



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

October 2021

## Principal's Message

As we move into the second month of this second strange school year, I would like to thank students and staff for adhering to our public health guidelines. Inside the school, students have been very good at keeping their masks on, practicing hand hygiene, and maintaining physical distance. Supply teachers have remarked that our students are particularly diligent with this. Please remember to be equally diligent while outside. We want to stay healthy and to remain learning in-school. Everybody has to do their part to follow the public health guidelines. I know it's not intuitive to stay apart when you are with your friends during break time. However, you must and I know you can do it.

The return of extracurriculars has really brought a measure of joy back into the school life of so many people. Seeing teams on the field and court, hearing musicians, watching dancers, gamers, international student friendships, and listening to laughter have truly been moments of grace. We are truly blessed.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation provided us with an opportunity to hear Deb and Hannah offer the morning song in Cherokee and to explore and reflect on the 94 calls to action. We honour the lost children and survivors of the residential school system, a horror we cannot turn away from. This week, we focus on the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

October 5th marks World Teacher Day. I would like to take a minute to mark my appreciation of the outstanding work our teachers (and all staff) have done as they have navigated the various challenges presented during this pandemic. They are teaching, without the

## This Month

- October 1 - P A Day
- October 4-8- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- October 5- World Teachers' Day
- October 7-Mid Term Reports available online
- October 15-Quadmester 1 Full Disclosure Date
- October 25- Picture Day Gr 9/10
- October 26- Picture Day Gr 11/12/returners
- October 26- Ontario Universities Fair Virtual Fair 5-7pm
- October 31- Hallowe'en

usual prep time, full days, and many are addressing the learning needs of their students in class and online simultaneously. This is not easy. A year ago, I might have even said this was an impossible task. The learning curve is steep and the technology is limited. We appreciate the collaboration and patience offered by all partners in the teaching and learning dynamic.

We pray as well for sustained good health and wise counsel for all those making decisions and taking care of us in this fourth wave of the pandemic. This is a moment in history requiring collective goodwill and caution. Hopefully, the stories to be shared with future generations will be marked with resilience and kindness. Stay well.

Ms. Daniel



Our school community would like to sincerely thank Phillip MacLean of Desjardins Insurance for providing lunch to the entire staff of Holy Cross on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We truly appreciate this generous gift and extend our blessings to you and your family as we head into the second month of this school year; a time to give thanks. We are grateful for the valued partnership that exists between home, school and parish and the many blessings that are bestowed upon us.

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## ARTS EXTRACURRICULARS ARE BACK!

### Vocal Music

The Holy Cross Vocal Performance Ensemble rehearses each Monday after school in the music room. Our first official performance will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> on the Holy Cross stage! Last day to join is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. Check Drumm for details. No vocal experience necessary!

### Musical

The HC arts SPRING MUSICAL will take place April 6th-9th, 2022! What show will it be? The big reveal will happen at lunch on OCTOBER 15th. Watch our instagram account (@hcarts\_) for clues until then!

### “Back to the Stage”

The senior dance class will be hosting an evening of talent on **Thursday November 4th at 7:00pm**. Auditions for the HC Performing Arts Show will take place on Tuesday October 19th and Wednesday October 20th. All types of talent are encouraged to sign up for an audition time outside of the drama room. Don't miss your chance to join us as we get 'back to the stage'!

### Dance Team

Congratulations to the members of the 2021-2022 Dance Team. Rehearsals are underway for their competition season.

Other activities such as choir, art club, coffee houses and the improv team are also in the works! We are also hoping to run a music trip this spring for all band/vocal music students. Stay tuned!

Follow us on instagram/twitter @hcarts\_ for the latest updates and sneak peeks!



The Holy Cross Improv Club will be meeting on  
Tuesdays after school in the Drama Room 2:45-4:00.  
First meeting will be next Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



## Quadmester Calendar

Quadmester 1 : Sept 7—November 10

Exam Days : Nov 11– Nov 12

Quadmester 2 : Nov 15 - Jan 27

Exam Days : Jan 28– Jan 31

Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12

Exam Days: April 13– April 14

Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 28



# PASTORAL NEWS



Beloved  
Children of God  
2021/2022

Our first month back at Holy Cross has been a true blessing. Students and staff have been witnessing to our pastoral theme, *Beloved Children of God*, through acts of support and encouragement.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, we observed Orange Shirt Day, honouring survivors of the residential school system. The 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission were posted throughout the school for reflection and inspiration. We observed a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember the children whose lives were lost at residential schools. We continue to pray for survivors and the process of reconciliation. Please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/> to view the Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada and other related updates.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will run during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring in non-perishable food items to your morning class to support this important cause! All donations will be going to the Partners in Mission Foodbank.

