



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

June 2022

Principal's Message

Another school year is nearing completion, and we are looking forward to our first “full” graduation ceremony since 2019. 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 Wednesday, June 29th. Please mark your calendars to help celebrate the **HC Class of 2022**. We are delighted to announce that our Class Reps are **Shaelynn Johnston** and **Anezka Javier**, our Salutatorian is **Santiago Pimental**, and the Valedictorian is **Luca McCullough**.

As June is **Pride Month**, we again have the opportunity to focus on accompaniment, a chance to ensure that our students know 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. All are truly Beloved Children of God.

Many thanks to **Mrs. McDonald** and the **Student Council Executive of 2021-22**. You have done so much to nurture school spirit, inspire hope and continue works of charity and social justice. Thank you **Ian Watts (Faith Life Rep)**, **Avery Soares**, **Eric Sonneman**, **Adam Nuttall**, **Pareza Tahamtan**, **Paige Douglas**, **April Przentka**, **Anna Goddard**, **Anezka Javier**, **Evan Gibson**, **Adam McKinley**, **Tara Martin (Faith Life Rep)**, and junior reps: **Olivia McClelland**, **Elizabeth Scriver** and **Katie Murphy**.

This Month

- June– Pride Month
- June - National Indigenous History Month
- June 2– Mass
- June 9– Carnival
- June 9– ARTs Alive 7PM Cafeterium
- June 13– McCarthy Uniforms Fit Show 12:00-7:00 pm
- June 15– Athletic Banquet
- June 21– National Indigenous People’s Day
- June 23– Last day Quad 4
- June 24– Exam Day
- June 27– Exam Day
- June 28– Credit Rescue
- June 29– Graduation Class of 2022
- June 30– P A Day



Principal's Message cont'd

Good luck to the incoming **Student Council 2022-23**; you have big shoes to fill but are surely up to the task! Student Council includes: **Mark Callery, Ava Fisher, Minraj Gill, Claire Hamilton, Jack White, Paul Rizzo, Alex Roth, Jack Saganowich, and Annie Stewart.** **Katie Murphy** will serve as **Faith Life Rep** and I believe that Cabinet members are being selected.

Well done to our sports teams who are wrapping up the spring season. Some highlights include a KASSAA championship Junior Boys' Soccer team as well as the large contingent of Track and Field students heading to OFSAA this week. 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.

Congratulations to **Ms. Deb Myers**, recipient of the **Contribution to Catholic Education Award** for ALCDSB. Deb is mother to many around this school and is "the person" for so many students. Deb comes to school every day ready for the best day of her life, which in turn often translates to a shared joy and gratitude simply for the gift of being here together at Holy Cross. We are so grateful for your presence. Well done, **Deb!**

Congratulations to **Ms. Nadia Bernabei**, recipient of the prestigious **Baillie Award for Excellence in Secondary Teaching** from **Queen's University.** **Ms. Bernabei** was nominated for this award by a former student but we know there are many students here who have benefited from her teacher and her care. Congratulations, **Ms. Bernabei!**

There are some retirements this year, including **Mr. Rob Watts**, who has been an integral member of the Math Department for many years as well as head golf team coach, and **Ms. Carrie Rose**, a dedicated member of the English and Drama departments and a key contributor to Arts endeavours at Holy Cross. We will miss these valued staff members very much but wish them all the best in their next adventures.



Used Uniform Sale

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 2:00-6:00 pm

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 used for the Used Uniform Sale.

Used Uniform Sale:

We are pleased to announce that we will be having a used uniform sale on **Thursday July 7th from 2:0 to 6:00 pm**. Monies raised from the used uniform sale go to HC students in need. Enter through main entrance of the school. Cash only.



Quadmester Calendar

Quadmester 4: April 20– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 27

Credit Recovery Day: June 28

Graduation: June 29



Holy Cross

SCHOOL UNIFORM FIT SHOW

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GET SCHOOL UNIFORM READY

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Create your student profile by visiting:
www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/profile

Your student profile will give you:

- Access to sales and promotions
- A detailed overview of your school's uniform
- Details about where and how you can shop for your school uniform
- A detailed summary of your buying history

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- Online store:
www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop
- Call center: 1-800-668-8261
- Your scheduled FIT Show will be held at:
Holy Cross C.S.S.
1085 Woodbine Road, Kingston On
L7P 2V9

**THE MCCARTHY FIT DAY TEAM WILL BE
VISITING YOUR SCHOOL ON**



Monday June 13, 2022
12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Returns and exchanges accepted until October 15, 2022.
Free shipping to home

Counsellor's Corner

Graduate Information

Celebrating the Class of 2022! Mark the date – June 29 at 6:00pm!

