



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

April 2022

Principal's Message

As the season of Lent progresses, we look forward to the hope offered by both Easter and spring. Let us rejoice and be glad for our blessings and hopeful for better days to come in our community and our world.

As we have moved into an easing of restrictions, we continue to ask community members to follow existing guidelines (for example, masking after international travel) and health protocols (such as staying home when ill) with a mind to protecting one another, especially the most vulnerable among us. Overall, I have been pleased with the respect and kindness afforded to one another as we all make personal choices.

Spring means an increase of foot traffic in our neighbourhood, with students travelling to the Metro Plaza as well as to the shops along Woodbine and Bayridge Road. Please be careful along the roads, but also be conscious of our neighbours. It is disrespectful to leave any items on the ground, whether on sidewalks or front lawns. Please make an effort to be good neighbourhood members.

It was so exciting to gather fan buses and cheer on the boys' hockey team at the Invista Centre – the atmosphere was so fun, obvious to all that opportunities to cheer on our teams have been sorely missed. Congrats to the team on their win and to the Mixed Curling Team on their silver KASSAA medal. Next up is a vocal concert. Live performances are certainly joyous moments of community building.

Good luck to all those students who are awaiting responses from their college, university and apprenticeship applications. Be sure to follow all steps of the process carefully. We are starting the transition process for our incoming grade eight students, always a time of excitement.

The optional spring uniform will begin on May 2nd. Information about obtaining a new spring uniform can be found on our school website.

Early plans are in the works for a June graduation celebration, on Wednesday, June 29th. We are hopeful for a fulsome graduation ceremony, but this will be based on what we can

This Month

- April— Month of the Military Child
- April 2– World Autism Day
- April 12– Last day Quadmester 3
- April 13– Exam Day
- April 14– Exam Day
- April 15– Good Friday
- April 17– Easter Sunday
- April 18– Easter Monday
- April 19– Quadmester 4 starts
- April 22– Marks due to OCAS
- April 22– Earth Day
- April 25– Last day for changes to Quad 4 classes
- April 27– Administrative Professionals Day
- April 28– Marks to OUAC
- April 28– WSIB Day of Mourning
- April 29– P A Day

offer at that time in terms of provincial and local public health guidelines. More to come.

Stay well, everyone. Take care of yourselves and one another.

Terri Daniel



Counsellor's Corner

College/University Information

A reminder that university and college applicants should check their university/college account to review their transcript information. Also, students should be aware that they must accept offers of admission in their OUAC or OCAS accounts by the deadline dates indicated by the postsecondary institution. The next transmission of marks to OCAS will be on April 22nd, and to OUAC will be on April 28th.

Graduation Date

This year's graduation date will be on Thursday, June 29th. More details will be made available in May.

Community Service Hours

Graduating grade 12 students are reminded that they require **20 hours** of community involvement activities. These activities can include service that is performed at home and for family members. Please submit your community service hours form to Student Services by the end of April.

Changes to OSSD Graduation Requirements

The Ministry of Education has mandated that, beginning with the cohort of students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year (current grade 10s), all students must earn a minimum of **two eLearning credits** as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma unless they have opted out or been exempted. Of note, up to **one** secondary school credit completed by Grade 9 students in the 2020-21 school year during the province-wide school closures (from April 2021 to June 2021) may be counted towards the graduation requirement. All secondary students will be guided to complete the Grade 10 Career Studies (GLC20)/Civics and Citizenship (CHV20) course online through the ALCDSB summer learning program. Students can complete this as a *reach-ahead* opportunity in the summer before they attend grade 9 and/or in the summer before grade 10 or grade 11. In addition, schools will work individually with families to support students that are unable to complete this course through the summer learning program.

St. Lawrence College – Virtual Sessions and Open House

St. Lawrence College will be offering virtual sessions from April 5th – April 28th. This event will give students the opportunity to attend multiple sessions throughout the month. Students can register for their sessions of interest on the Guidance Page in the Virtual Commons.

St. Lawrence College will be offering **IN PERSON** Open Houses at all three of their campuses. See below for the registration link as well as the date and time for each campus:

Cornwall: April 2nd 10:00–1:00

Brockville: April 9th 10:00–1:00

Kingston: April 23rd 10:00–1:00

Registration Link: <https://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/2022-Spring-Open-House>

Counsellor's Corner cont'd

Eastern Ontario College Panel

Virtual Eastern Region Panel Presentations will be offered on Mondays at 5:00 starting on Monday March 21 through to April 25th.

