



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

February 2023

Principal's Message

Welcome to the second half of the year. We are nothing if not resilient and flexible as students and staff worked through a number of cancellations and interruptions whilst completing culminating activities and preparing for exams. Report cards will soon be ready and, we hope, reflect the hard work put forth.

Students should soon be settling into their second semester courses. Senior students should remember to stay on top of any post-secondary application processes they have initiated and to maintain their academic efforts throughout the semester. Hard work will pay off, I promise.

We wish all of our sports teams the best of luck as they finish off the winter season. Our school is co-hosting EOSSAA Swimming this year; all the best to our athletes and coaches/organizers. Four members of our DECA team, are also heading to provincial level competition. Represent us well, DECA!

Happy retirement to **Mrs. Van Nest**. You have been an excellent leader and quiet role model within our Holy Cross community for decades. You will be truly missed. We again wish **Mr. Cotman** a wonderful experience up north this semester. We welcome **Mr. Sentjens** to our teaching staff.

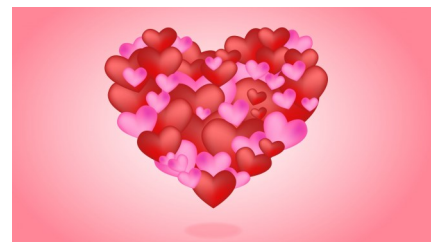
Good luck to all students involved in the Literacy Test this coming March. Remember that we continue to offer after-school literacy and numeracy support. Parents, please attend to those Health Unit letters about immunization update (if your home received one); we don't want to exclude anyone from school.

God bless, everyone.
Terri Daniel

This Month

Black History Month

- Feb 1– College Applications due
- Feb 2– Course reconciliation day
- Feb 2– no classes
- Feb 2– Improv Regionals @ LCVI
- Feb 3– P A Day (no classes)
- Feb 6 – Semester 2 begins
- Feb 6– Exam Returns (period 4)
- Feb 7-Dominos Pizza Night Fundraiser
- 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 (no school)
- Feb 21– Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 22– Pink Shirt Day
 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
 - Ash Wednesday and Lent begins



Counsellor's Corner

University/College Applications

Applicants should notice the application center deadlines for equal consideration for admission to programs. University applications were due by Thursday, January 12th and college applications are due 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

Grade 8 students from partner schools have received registration packages in their grade 8 classes. Registration packages for non-feeder schools are now available in Student Services. A grade 8 parent information evening will take place on Wednesday, February 15th. There will be an information assembly beginning at 6:30 in the cafeteria and the assembly will be followed by an open house from 7 – 8pm. Students and parents will be able to tour the school to learn about the many activities and interesting courses offered at Holy Cross!

Course Changes

Students who require a timetable change may do so by February 17th. Students can now make an appointment with their guidance counsellor by clicking on the 'guidance counsellor appointment' link found on the Virtual Commons. Students can choose a day and time to meet with their guidance counsellor.

Course Selection Process

At this time of year, students will begin the process of selecting courses for the 2023-2024 academic year. It is critical for all students who plan on returning to Holy Cross that they follow the timelines to ensure that they are able to obtain the courses they desire. Student services will be conducting grade assemblies and course selection workshops during the month of February. Information will be made available to students in their classes and also on the Guidance Page found on the students' Virtual Commons.

Scholarships

Queen's University Promise Bursary is available to students who have applied to Queen's and are the first in their family to attend post-secondary and have significant financial need. Applications are due February 15th. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for more information.