Watch HC social media and the school website for details – www.hctoday.ca

OUAC and OCAS

Quadmester 3 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 3, Ontario high school students can use the Admission Information Service to find possible openings at Ontario universities. Visit www.ouac.on.ca/ouac101 and click 'Search Open Programs'. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

OSAP

Ontario has launched applications for the 2022-23 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for full-time students. Students can now apply to the OSAP program for the 2022-23 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

For the 2021-22 school year, the Ministry of Education has revised the 40-hour community involvement graduation requirement so that students will not be adversely impacted by the ongoing challenges related to COVID-19. For students graduating this school year, the community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of **20 hours** of community involvement activities. This recognizes that graduating students have had barriers to earning their community involvement hours last school year and there may be continued barriers this school year. Students can include activities that are performed at home and for family members. Graduating students must submit their volunteer hours by June 15 to ensure the community service graduation requirement is met.

ASPEN Student portal – course selection for 2022/23 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 2022

The ALCDSB is offering full credit summer school courses from July 4 - July 29th. 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
 - Mathematics: MCR 3U, MCF 3M
 - Co-Op: 1 or 2 Credits:
- Placement #1- July 4th – July 29th (1st credit)
Placement #2: August 2nd – August 26th (2nd credit)

E-Learning Courses – 2022-2023

The ALCDSB will be offering the following asynchronous eLearning credit courses during the 2022-2023 school year:

Travel and Tourism – CGG3O
Understanding Canadian Law – CLU3M
Geography World Issues – CGW4U
Analyzing Current Economic Issues – CIA4U
English, University Preparation – ENG4U
English, College Preparation – ENG4C
Business Leadership – BOH4M
Introductory Kinesiology – PSK4U
Writer's Craft – EWC4U
Computer Science – ICS4U
Accounting – BAT4M
Math for College Technology – MCT4C

Please contact your guidance counsellor for more information.

St. Lawrence College Dual Credits

St. Lawrence College offers senior students the opportunity to take a college course while attending high school. Students can receive a high school credit and a St. Lawrence College credit at the same time. The list of offerings is posted on the Guidance Page, which is found on students' Virtual Commons. Students should meet with their guidance counsellor if they are interested. Registration will close on June 15 for the fall 2022 semester.

McCarthy Uniform

The McCarthy Fit Day team will be visiting Holy Cross on Monday, June 13 from 12:00 – 7:00pm. Returns and exchanges are accepted until October 15, 2022, and there is free shipping to home.

Scholarships

The Kingston and District Agricultural Society is offering a \$500 bursary to a Frontenac County high school graduate who will be furthering their post-secondary education in their chosen field within the agri-food industry. Students must be accepted into a postsecondary institution in the fall 2022 to qualify. See Mrs. Cantarutti for an application.

The Kingston Community Credit Union is offering the CU Succeed Youth Bursary. This bursary is open to resident Ontario post-secondary students in need of financial assistance for academic, technological, or vocational training. Applicants or their parents must belong to a credit union which is a member of OCUF. Visit <https://ocuf.org/bursary/>.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

The City of Kingston Special Events Office is looking for student volunteers who would be interested in volunteering with our staff on Canada Day at Woodbine Park. The event begins at 12 pm and runs until 5 pm. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available.

Students interested in volunteering should contact Sue Hitchcock at sueh@cityofkingston.ca





PASTORAL NEWS



Beloved
Children of God
2021/2022

The month of May began with Catholic Education Week, offering us the opportunity to reflect upon the blessing of our faith-filled learning environment. Thank you to Mr. Stabile's class for representing our school at the CEW Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, fulfilling various ministries during the liturgy. As part of CEW, students viewed a video outlining the saints whom we are considering naming the chapel after. Thank you for your invaluable insights and feedback as part of this process. Stay tuned for an announcement soon!