The colleges participating in this event are:

Algonquin College (Ottawa, Pembroke and Perth)
Durham College (Oshawa and Whitby)
Fleming College (Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton)
Loyalist College (Belleville, Bancroft and Port Hope)
St. Lawrence College (Kingston, Brockville and Cornwall).

Participating colleges will share a presentation about college programs, services, the application process, how to pay for college, and program outcomes. The live presentations will be approximately 60 minutes followed by a Q&A.

https://algonquincollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gie5L6xKRlu0WZpm-zRlqQ

Scholarship Information

Werk Poole Student Bursary - a student must be graduating this year and must also "be a resident of Lennox and Addington County who has been accepted into a Leadership Training Program. The student will have demonstrated knowledge of, and interest in, the qualities inherent in leadership roles. Significant community ties and volunteer experience would be possible indicators of a student's commitment to a leadership program."

The Napanee Sports Association Award - a student must meet the following criteria:

Has participated in a Town of Greater Napanee sports program over their high school career.

Has been accepted at and plans to attend a recognized educational institution at a post-secondary level."

Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

Elections Ontario

Elections Ontario is hiring students aged 16 and older to work as Information Assistants in the upcoming 2022 Ontario general election. If you would like to apply for the "Youth at the Booth" program, visit jobs.elections.on.ca

Summer Jobs

Each year the Ontario Public Service targets up to 5,000 summer students to work in locations across Ontario in areas such as:

- Ontario Parks
- Environment
- Science
- Administration
- Business and Finance
- Research and Laboratories
- Communications
- Customer Service

Earn while you learn! You can learn more at: ontario.ca/summerstudents

ALCDSB Summer School – e-Learning

E-Learning courses will be offered by ALCDSB in July over 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning. More information will become available once the course offerings are finalized.

Quadmester Calendar

Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12

Exam Days: April 13– April 14

Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 28

Graduation: June 29

UPDATE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Our school is planning to have students currently in **GRADE 10** complete the on-line OSSLT in their assigned morning classes during the week of May 10th – 18th, 2022 (Quadmester 4). The school Literacy Committee is working diligently to provide support, materials and information to both students and teachers in order to best prepare students for the upcoming assessment. Teachers of Grade 10 classes in this quadmester will schedule a **Practice Test** for students to complete in their morning class from **March 23 through March 31**. This practice test is equivalent to the two sessions students will be completing during the live test later in May. In addition, the practice test includes an introductory session that allows students to become familiar with the new online platform's tools and functions.

A D2L course is also available for students that contains numerous practice tips and materials to help prepare for the assessment. We encourage students and parents to visit the course by clicking this link: [Homepage - "OSSLT" Literacy Test- Prep Materials \(elearningontario.ca\)](https://www.elearningontario.ca)

Furthermore, **After-School Literacy sessions** will also be offered 2 times per week from **April 4th through to May 4th** to provide students with more opportunities to practice and refine their literacy skills in preparation for May's online OSSLT.

As students are required to be in-class learners at the time the online test will be administered at the school, any Grade 10 students that are studying remotely in Quadmester 4 will be contacted to determine arrangements to write the assessment.

For more information about the OSSLT and to access the practice test available to students, you are encouraged to visit <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/> . If parents/guardians have specific questions regarding the OSSLT on-line test to be completed by Grade 10 students in May, please direct your queries to Mr. Dan Finn or Mrs. Anna Coe.





PASTORAL NEWS



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2021/2022

With the passing of Laetare Sunday on March 27th, we are now more than halfway through the Season of Lent. May we continue our efforts in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we may experience deep renewal at Easter!

We began the month of March with a virtual liturgy of the word observing Ash Wednesday. Class liturgies have continued, reflecting upon the themes of light and restoration as we move into Spring and towards Easter.

I would like to thank the community for the generous support of the Lenten Campaign in support of Sanctuary (refugee settlement team) at St. Paul the Apostle Parish. This upcoming month, CICS students will be participating in the Partners in Mission Foodbank Food Blitz. The warming weather also has us looking forward to resuming outdoor visits to Rosewood Retirement Residence!

With Holy Thursday being an exam day, our Stations of the Cross Service will take place on Friday, April 8th. This spiritual pilgrimage will open the doors to Holy Week as we journey alongside Jesus to Easter Sunday. At the end of the month on April 29th, staff will have a Faith Day. During the Easter Season, Fr. Hibbard and Fr. Shea will be made available for confessions for those wishing to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. This date will be shared with staff and students.

We at Holy Cross are so deeply saddened by the loss being experienced by the Kort family. Please continue to pray for the Nicholson and St. Joseph's school communities in Belleville, and for the recovery of the family members still in hospital. May God's grace be a source of strength at this time.

