



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2023

## Principal's Message

Another school year is nearing completion, and we are looking forward to our graduation ceremony. Details will be shared with graduates and their families shortly, but we anticipate a graduation ceremony in our gymnasium beginning at six p.m. on **Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars to help celebrate the **HC Class of 2023**. We are delighted to announce that our Class Reps are **Mischa Niven** and **Nayia Skourtis**, our Salutatorian is **Zachary Pascoal**, and the Valedictorian is **Jack Saganowich**.

Congratulations to the Arts Department and all recipients of **Genesis Awards**. It was a lovely evening, full of gratitude and immense talent. Looking forward to **Mamma Mia** next fall! That was quite the reveal video; we have an amazing arts team at Holy Cross. Similarly, the **Athletics Banquet** on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** is sure to be a great night of memories and celebrations.

As June is **National Indigenous History Month** as well as **Pride Month**, we again have the opportunity to focus on accompaniment, a chance to ensure that our students that we are all wonderfully made. As Catholics, we believe that we are wonderfully made in the image and likeness of a God who created us and loves us unconditionally – just as we are. We are called to love and celebrate one another, just as God loves and celebrates each one of us. We honour the inherent dignity in each other by treating one another with care, compassion, and respect. This month, and each and every month, Holy Cross is committed to nurturing safe and inclusive learning environments where every student and every member of the community is welcomed, valued, and respected. Formed in faith, all are truly Beloved Children of God.

## This Month

- Pride Month**
- National Indigenous History Month**
- June 1–Deadline to accept University Offers in OUAC**
- June 2– P D Day**
- June 6–8– Special Olympics Soccer**
- June 8– School Mass**
- June 12– Uniform fit show**
- June 14–16– EQAO Math Tests**
- June 15– Canada's Wonderland Band Trip**
- June 15– Grade 9 Awards**
- June 21– National Indigenous Peoples Day**
- June 23–28– Exams**
- June 29– Graduation**
- June 30– P D Day**



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

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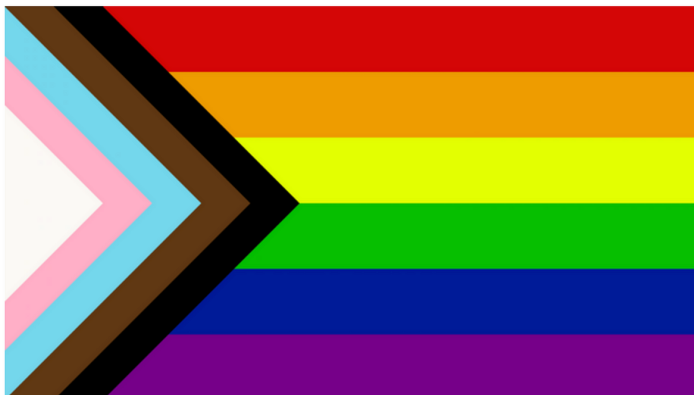
Many thanks to **Mrs. McDonald** and the **Student Council Executive of 2022-23**. You have done so much to nurture school spirit, inspire hope and continue works of charity and social justice. Thank you **Katie Murphy (Faith Life Rep)**, **Paul Rizzo**, **Minraj Gill**, **Jack White**, **Mark Callery**, **Jack Saganowich**, **Alexander Roth**, **Lilly Porter**, **Annie Stewart**, **Ava Fisher**, **Katie Murphy**, **Rochele Julian**, **Claire Hamilton** and junior reps: **E.J. Kelvin**, **Elizabeth Scriver** and **Linnea Riley**.

Good luck to the incoming **Student Council 2023-24**; you have big shoes to fill but are surely up to the task! Student Council includes: **Matteo Algieri**, **Blake Baldwin**, **Noah Borges**, **Charlotte Cantarutti**, **Tatem Dawson**, **Julien DeMatos**, **Kate McKinley**, **Camilla Purdy**, **Ally Van Buren**, **Ava White**, **Andrew Wisco**, , and **Cailyn Zuuring**. **Caspian Hubbard** will serve as **Faith Life Rep** and I believe that Cabinet members are being selected. Congratulations to **E.J. Kelvin**, who will serve as Student Trustee representing the Eastern region of our ALCD School Board.

Congratulations to **Jayden Dee** and **Cooper Fawcett**, who signed Apprenticeship agreements. Gratitude to **Mr. Weir** and the **Green Industries** class who continue to enhance our gardens and school grounds.

Well done to our sports teams who are wrapping up the spring season. Some highlights include a first ever KASSAA championship for the **Track and Field Team** and the large contingent of Track and Field students heading to East Regionals this week. **Junior and Senior Boys' Soccer** teams captured the KASSAA crown, as did the **Ultimate Frisbee Team**, which must also have been a first every KASSAA gold. Kingston is hosting the provincial competitions for **Special Olympics**. In yet another first, we have a **Ringette** team that has earned a berth. Good luck to our student athletes competing at this prestigious event. We are proud of all our student athletes and grateful to their coaches. Many of our clubs are also wrapping up and we are grateful to the many volunteers who help to ensure that so many interests and talents are nurtured here at HC.