Fr. John Hibbard was installed as the pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be making his inaugural visit to Holy Cross the first week of October. There will be an outdoor farewell celebration for Fr. Amato following the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We wish everyone the best over the month ahead. Please pray for the Holy Cross community as we strive to live out our call to love one another as God's beloved children.

Kindest regards,

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

**Beloved Children of God**

## Contact Us

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

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## Looking Forward to November

**November 1– All Saints Day**

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**November 2– All Souls Day**

**November 10– Last day of  
Quadmester 1**

**November 11-Remembrance Day**

**November 11-Exam Day**

**November 12-Exam Day**

**November 15-Quadmester 2 begins**

**November 19-Last day for Timetable  
Changes**

**November 19– marks due to OUAC  
And OCAS**

We'd like to thank Sandford Dean (Manager) of Sunbelt Rentals located at 141 Lappans Lane, Kingston, for helping our student orientation be a great success. Sunbelt provided us with use of their community bbq at no cost. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our school community



## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

### Report Cards

Quadmester 1 midterm marks will be available on the ASPEN student portal on October 13. Students can access ASPEN on their Virtual Commons. Final Report cards will be made available on November 19<sup>th</sup>, also via Aspen.

### Full Disclosure Date

Grade 12 students who are taking a course not required for graduation purposes may choose to withdraw from that course before October 15. After that date, the course code and mark will appear on the student's transcript. Please see your counsellor for more information.

### Timetable Changes for Quadmester 2

Students can request class changes no later than Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for Quadmester 2.

### Post-Secondary Information

All students have access to their credit history through myBlueprint which is found on the Virtual Commons. Grade 12 students are encouraged to check their credit histories to ensure all requirements are fulfilled for graduation and post-secondary applications. Guidance Counsellors visited grade 12 classes to offer information regarding post-secondary timelines as well as scholarship information. The presentation is available on the students' Virtual Commons, and handouts are available in Student Services and are also posted on the Guidance page. Students are encouraged to check College and University websites for virtual presentations. The following are virtual presentations that may be of interest:

The Ontario University Virtual Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 26, from 5-7

[www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca)

The Ontario Colleges are offering virtual presentations on Mondays throughout October and November [College Recruitment | ontariocolleges.ca](http://College Recruitment | ontariocolleges.ca)

The Atlantic Universities Virtual Fair takes place throughout the semester, but non-Atlantic students are encouraged to attend on October 7. [www.aarao.ca/fairs](http://www.aarao.ca/fairs).

### Scholarship News

The deadline for two prominent scholarships is approaching. The Loran Award website is [www.loranward.ca](http://www.loranward.ca). The deadline date is October 13. The deadline date for Queen's Major Entrance Scholarships and Awards is December 8th. Students interested in being nominated for the Queen's Chancellor's Scholarship must submit a copy of their application to Mrs. Cantarutti by November 8th at 8:30 am. Students must have an average of 90% to be eligible. Holy Cross can nominate 2 students for this award. If you have any questions about these or any other scholarships, please contact Mrs. Cantarutti in Student Services.



## Student Council

The HC Student Council has been hard at work this month planning events for the upcoming school year! We are in the process of selecting grade reps to be the voice for their peers and bring ideas to the student council. In previous years, we have only had junior reps, however, this year we are bringing something new and introducing a grade 11 rep, as well as an international rep. The international rep will be the voice for their fellow international students in the school.

### The Spirit Shop

Spirit wear sales have started and will continue every Tuesday at lunch in the foyer. 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. (schoolcashionline.com). Pickup for online orders will be Tuesdays at lunch in the foyer 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.

Lanyards	\$3
Drawstring Bags	\$12
HC Pajama Pants	\$40
Adidas Black Crewneck	\$25 *in person sales only – limited sizes
HCSS Grey Hoodie	\$45
Grey or Green Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$38
Grey Sweatpants with Pockets	\$35
Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve	\$15 or 2 for \$25
Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt	\$15
Pom Pom Toque	\$20

Student Council has started to plan our first spirit week of the year! We are looking forward to having a spirit week in the month of October. More information on the week to come.

The **Thanksgiving Food Drive** will be taking place October 4-8<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to their homeroom class. Each class will get a list of items that are recommended.

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