



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

January 2023

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that all Holy Cross community members were able to find a bit of quiet, amidst family time, in the Christmas Season. As we begin the new year, may we all find the resolve and optimism central to achieving the best possible results for the end of the first semester. We continue to pray for those in our community – staff and students – who struggle with their well-being. We need you, value you, miss you and hope for a speedy return to physical, mental and spiritual health. This pandemic has heightened mental and spiritual health concerns. It has also shown us how resilient we are in a community of faith.

As we wrap up the final few weeks of this first half of the year, I encourage students to be diligent with their work and attentive of their time. Apportioning focus to four different classes is a time management skill. Staying on top of assignments and exam preparation is really important as is leaving time to rest and rejuvenate. Good luck to all! Please take note of the final examination details later in this email and be aware of how important it is to be present on time for each of your scheduled culminating activities or exams.

God bless!

Terri Daniel

This Month

January - Learning Disabilities

Awareness Month

January 9, 2023 - First day of classes in 2023

Jan 18-19 - Gr 9 EQAO Assessment

Jan 19 - Educational Assistant Appreciation Day

Jan 25 - National Custodial Workers Day

Jan 26 - 31- Semester 1 Exams

Jan 27- World Teachers Day



Counsellor's Corner

University/College Applications

Applicants should notice that the Ontario University and college deadlines (for equal consideration for admission to programs) are approaching. University applications are due to the Ontario University Application Center by Thursday, January 12th and college applications are due to the Ontario College Application Service by Wednesday, February 1st. Students are asked to ensure that all data on the application is accurate (including contact and transcript information). Please contact Student Services with any concerns.

Grade 9 Registration

A Grade 8 open house is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th, 2023. Parents and grade 8 students are invited to visit the school and registration packages will be available. Grade 8 partner school students will receive registration packages in January in their grade 8 classes. The grade 8 open house will include a presentation from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, and then parents and students will be able to tour the school and learn about the many opportunities available at Holy Cross.

Course Selection 2023- 2024

The course selection process for next school year will be outlined in workshops being conducted from February 21-March 3. Grade assemblies outlining the process will take place on February 9th, 2023.



PASTORAL NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope the Christmas Season brought much time with loved ones and that 2023 is off to a promising start.

Although shortened by the break, December was a lively month for faith initiatives at Holy Cross. On December 9th, all grades gathered in the gym to venerate a relic of our patron saint, St. André Bessette. Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, Vicar Provincial of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was accompanying the reliquary. He explained the place of relics in our faith and offered an engaging account of Brother André's life and legacy. The following week, we gathered again for our Advent Mass. These opportunities for our community to come together and grow in faith together helped to invigorate us for Christmas!

CICS was active leading up to the Christmas break. On December 12th, a group of student volunteers visited Rosewood Retirement Home to sing carols with residents. The following week, they led the making of Christmas cards for residents in retirement homes. Furthermore, in collaboration with council, CICS Chair, Katie Murphy, led the distribution of the first round of recipients of the "Extra Mile Award." The award is given to students who display concerted academic efforts, exceptional kindness, and live out the pastoral theme of the school board. Congratulations to Brynn Hancock, Reed Kane, Samara DeJonge, and Clara Stroman on having your character and efforts recognized!

Our next school Mass will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. CICS student leaders will be busy planning volunteer opportunities for the upcoming semester and selecting a social justice initiative for Lent. In the meantime, I would like to wish our students all the best in completing final assignments and preparing for exams. You are all in my prayers!

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Blessings,

Nick Cotman

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Year 3 Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our website to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the ALCDSB. - [Algonquin & Lakeshore \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Coming up in February

Feb 1– College Applications due

Feb 1– Course reconciliation day

Feb 3– P A Day

Feb 6 – Semester 2 begins

Feb 10– Semester 1 report cards emailed

Feb 15– Gr 8 Open House

**Feb 16– Semester 1 final marks due to
OUAC and OCAS**

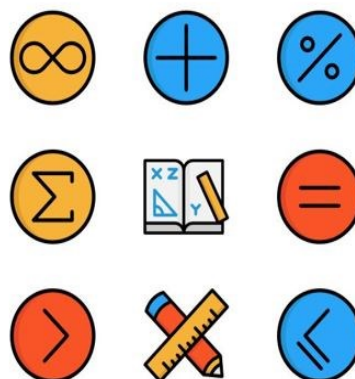
Feb 20– Family Day



After School Math Help!

