Soares, Eric Sonnemann, Curtis Stacey, Bryleigh St. Pierre, Luigi Stubbart, Brock Szczukocki, Pareza Tahamtan, Karson Thibeault, Sean Thompson, Madeliene Tofts, Ethan Tran, Claire van Herpt, Harmony Van Schyndel, Kate Vanderlaan, Eddie VanDyke, Lily Wakelin, Peyton Walsh, Ian Watts, Riley Webb, Liam Whalen, Sierra Whan, Trinity Wheeler, Boden White, Anna Williams, Janessa Williams, Lauren Wilson, Jessica Witjes, Jacob Woods, Eamon Worrall, Jack Wyatt, Jackson Young



“Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him.”

St Clare of Assisi



PASTORAL NEWS



Beloved
Children of God
2021/2022

On behalf of the chaplaincy team, congratulations to all staff and students on a successful completion of Quadmester 1! The discipline and hard work put forth in the face of challenge is always a blessing to witness.

I would like to thank members of Student Council for leading the school in a prayer service over the PA system in observance of Remembrance Day. We are grateful to have had this opportunity to honour and pray for members of the Canadian Armed Forces, both past and present.

On November 18th, the school community gathered virtually for a Liturgy of the Word which was streamed to classrooms. The selected readings from Scripture were based upon themes from the solemnities of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and we were blessed to have the accompanying preaching of Fr. Hibbard. I would also like to thank Mr. Healey and his students for making a beautiful new prayer table for the foyer of Holy Cross!

December holds much in store for the chaplaincy team. We will be having our Advent liturgy on December 9th, which will be streamed to classrooms. Our Advent campaign this year is in support of Chalice Canada, and will take place from Nov. 29th – Dec. 10th. CICS has also organized a winter clothing collection in support of St. Mary's Cathedral Drop-In Centre. This year, there is a high demand for toques, warm socks, gloves, and hand warmers. Any support our community is able to provide goes a long way and is appreciated!

I would like to wish everyone a blessed Advent Season. Over the weeks ahead, may each of us prepare to welcome Jesus at Bethlehem by making time for him in our lives and room for him in our hearts.

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5.7-8

Beloved Children of God

Contact Us

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

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Looking Forward to January

January 3— First day of classes in 2022

January 6— Full disclosure date

January 13— Ontario University
applications due

January 27— Last day of Quadmester

January 28-31—Exams

International Student Experience

We are looking for a family to host a Grade 10 Female international student from Germany who is attending Holy Cross this year. This opportunity will provide a great cultural experience for your family and allow this student to fully experience life in Canada. Generous compensation is provided to families that host students and we will support to you as needed. Students must follow strict health guidelines before attending and all will be vaccinated before arrival.

If you are interested or would like more information please call 613-544-2116 or email: international@alcdsb.on.ca .

We look forward to you sharing Canada with our students.

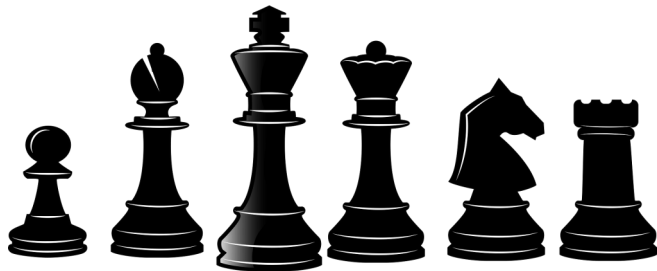


The Holy Cross Chess Club/Team is now meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime during Quad 2. Games and meetings take place in Room 109. New members are welcome. See Mr. Watts if you would like more information.

Upcoming Events:

- **Learn to Play Chess** - Sign up for Tuesdays (one-on-one lessons when boards are available)
- Every Tuesday and Thursday at Lunch - **Assigned Games** (Competitive Team) - Points are recorded
- On-line Play - **Chess.com** - anytime at home or at school
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- **Queen's University Chess Team Visit** - December 2nd
- **HC Chess Tournament** - TBA

Kingston Area Chess Tournament - Semester 2 - TBA



Student Council

The Spirit Shop

Spirit Wear sales continue every Tuesday at lunch just outside of the Student Council room! The HC spirit shop will also be available online! HC Spirit Wear can be paid for using the same payment method as the student fees. (schoolcashonline.com). Pickup for online orders will be Tuesdays at lunch outside of the council room along with our in-school shop! Receipts must be shown. 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*

Lanyards.	\$3
Drawstring Bags	\$12
HC Pajama Pants	\$40 *New Inventory!*
HCSS Grey Hoodie	\$45* only in XL
Grey or Green Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$38 *limited sizes
Grey Sweatpants with Pockets	\$35 *New Inventory!*
Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve.	\$15 or 2 for \$25
Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt	\$15
Pom Pom Toque	\$20
White Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50
Green/Grey Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50

We are doing a Christmas art contest at HC! Create a piece of visual art in your style which follows the theme of Christmas. Make sure to submit a photo of you with your art to holycrosscouncil1986@gmail.com by December 6th for your chance to win! First place will receive a \$50 Michaels gift card, second place will win a HC toque and third place will win an HC t-shirt. We will be judging the pieces based on creativity/originality and how well it follows the theme.



Tis the season! As December approaches it is time to bring some Christmas spirit into our school's halls. We have just put up a Christmas tree in the front foyer of the school for all to see.

The week of December 13th - 17th we will be having a **Christmas Spirit Week** before we all head home for Christmas break. It will be a week filled with themed non-uniform days, fun Christmas activities and lots of holiday spirit. The themes and events of each day will be as follows:

Monday: Christmas Sock/Accessory Day, 'Candy Cane Grams' will be sold for \$2 in the foyer up until Tuesday and door decorating contest will begin.

Tuesday: Ugly Sweater Day, photos with Santa in the foyer at lunch.

Wednesday: Christmas Character Day, Gingerbread house contest in the foyer at lunch.

Thursday: Cozy Day, a Christmas movie will be played in the cafeteria at lunch and hot chocolate will be served to students.

Friday: Green and Silver Day, 'Candy Cane Grams' will be delivered and the door decorating contest will be judged.

More information to come soon!