Horatio Alger Scholar - Grade 11s can apply for the Horatio Alger Scholars program, which provides financial support to students with significant financial need wishing to complete a bachelor's degree. For more information go to <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/>

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

This February 22nd is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. In the ALCDSB, we are committed to upholding and actioning Catholic Social Teaching through awareness building, education, and action, even when topics are difficult. We are committed to providing ongoing education around this prevalent issue. In Canada and around the world, millions of people of all ages are impacted by human trafficking - they are bought, sold, and exploited all to make someone else money. And yet, human trafficking is an issue that's constantly overlooked. Even when it happens to youth our own age, it's ignored especially here in Canada. If your child is in grades 7-12, they will have learned about some of the tactics that human traffickers can use to gain trust. They will also have learned what the signs are that someone is being trafficked and encouraged to tell a trusted adult if they suspect someone may need help.

To continue this conversation at home, you can more information at

One Child: Beyond the Screens Website or OneChildNetwork - YouTube If you think you, or someone you know, is in danger, you can get help or report trafficking at www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca or call 1.833.900.1010

Contact Us

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

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

1085 Woodbine Road, Kingston, Ontario, K7P 2V9
(613) 384-1919

Instagram: @holycrosskingston

Twitter: @HolyCrossCSS

Coming up in March

March 10– Early Progress Reports

March 13-17– March Break

Year 3 Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

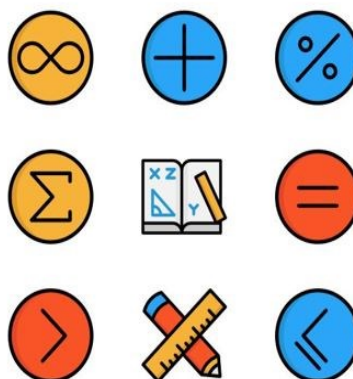
We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our website to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the ALCDSB. - [Algonquin & Lakeshore \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://Algonquin & Lakeshore (alcdsb.on.ca))



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





Earn your high school diploma and upgrade courses for college from Loyola, School of Adult and Continuing Education!

Loyola is an accredited secondary school supported by the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, where adult students can obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, advance their basic literacy skills and to acquire English as a Second Language skills.

Complete your online courses from the comfort of your home or work at school at one of our campuses located in Belleville, Picton, Trenton and Kingston. Earn life experience credits through our PLAR process.

Students can earn high school credits through teacher-led hybrid e-learning courses or exclusively from the comfort of their own home. New courses begin every six weeks. Sign up now to start our next course. For more information, visit <http://learningatloyola.ca/program/secondary-school-credit-program/>

Now offering evening English as a Second Language classes on Mondays and Thursdays in Kingston and Wednesdays and Thursdays in Belleville. Learn more about our ESL program [here](#).

Have questions? We have answers. Get in touch!

Email: loyola@alcdsb.on.ca

Telephone: 613 544 3361

The Jack.org /Wellness Team raised 485.00 dollars, during the Jingle Bell Walk, for The Food Sharing Project!

Thanks to all the students who participated in this activity and special thanks to the vocals class and student council for supporting this initiative!



HOLY CROSS SWIM TEAM

After a 2 year break, the Holy Cross Swim Team will be back in action participating in EOSSAA on Thursday February 9th, 2023 at Queen's University. Best of luck to the team!"



Safe student travel starts with you!



Focus on the road:

Don't drive distracted. Keep your phone stowed, remain alert, and avoid using hands-free devices.

Walk, roll, or ride the bus:

Choose active travel or ride the school bus when possible.

Come to a complete stop:

Wait for all pedestrians and the Crossing Guard to reach the sidewalk before proceeding.

Park & Stride:

Reduce congestion in the school zone by parking a short walk from school.



Avoid U-Turns:

U-turns create safety hazards. Drive around the block instead.



Clean Air Zone:

Turn off your engine to protect the air we breathe. It's the law.

Don't be "that" driver:

Reduce your speed, drive cautiously and courteously, remain alert, be patient, and always be prepared to stop.

Park Responsibly:

Parking is not permitted in front of driveways, near intersections, or near pedestrian crossings. Don't double park - find a safe and permitted curbside location to stop.

Parking regulations are designed with safety in mind.

Ignoring them is illegal and creates safety hazards for everyone.