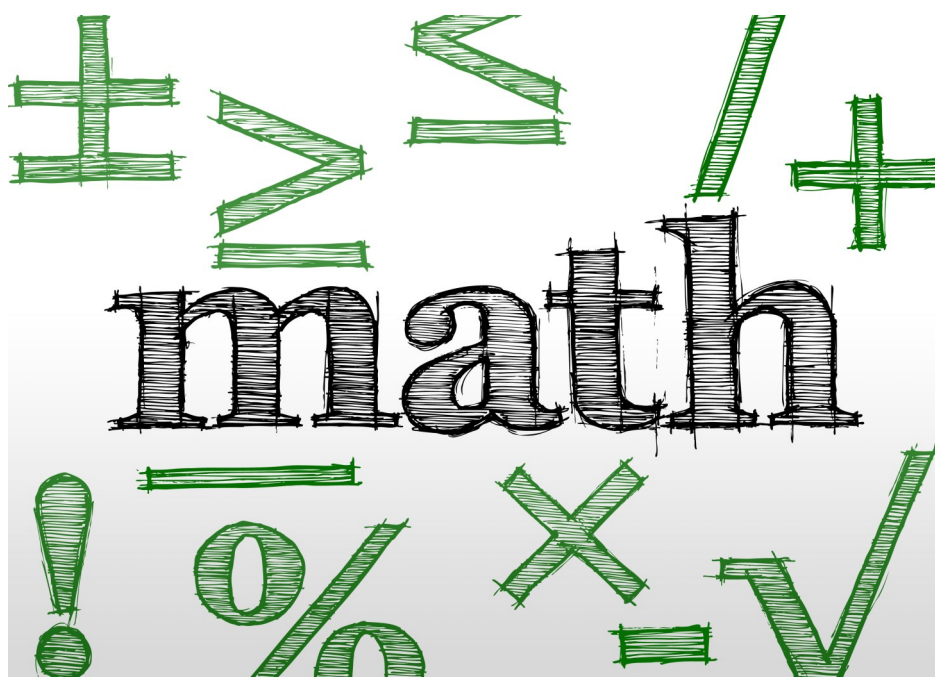
Grade 9 and 10 students are welcome to come to room 207 from 2:45 – 4:00pm on Tuesdays for extra math help.

Email Ms. Hollands with any questions.
jhollands@alcdsb.on.ca



Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment

Semester 1 Gr 9 de-streamed math students will be writing
EQAO with their
classes on Jan 18th and 19th throughout the day.



Legion Remembrance Day Awards 2022

Rachel Tulk	1 st prize Colour Poster
Regan Ouellette	2 nd prize Colour Poster
Matthew Strickland	3 rd prize Colour Poster
Taya Grieve	3 rd prize Colour Poster
Anna Boffa	1 st prize Colour Poster
Noah Fardella	3 rd prize Black and White Poster
Hannah Dennie	2 nd prize Black and White Poster
Abbey Besselink	1 st prize Black and White Poster
Melissa Dnyango	3 rd prize Black and White Poster
Hayrunnisa Apaydin	1 st prize Black and White Poster

Congratulations to all who entered the contest.