We look forward to our final school Mass of the year on June 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Counsellor's Corner

## Graduate Information

Celebrating the Class of 2023! Mark the date – **Thursday, June 29** – 12:00pm graduate mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Amherstview and graduation ceremony at 6:00pm at Holy Cross. Graduates can pick up their invitations and guest tickets starting on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Student Services.

## OUAC and OCAS

Semester 2 midterm marks have been submitted to OUAC and OCAS. Students should check their account to make sure all information is accurate. Students must accept offers of admission in their OUAC and OCAS accounts, and they must do so by the published deadline dates provided by the post-secondary institutions. Students should also ensure that they have all required courses to be eligible for the program they are accepting.

## Ontario University Admission Information Service

Starting June 5, Ontario high school students can use the Admission Information Service to find possible openings at Ontario universities. Visit [www.ouac.on.ca/ouac101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac101) and click 'Search Open Programs'. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

## OSAP

Ontario has launched applications for the 2023-24 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for full-time students. Students can now apply to the OSAP program for the 2023-24 school year for help with their postsecondary education costs. Students who have questions about OSAP or the OSAP application can contact the Financial Aid Office at the college or university they plan to attend.

## Community Service Requirement for Graduates

Graduating students must submit their volunteer hours by June 15 to ensure the community service graduation requirement is met. Students are required to submit 40 hours, but if they submit 80 hours or more, they will receive a Crusader Certificate at the graduation ceremony.

## ASPEN Student Portal – course selection for 2023/24 school year

Students can view course requests for next year on the Aspen student portal found on students' virtual commons. Students should review the courses they have chosen for next year on the 'my info' tab found at the top of the home page. Click on 'current schedule' and then click on the 'requests' tab found on the left. Students should contact their guidance counsellors if they would like to make changes to their course selections for next year. Grade 12 students interested in returning next year should contact their guidance counsellor.

## Summer School July 2023

The ALCDSB is offering full credit summer school courses from July 3 - July 28th. Courses are delivered on-line and are asynchronous. The following courses will be offered: • Careers/Civics in English and French • Senior English: NBE 3U, ENG4C and ENG4U • Senior Mathematics: MCR 3U, MCF 3M, MHF4U and MAP4C • Co-Op: 1 or 2 Credits: Placements will take place from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Co-op

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placements will be discussed with the summer co-op teacher in June. Students are encouraged to find their own placements.

### E-Learning Courses

The ALCDSB will be offering the following asynchronous eLearning credit courses during the 2023-2024 school year: Travel and Tourism – CGG3O, Understanding Canadian Law – CLU3M, Geography World Issues – CGW4U, Analyzing Current Economic Issues – CIA4U, English - University Preparation – ENG4U and College Preparation – ENG4C, Business Leadership – BOH4M, Introductory Kinesiology – PSK4U, Writer's Craft – EWC4U, Computer Science – ICS3U and ICS4U, Accounting – BAT4M, Math for College Technology – MCT4C. Please contact your guidance counsellor for registration information.



## Contact Us

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

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### Coming up in the Summer

**July 3-28-Summer School  
Secondary eLearning**

**July 11– Used Uniform Sale 3-6pm**

**August 29-30– Moving on Up**

### Year 3 Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

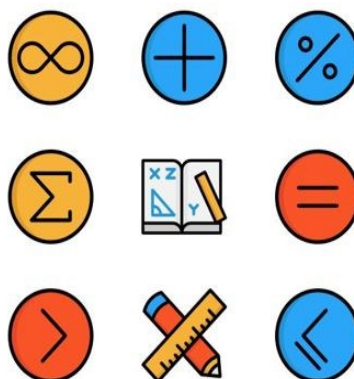
We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our website to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the **ALCDSB**. - [Algonquin & Lakeshore \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://Algonquin & Lakeshore (alcdsb.on.ca))



### 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](mailto:jhollands@alcdsb.on.ca)





## PASTORAL NEWS

The month of May kicked off with Catholic Education Week, a wonderful celebration of how blessed we are to learn and work in a faith-filled environment. This year's theme, "We Are Many, We Are One," reminded us that we are called to use our unique talents and abilities to enrich the Holy Cross community and the entire Church. Thank you to Fr. Shea for celebrating Mass with us in observation of both CEW and the Easter season.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of grade 11 and 12 students went on a retreat trip to Montreal. On this pilgrimage, we attended Mass at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral and toured St. Joseph's Oratory. We were blessed with sunny skies for the entire time. Highlights of the day included much beautiful architecture, learning about the inspiring life of our patron, St. André Bessette, and enjoying delicious food in Old Montreal. Thank you to all students who joined, and to Ms. Melo-Jordan and Mr. Matt Clarke for helping as chaperones!

We will be celebrating our final Mass of the year as an entire school community on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be calling to mind the June liturgical theme of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for which we will also be praying a novena. We are looking forward to yet another opportunity to gather as a community and experience the gift of worship.

The chaplaincy team is keeping all students, staff, and families in our prayers as we approach and the final weeks of the school year. In a special way, we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our graduating students.