On May 13th, a group of grade 12 students went on a graduation trip to Montreal. On this pilgrimage, we attended Mass at Notre-Dame Basilica and took a tour of St. Joseph's Oratory. We were blessed with beautiful weather. Highlights of the day included the beautiful architecture, learning about the amazing life of St. Brother André, 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 out!

On June 2nd, we will be celebrating our first in-person school Masses since 2019. We are looking forward to this opportunity to gather as a community and experience the gift of worship. We will be doing two Masses to manage the number of people in the gym at once.

As mentioned last month, I would like to invite any of our junior students who have not had the opportunity to access the sacrament of confirmation to reach out for information. I am available to help support the process or answer any questions you might have!

The chaplaincy team is keeping all students, staff, and families in our prayers as we approach the Feast of Pentecost 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.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15.13

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader



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Contact Us

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

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Lifetouch.

We will be offering Graduation photos for your absent students mid June.

Details are currently being confirmed.



HC Carnival

Thursday June 9th

Grade 8s invited (schools were contacted)

9:30am-noon

(also an Arts & Tech Showcase)

HC Students Buyout \$3

12-2:30pm

Student Council

The Spirit Shop

Spirit Wear sales continue every Tuesday at lunch just outside of the Student Council room! 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. (schoolcashonline.com). Pickup for online orders will be Tuesdays at lunch outside of the council room 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.*

New inventory will be in for the 2022-2023 school year!

Lanyards	\$3
Drawstring Bags	\$12
HC Pyjama Pants	\$40
Grey or Green Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$38
Grey Sweatpants with Pockets	\$35
Vintage (Embroidered) Long Sleeve	\$15 or 2/\$25
Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt	\$15
Pom Pom Toque	\$20
White Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50
Green/Grey Holy Cross Hoodie	\$50
HC Lightweight Jacket	\$45

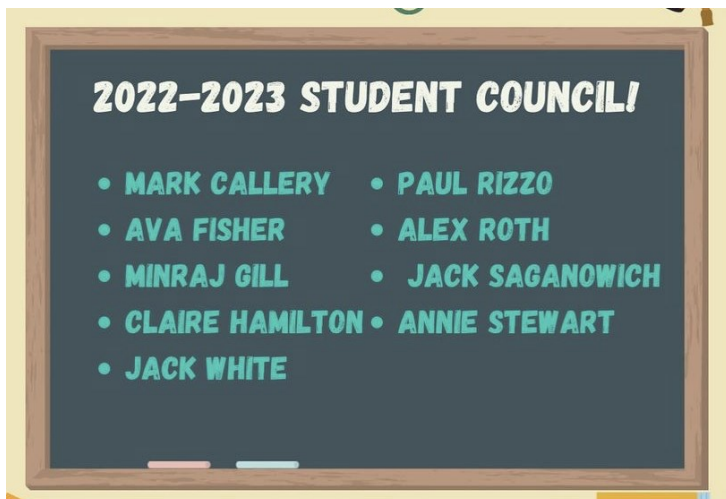
Student council has had an amazing year getting to plan all the activities for the school, but we are not done yet!

The **Senior Semi Formal** took place on May 27th and was a huge success!

The **Coffeehouse** was a big hit! We had so many amazing performers, as well as a great turnout of support from our HC community. Thank you to everyone that came out!

The **HC Carnival** is back this year on June 9th! We are welcoming the grade 8's from our feeder schools in the morning, our HC students in the afternoon, and the community in the evening. We have an event filled with tasty food, activities, and lots of fun! More details regarding the day will be out soon!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the **2022-2023 Student Council**! We cannot wait to see all the amazing things you will do for our school next year! Thank you to everyone who ran as it was no easy thing to do. Cabinet positions have not been chosen yet, applications are due soon.



EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Throughout the 2021–2022 school year, students enrolled in the MTH1W Grade 9 de-streamed mathematics course have been learning the knowledge and skills that are defined in the expectations found in the new 2021 Ontario Mathematics Curriculum.

