



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

January 2019

Principal's Message

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On behalf of the entire staff at Holy Cross CSS, I wish you and your family a very happy 2019. We look forward to having your sons and daughters back at school, rested and ready to finish semester one on a strong note.

In the month of January we turn our focus to the completion of culminating tasks and final exams for semester one courses. Examinations begin on Thursday January, 24th and the complete examination schedule can be found on our website, www.hctoday.ca. Please be familiar with the contingency planning during exams in the case of inclement weather, you will find this information included on the examination schedule. Please know that we are committed to supporting the academic success of all students and we encourage all families to plan ahead for the completion of credits. While we will always work with families to find solutions to issues that might arise, the Education Act does not make allowances for absence from school for vacations. Consequently, the published examination schedule cannot be adjusted to meet individual needs of this type. Thank you for your understanding.

Our grade nine students enrolled in academic and applied mathematics courses in semester one will be writing the EQAO assessment for mathematics on January 17th and 18th. Good luck to all writers, we know that you have been well prepared!

In addition to academic pursuits, our winter athletic teams will return to competition in the window leading up to the examination break. The annual Memorial basketball games versus the Regiopolis-Notre Dame Panthers are certainly a highlight in the winter season. The Memorial was established in 1989 by Paul Halligan, and has been held each year to raise funds

This Month

January 7 - First day of classes in 2019

**January 16– Gr 11 Vocal Concert
7-9pm Cafetorium**

January 17– EQAO Math Testing

**January 17– Memorial Basketball Games
5pm Holy Cross Gym**

January 18- EQAO Math Testing

January 24-30 Exams Semester 1

January 31– Course Reconciliation

and awareness in support of cancer research. We're expecting a big crowd of Holy Cross supporters in our gymnasium on January 17th to cheer on our teams and to raise money for a very important cause.

God Bless,

Michael Faught

ARTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

December was another busy month for the Arts Department!

- "Newsies" closed and was a huge success!
- the HC Improv team and dance team began practices after school
- our 65-member choir sang at our December school Mass
- our instrumental and vocal music students showcased their talents to a packed house at the annual Katharine Splinter Memorial
- our grade 9 guitar class hosted a highly entertaining Christmas coffee house just before the break



January Events include:

Grade 11 Vocal Concert - January 16, 2019 at 7PM Tickets \$5



Please "Like" our Facebook page: **Holy Cross Performing Arts** to see many pictures of our events! Also please follow us on instagram @hcart



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Italy School Trip 2020

The next meeting for the 2020 trip to Italy will be early February. So far 22 students have registered for this great opportunity to visit Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. 36 total spots are available. Students who may have an interest in this cultural enrichment are encouraged to attend the meeting or pick up an information sheet outside room 202.

Crusader Sports



The Crusader Swim team will be participating in the Winter Invitational Swim on January 11th.

Crusader Wrestling

Upcoming Dates:

EOSSAA Feb 19th Renfrew

OFSSA Mar 4-6th Ottawa





PASTORAL NEWS

A goat, a rooster, school lunches, a birth certificate, food for a family for a month, hens, piglets and cows. These were just some of the gifts that our home form classes chose to give their Advent Collection Money towards this year. During the month of December all our home form classes were invited to collect donations for CHALICE, a Halifax based charity which supports families and communities in developing countries around the world. Classes were also encouraged to choose a gift or gifts from the CHALICE Christmas Catalogue. This year's collection exceeded all expectations with over \$2900.00 raised. A big thank you to Mr. Coleman's class (**SEE PICTURE BELOW**) which collected over \$760.00; and to Ms. Melo Jordan whose home form class finished second in fundraising. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Stabile and his Leadership Class for their hard work in promoting and organizing the campaign and for collecting the money each week. And to the CICS Social Action Club for their help as well in making this year's Advent Campaign such a huge success. Well done Holy Cross!

We celebrated our Advent Mass with Fr. Shea and Fr. Amato on Thursday, December 13. What a wonderful celebration of God's presence among us.

CICS' students helped out at the Nativity Exhibition again this year at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dec. 6 & 7.

We are so blessed at Holy Cross to be able to share our faith and to experience God's love here in our school community.

May this New Year bring many blessings to our students, staff and families.



**Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly
with your God (Micah 6:8)**

Looking Forward to February

- Feb 1– PD Day
- Feb 4 - Semester 2 begins
- Feb 6– Catholic School Council Mtg
6:30-7:30pm
- Feb 8 - Final Semester 1 reports home
- Feb 13– Gr 9 Parent Info Night
6:30-8:00pm
- Feb 14– Course Selection Assemblies
- Feb 15– Last day for timetable changes
- Feb 18– Family Day
- Feb 20– Course Selection Wkshp
10:00am-1:10pm in
Learning Commons

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca
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For those students who will be completing the O.S.S.L.T. (Grade 10 Literacy Test) in April, there are some practical resources available online through the Holy Cross Virtual Commons. All students eligible to write should see an icon titled "OSSLT prep" on their VC landing page. If a student does not have access to this page, please let Mr. Roberts know as soon as possible.

In-class preparation activities will commence in our 'Holy Cross Literacy Week' during March, extra after-school preparation sessions will be available beginning in February, and online activities are available through the following Virtual Commons link.: <https://alcdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home/8705296>

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario workers who speak French and English earn on average \$9632.00 more each year than unilingual Anglophones.

<http://bit.ly/2Sch2u8>

*Encourage your child to be a
lifelong learner of French!*

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

University/College Applications

Applicants should notice that the application centre deadlines (for equal consideration for admission to programs) are approaching. University applications are due to the centre by **Wednesday, January 16th** and college applications by **Friday, February 1st**. Students are asked to ensure that all data on the application is accurate (including address and transcript information). Please contact Student Services with any concerns.

Semester 2 Timetables

Students are able to access their timetable on the Student Maplewood Access on the Holy Cross website [hctoday](#). The link is under the "Student Services" section of the Home Page. Students should also verify demographic information here and notify Student Services of any changes. If you have misplaced your username and password, contact Student Services. A new timetable with teacher names and room numbers will be issued in Period 1 class on the **turnaround day, Monday, February 4st, 2019**

Course Selection 2019- 2020

The course selection process for next school year will be outlined in workshops being conducted in mid February. More details to follow.

Queen's University Enrichment Programs

Enrichment Mini Course (EMC) Grades 9 – 12: May 7-10, 2019

Summer Enrichment Grades 8 – 12: August 11 – 16, 2019

Leadership Training

Registration is currently open at esu.queensu.ca/ 613-533-3181

For more information please see your Guidance Counselor.

KEYS Resource Centre

KEYS employer panel:

Tuesday, January 22 3:30 - 4:30

Students interested in summer jobs at YMCA, St. Lawrence Parks and the City of Kingston should register at <http://bit.ly/GetHiredPanel>. Bring your Resume.

Preparing for Your First Job Workshop:

Saturday February 2, 2019

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

182 Sydenham Street, Downtown Kingston

Register at <http://bit.ly/ReadySetHired>