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



## Used Uniform Sale

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 3:00-6:00 pm**

We are pleased to announce that we will be having a used uniform sale on **Tuesday, July 11th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm**. Monies raised from the used uniform sale go to HC students in need. Enter through main entrance of the school.

### **Uniform Donations:**

Graduates are asked to donate all gently used, clean uniforms to the front foyer by the end of June. Bins will be set up in the main foyer to collect all uniform donations. All items in good condition will be included in the Used Uniform Sale.

The sale will be dependent on available stock. If stock is too low, we may have to postpone the sale to a later date.



# Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School



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## *Moving On Up!*

### **A Jump Start to Grade 9**

Holy Cross will host an orientation program for new Grade 9 students over 2 days during the week before school begins (tentative dates: **Tuesday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**)

Activities will include:

- Lock and locker distribution
- Literacy and numeracy refresher sessions
- Guest speakers
- Scavenger hunts/games
- Timetable distribution



This program is designed to help Grade 9 students settle in and meet new peers before the start of the 2023-24 academic year. We look forward to meeting our newest school members!

More information regarding *Moving on Up* will be sent to families via email, and it will also be posted to the Holy Cross website, [hctoday.ca](http://hctoday.ca) . Students will require a bagged lunch and their own transportation to and from the school. And... wear comfortable shoes!

***Please plan to join us!***



## **ARTS UPDATE**

On Thursday, May 25th, 2023, the Genesis Awards for Achievement in the Arts were celebrated here at Holy Cross. This year the show included highlights from the 2022-23 artistic year as well as the debut of our grade 9 band. The night featured our award-winning HC Dance Team, the HC vocal ensemble, the dance class, the improv team, communications technology highlights and more! The evening also showcased the artistic and creative works of our students in the art and photography exhibit mounted in the library. Refreshments were made and served by Mrs. Murphy's culinary arts class. It was truly a magical evening of celebrating our creative artists and their endeavours throughout the year!

At the end of the evening, the Arts Department proudly announced our next musical production – Mamma Mia! Coming this December! You will not want to miss this musical extravaganza!



### **2023 SPECIAL AWARDS**

Community Spirit – Amy Wilding and Leann Benoit

Rick Thompson – Jack Dasilva

Domino Theatre – Elisabeth MacMillan

Drama Club – Ethan Crosby

Art Club – Rachel Tulk

Dance Club – Minraj Gill

SHSM – Emma Cross & Annie Stewart

Budding Artist – Micah Garvin

### **MAJOR GENESIS AWARD WINNERS**

Dramatic Arts – Noah Laprade

Visual Arts – Natalie Stubbart

Dance: Ty Mackenzie & Jessica Warner-Santos

Music – Ethan Crosby

Vocal Music – Devina Praticante

Guitar – Annabelle Gillis

Yearbook and Commercial Photography – Kendrayah Ducharme

Graphic Design and Photography – Blythe Forestell

Audio and Video Production – Annie Stewart



# MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL



Sunday, June 11th, 2023; 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm  
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall and Outdoors, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd; Kingston, ON  
Admission by Goodwill Offering



The CWL & Knights of Columbus have collaborated to host a Multicultural Food Festival to showcase the many countries represented at our parish! Taste foods from around the world. Enjoy music, a fun photo booth, and a craft corner for young and old alike. All proceeds go towards the parish fundraising efforts.



All Welcome to the St Paul the Apostle Multicultural Food Festival, Sunday, 11 June

12:00 noon until 3:00 pm

- In the parish hall and on the church grounds
- No tickets required; admission by "Goodwill Offering"
- Over 14 countries represented, including favourites from across Canada
- Hot dogs for children who may not wish to sample international dishes

# Back from a sick day?

Welcome back.



for 10 days from first symptom.



## Co-op News !



Congratulations to Jayden Dee who officially signed his Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 with Svendsen Bros. Automotive LTD.



Congratulations to Cooper Fawcett who officially signed his Electrician – Construction & Maintenance Apprenticeship on May 24, 2023 with G F Whitmarsh Electric LTD. Cooper will be returning to HC next year for Grade 12 and will be accumulating even more apprenticeship hours through OYAP before he graduates in June 2024!!

# ECOTEAM NEWS!



The HC EcoTeam works to encourage the HC community to make conscious and lifelong sustainable choices, feel connected to the outdoors, and reduce our impact on the Earth. We do this by holding the school accountable to sustainability goals, educating staff and students, making facility improvements, and providing ways to engage with and appreciate our Earth.

## This month:

### HC's Gardens

Classes have been hard at work to restore HC's pollinator and veggie gardens this spring.

We would like to invite community members to care for the gardens over the summer months. We ask that if you harvest any veggies, or stop to enjoy the flowers, you pay it forward by:

- weeding
- pruning suckers from tomato plants
- staking plants as needed
- deadheading flowers
- watering (unfortunatley no water available on site)



### EcoSchools Certification

The EcoTeam would like to thank all members of the HC community who have supported environmental initiatives this year.

We are so lucky to go to a school which supports our Earth in so many diverse ways.

Check in to the next newsletter to see if we reached our goal of Gold Level EcoSchools Certification.



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