No Parking zones:

You can stop briefly to drop off or pick up students in this area, but you cannot park here and wait in your vehicle.



No Stopping zones:

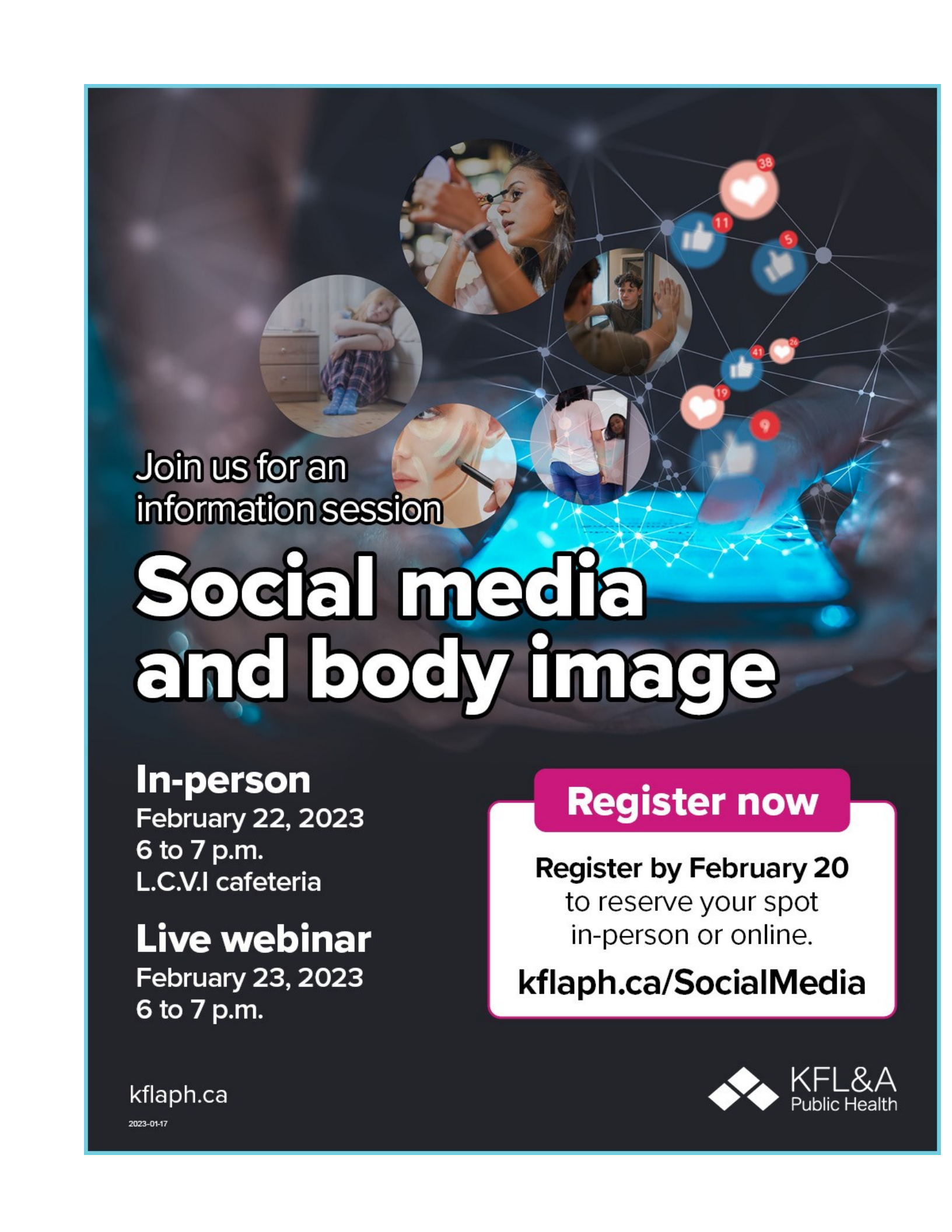
You cannot stop to drop off or pick up students in this area for any length of time.