My prayers go out to all staff, students, and families as we complete term three. May Easter bring the spiritual renewal needed to sustain us in faith and hope!

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; and wait for the Lord!” Psalm 27.14

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

Beloved Children of God

Contact Us

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

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Looking Forward to May

May 1– World Principal's Day

May 1-6 - Catholic Education Week

May 2-6– Children's Mental Health Week

May 4-10– Child and Youth Appreciation Week

May 19– Quad 4 midterm

May 23– Victoria Day

May 25– Quad 4 full disclosure date

May 29-Jun4 National Accessibility Week

The **Holy Cross Chess Club** will resume lunchtime games during Quadmester 4 (starting Tuesday, April 19th). If you are interested in joining the club, please drop by to see Mr. Watts in Room 109.

“Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.” – Blaise Pascal



Student Council

Holy Cross Student Council can't wait to bring fun new events and activities to the school now that restrictions are lifted! Some ideas we have for this month are karaoke, bagel day. **Karaoke** will be during lunch where students can sing it out alone or with friends to their favourite toons! **Bagel day** will be a one-time event where we bring back the iconic Holy Cross Caf Bagels! Proceeds of the event go towards our Lenten fundraiser to support the Mer'i family, a refugee family from Syria who are expected to arrive in Kingston over the coming months. More details on these events will be out soon.



We would like to congratulate the **Boys Hockey Team** on an amazing season and championship game on March 28th. The boys battled it out and took a 4-1 win against the Falcons to take home the **GOLD**. There was an AMAZING turnout at the game by all our HC fans. The energy in the stands was amazing and thank you so much for coming to support the team! Such a great kickoff to the beginning of spectators! And special shoutout as well to the Mixed Curling team on their KASSAA **SILVER** medal win! Congratulations!



Intramurals have begun at HC thanks to the sports leadership team. There has been lots of interest and is a great way to bring fun to the school during lunch periods!

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.*

During the month of April, we will have an **April Flash Sale** where certain items of spirit wear will be available at a discounted price. Get them while they're hot!!

Lanyards	\$3
Drawstring Bags	\$12
HC Pajama Pants	\$40
HC Lightweight Jacket	\$38 SALE
Grey or Green Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$38 <small>*limited sizes</small>
Grey Sweatpants with Pockets	\$35
Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve.	\$15 or 2 for \$25
Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt	\$10 SALE
Pom Pom Toque	\$20
White Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50
Green/Grey Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50

ARTS NEWS

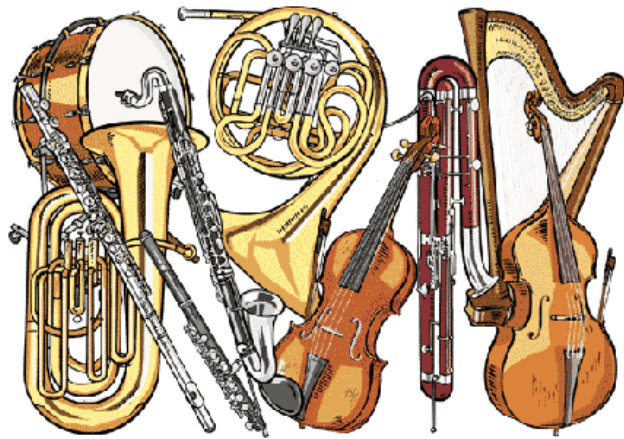
The Senior Vocal Class is thrilled to be able to showcase their learning at an end-of-term LIVE concert! Accompanied by Mr. Tim Sicoli on piano, this talented group of vocalists will take the HC Stage on **Wednesday, April 6th at 7PM**. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Come out and enjoy some beautiful live music again!

The Holy Cross Instrumental Band is starting to rehearse once again every Wednesday after school in the music room.

The Dance Team is hard at work every Monday and Tuesday practicing their choreography for their upcoming Strive Dance Competition in Toronto next month.

We are planning a Talent Show in June (date TBA). Auditions will be held mid-May.

- Follow us on Instagram/Twitter to stay informed: [@hcarts_](#)





**THE GRADE 11/12 VOCAL CLASS
PRESENTS**

Beautiful Day

Culminating Concert

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

7PM

Holy Cross Cafetorium

Free Admission



Holy Cross Secondary School **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

First, second or third doses available

From 1 to 3 p.m.



Who:

Walk-ins for Holy Cross students **12 to 17 years of age** and Holy Cross staff only.

From 3 to 5:30 p.m.



Who:

Appointments or walk-ins available for those eligible **5 years of age or older**

kflaph.ca/Vaccine

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