Anna Boffa 1st prize for Colour Poster



The DECA Business Team competed at the Eastern Regional Competition in Whitby, Ontario and 4 Team Members qualified for the DECA Provincial Tournament in Toronto. The Provincial Tournament is scheduled for February 12-14. Qualifying members are:

Noah Algieri

Benjamin Whinney

Nathan Armstrong

Santiago Pimentel

Semester 1 Final Examination Info & Other Important Dates

Please note that final exams and culminating activities for Semester One classes will take place during the MORNING blocks only beginning on Thursday, January 26th through Tuesday, January 31st:

Examinations will occur according to the following schedule in the examination period:

Day	Period in Timetable	Date	Time
One	1	Thursday, January 26 th	Morning – 8:30 am
Two	2	Friday, January 27 th	Morning – 8:30 am
Three	3	Monday, January 30 th	Morning – 8:30 am
Four	4	Tuesday, January 31 st	Morning – 8:30 am

Exams will take place in **the morning** on each date according to the following timeline:

Junior Exams (Grades 9/10) will be written in their assigned classrooms according to above assigned dates:

Start Time: 8:30 am

End Time: 10:00 am

Senior Exams (Grades 11/12) will be written in the gymnasium according to the above assigned dates:

Start Time: 8:30 am

End Time: 10:30 am

Students will be expected to be in their classroom (Junior students) or the Gymnasium (Senior students) no later than 8:30 am, and in proper uniform. Please make alternative transportation arrangements for your child(ren) following their morning exam. There are NO afternoon classes on the dates listed above. For those students who cannot secure transportation home and are in attendance for the afternoon, the cafeteria will be available for students who need to wait until 2:30 pm for their regular transportation home (school bus).

*Some students may be writing their exams in the Learning Commons, as arranged by their Resource teachers. These students will be notified by their teachers prior to the examination period.

Report cards for Semester 1 will be emailed home by **February 10th**.

Please also note the following important dates:

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 is reserved for inclement weather or other unexpected occurrences.

- *Should busses be cancelled due to inclement weather, the exam scheduled for that day would be pushed to the next day, as would subsequent exams*

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023: Credit Recovery/Course Reconciliation

- *Students who have outstanding work to complete for their courses will be contacted directly by their teacher(s) about whether they need to be in attendance this date.*

Friday, February 3rd, 2023: PA Day (students do not attend)

Monday, February 6th, 2023: Second semester begins



HC ARTS - January Update

Musical: Last month, there were so many incredible Arts events happening in our school! Our production of **Grease** in early December was sold out a week before it even opened! This cast of 50 students lit up the stage to a packed house every night! We would like to thank ALL of the staff and students who made this production possible, especially the pit band, art club/classes, construction and auto shop classes, our hair, makeup, and costume teams, communications and photography classes, our lighting crew and stage managers. It is only through the creativity and collaboration of so many in our HC community that we are able to produce such theatre experiences.

Also a huge shout-out to the following people/companies for helping to make **Grease** such an amazing show:

Ms. T. Daniel, Ms. A. Coe, Ms. A. Goodberry, Kristie Timmins, Sandra Ouellette and HC Caretaking Staff, HC Secretarial Staff, John Meaney and KIMCO Steel, Dave Tregunna, Brian Deveau, and Svendsen Bros. Automotive Ltd, Tommy's Diner, David Dick, Wally Spooner, Doug Wilkinson, Mr. Nick Cotman, Father Hibbard and St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Mr. D. Dusome & the Crusader Auto Program, The Kingston Meistersingers, Jayne Christopher, Bill Penner and the Thousand Islands Playhouse, Christine St. Marthe-Willemsen, Joe Vaitekunas, MacKenzie Williams, Ms. Natasha Jabre, Bruce Anfossie, TK Danceworx, Black Dog Tire Company, Jodie Compeau, Clare Marion

Stay tuned for next year's musical announcement! (Genesis Awards May 2023)

Music Concert: Finally, after three years, the Holy Cross music program showcased their incredibly talented and hard-working musicians and vocalists at the Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas recital held on December 15th. Over 65 instrumental music students performed a variety of course repertoire as well as seasonal favourites. Thank you Mr. Orser for organising this exciting event!

Coffee House: A “chill” Christmas Coffee House was held on December 21st. Student musicians got a chance to sing and play music for an appreciative audience. Thank you Mr. Stabile and the senior guitar class for hosting this important creative evening for our arts students.

Both the HC Improv Team and HC Dance Team will be hard at work through the month of January. The Improv Team will compete at the end of January in the Kingston regionals. Good luck to all!