Back to school means more students on our roads. As a community we can all do our part to help them travel safer. Start by driving with extra caution near schools, obeying parking restrictions and consider walking, rolling, or taking the school bus or transit where possible. New this year, fines have increased for stopping, even briefly, in designated 'No Stopping' and 'School Bus Loading Zones' in school areas. Parking regulations are designed with safety in mind - ignoring them is illegal and creates safety hazards for everyone.

Learn more about how we can help keep our students safe at:
cityofkingston.ca/SchoolAreaSafety





Join us for an
information session

Social media and body image

In-person

February 22, 2023

6 to 7 p.m.

L.C.V.I cafeteria

Live webinar

February 23, 2023

6 to 7 p.m.

Register now

Register by February 20
to reserve your spot
in-person or online.

kflaph.ca/SocialMedia

kflaph.ca

2023-01-17

 **KFL&A**
Public Health

Nutrition and Food Literacy Workshop Series – session 2 Social Media and Body Image Facebook: Explore ways to support the physical and mental health of our children. Join the nutrition and food literacy workshop series. Session 2 is coming February 23. 6 to 7 p.m. In the L.C.V.I cafeteria. Discuss social media and body image Register now! kflaph.ca/SocialMedia February 1 to 23, 2023.



Routine immunizations, COVID-19, and flu **vaccine clinic**



Tuesday, Feb. 14
3:10 to 6 p.m.



Bayridge Secondary School, Cafeteria
1059 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston

COVID-19 and flu vaccine available by walk in for anyone 6 months and older.

Routine immunizations for those under 18 years of age are by appointment only.

Book online: kflaph.net/routine-bss

kflaph.ca

2023-01-23

 **KFL&A**
Public Health

HC ARTS FEBRUARY NEWS



IMPROV: The HC “Green Beans” Improv Team is ready to compete at the **Canadian Improv Games Regionals** on Thursday, February 2, 2023 @7PM at LCVI. The team will face-off against Regi, LCVI and Lasalle, with the hopes of making the finals on Saturday, February 4@7PM. Tickets are \$10 at the door or online in advance: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kingston-regional-finals-tickets-525200828817>

MUSIC TRIP FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Our wonderful parent fundraising committee has some fun events planned:

- REX-A-GRAMS: Students can send T-Rex delivered valentines to each other. Sales will be Feb 9, 10 and 11 in the main foyer at lunch
- DOMINOS PIZZA NIGHT: Feb 7th and March 7th - “Family Fundraiser Night Package” at either West End location

CONCERT - Save the Date: April 1st! This “music concert meets carnival” will feature student and staff musicians as well as The Stares headlining. It’s sure to be a wonderful evening of food, and live music, and will include a silent auction. More information to come - stay TUNED:)

GREASE PHOTOS

Please follow the following link to access official photos from our recent school musical *Grease*



<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B0Wgv6DhEstugly>

OPEN HOUSE

The Arts Department looks forward to meeting our new students and their families at the Holy Cross Open House on February 15th@6:30PM. Please stop by our drama/dance, music and art rooms to see what HC Arts has to offer.





EXTRA CURRICULARS

HC Arts is proud to offer our students many extra-curricular programs which include: annual school musical, annual music trip (Disney, NYC, etc), Choir, Art Club, Dance Club, Dance Team, Improv Team, Coffee Houses, and the Spring Cabaret



Algonquin & Lakeshore
Catholic District
School Board

CONNECT WITH US

Please visit www.HCtoday.ca and look under "programs - ARTS" to view more details about what Holy Cross has to offer!

Follow us on Instagram: @hcart_

Like us on Facebook: Holy Cross Performing Arts

Email Stacy Check-Drumm
checkdru@alcdsb.on.ca for more information

HC ARTS



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL

*where creativity
thrives*