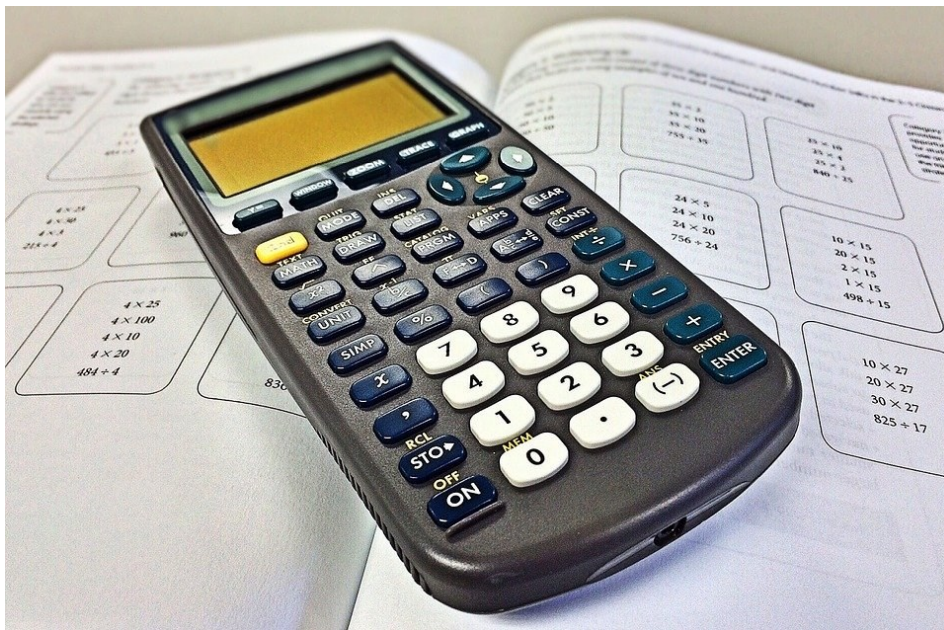
What Is in the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics?

The Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics is a computer-based assessment. This year, the assessment will consist of various types of questions, including technology-enhanced items, such as drag and drop, drop-down menu, and single-and multiple-select items.

There are 50 questions on the assessment in total. Students will have the opportunity to participate in an introductory session that will familiarize them with the Grade 9 assessment. During this introductory session, students will have access to a sample test of 25 questions that shows the various types of questions.

Students will complete the online assessment in two sessions. **Students currently enrolled in Grade 9 Math during Quadmester FOUR will complete Session A of the assessment on Monday, JUNE 20th and then Session B on TUESDAY, 21st.** At the end of the two assessment sessions, students will be presented with a questionnaire that asks them about their attitudes and perceptions with respect to mathematics.

We wish all of our Grade 9 students much success as they complete this assessment in their Math classes this final Quadmester.





Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School presents...

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. 30th** & **Wednesday, Aug. 31st**)



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 2022-23 academic year. We look forward to meeting our newest school members!

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

Please plan to join us! 😊

HOLY CROSS CSS PRESENTS

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CREATIVE COMMUNITY

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC |
PHOTOGRAPHY |
VISUAL ARTS | VOCAL |

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Holy Cross Junior Mathletes

On May 20th Holy Cross competed at the Junior Mathlete Competition held by the Kingston Math League at Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School. This is where all participating Kingston and area high schools compete in individual, team and relay categories to show off their problem-solving skills and quick math thinking abilities. HC's teams placed in 17th and 18th out of 32 teams and Mitchell Pople represented HC in the buzzer round, where he won 3rd place! Congrats Mitchell and way to go HC Junior Mathletes!



Arts Update



Dance Team – CONGRATULATIONS! The 2021-2022 Dance Team competed at Strive Dance Challenge in Scarborough on May 17th with incredible success! The hip hop team scored over 96% and placed second in their category. The large contemporary group won a special choreography award and placed first in their category. The small contemporary group scored over a 96% and took the top four overall score for a small group in the entire competition! Dancers finished off the day with a private class at Studio North Toronto from the incredible Derick Robinson!



Thursday, June 9th - The Holy Cross Arts Department is thrilled to present an Arts Showcase evening which will highlight our students in the arts. Performances will include the HC dance team, vocal ensemble, symphonic band, members of our drama club and so much more! A visual arts and photography display will also be highlighted. The end of the evening will include the musical "reveal"! The celebration begins at 7PM in the Cafetorium. Admission is free and all are welcome!

Friday, June 17th - The Holy Cross Symphonic Band will travel to Canada's Wonderland to perform at the Canada's Wonderland Music Festival. This is the first music trip since April of 2019!

