



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

August 2022

Principal's Message

It is my sincere hope that all continue to be well and are able to find some joy and peace during these summer months. We are partway through August, which means school planning is revving up. Student timetables will be available on Wednesday, August 24th for initial viewing (changes are still taking place so students are encouraged to check timetables a few times before the start of school). Counselors will be back in the final week of August. I thank you for your patience as we continue to respond to directives and initiatives as they arrive, always, always, always keeping in mind the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We look forward to the return of the semester system as well as to our **Grade Nine Orientation Days, Movin' On Up**, on **Tuesday, August 30th** and **Wednesday, August 31st**. More information about Movin' On Up is available on our school website.

The first official day of school is Tuesday, September 6th.

I welcome **Amy Goodberry** back to staff as part of our administrative team. The caretakers and the office staff have been working hard this summer to both finalize last year and to get our school ready for the upcoming year. The caretakers have followed stringent sanitizing protocol for several months now but they have also had time to beautify the school and its grounds and, as many of you know, the office administrators have reached out to families to ensure report cards arrived and that locker contents are retrieved. Many thanks to our secretaries and custodians.

In the meantime, rest, retreat, and enjoy our local beauty. Stay well, physically, mentally and spiritually. Take care.

Terri Daniel

This Month

August 30-31 – Moving on Up
9:00 am – 2:30pm



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10 - 12	GRADE 12 (<i>Graduating</i>)
Student Council ID Card	Student Council ID Card	Graduation Fee
HC Spirit T-Shirt		(pays for cap, silver cross, gown rental)
4 Toonie – Non-Uni Days to support cancer research	4 Toonie – Non-Uni Days to support cancer research	
HC Yearbook - INCLUDED	HC Yearbook-OPTIONAL	
School Lock for locker		
Total Fee: \$85.00	Total Fee: \$65.00	Total Fee: \$35.00

- Please make payment online using the School Cash Online system at hctoday.ca

Holy Cross Daily Timetable

Time	Regular School Day	Time	Activity or Mass Day
8:30-9:45	Opening Exercises & Period 1	8:30-9:30	Opening Exercises & Period 1 call down
9:45-9:50	Travel time	9:30-10:40	Activity Period
9:50-11:05	Period 2	10:40-11:40	Period 2
11:05-11:55	Lunch	11:40-12:25	Lunch
11:55-1:10	Period 3	12:25-1:25	Period 3
1:10-1:15	Travel time	1:25-1:30	Travel Time
1:15-2:30	Period 4	1:30-2:30	Period 4





ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2022-2023 School Year Calendar

<p>TRUSTEES</p> <p>Mr. Terry Shea 613-384-1283</p> <p>Mr. Tom Dall 613-243-6489</p> <p>Mr. Greg Speagle 613-352-7846</p> <p>Mr. Michael Murphy 613-292-6913</p> <p>Mr. Brian Evoy 613-329-9126</p> <p>Ms. Wendy Procter 613-279-2572</p> <p>Mr. John Duggan 613-438-3747</p> <p>Mr. Peter McEnery 613-332-8650</p> <p>Mr. Christopher Wright 613-848-9401</p> <p>Mrs. Kathy Turkington 613-542-5166</p> <p>Mary Mekhael/Marlow Slatter Student Trustees 613-354-6257 ext. 445</p> <p>Director of Education Mr. David DeSantis</p> <p>Superintendents of Education Mr. Michael Faught Mr. Darcey French Ms. Michele McGrath Ms. Carey Smith Dewey</p> <p>Superintendent of Finance & Business Services Ms. Breanne Bradshaw</p> <p>Superintendent of Human Resources Ms. Michelle Lamarche</p> <p>Approved May 2022</p>	<p>September 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S								28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		<p>October 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						<p>November 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				<p>December 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Verify your student's bussing schedules by visiting www.triboard.ca

There were some changes to bus timings and numbers that were handed out to students in June. Any further changes to transportation will be sent out by Triboard or by the school via email.

If you require bussing, please apply online at www.triboard.ca



Uniform Policy

After input from students, staff and parents, we have added a year-round golf shirt option to the Holy Cross uniform. HC green golf shirts can be worn with the HC pants, kilt, or shorts. Shorts are still restricted to the spring uniform later in the year. We hope this increases comfort level and available options, while maintaining the high standards and consistency a uniform embodies. The following is our revised uniform policy:

Students are to wear the Holy Cross uniform at all times during the school day, including the lunch hour and during spare periods. Uniforms are available for purchase through McCarthy's, our supplier, online-only this year. A direct link is provided on the school website-main page.

The uniform has several functions: safety, convenience, cost and community. Visitors to Holy Cross are readily identifiable to staff, enhancing security in our building. Students essentially have one wardrobe decision to make in the mornings. The cost to families over time for clothing is reduced. The uniform takes into account comfort and equity. Students in uniform have chosen to be part of a community of equals and demonstrate their desire to be a Crusader by wearing the uniform with pride.

The fall and winter uniform is in effect from September to June. The fall uniform is described below:

Girls: solid grey Holy Cross dress pants **or** the Holy Cross kilt with black tights. White Holy Cross crested blouse **or** green golf shirt.

Boys: solid grey Holy Cross dress pants: white Holy Cross crested shirt with school tie **or** green golf shirt.

Optional: School crested vest, pull over, zippered sweater or cardigan.

Footwear: no boots, no slide, no flip-flops. Sturdy and comfortable dress shoes should be worn.

*** Students **may** wear a black long-sleeved shirt underneath the golf shirt if needed.

The spring uniform option is in effect from May until the end of June. The shirts and shorts described below must be worn together: students are not to mix with the fall uniform.

Unisex: green school crested golf shirt and tan knee length Holy Cross crested walking shorts.

Footwear: deck shoes, running shoes, sandals are permitted.

***Students may wear a black long-sleeved shirt underneath the golf shirt, if needed.

Uniform Policy cont'd

Students are deemed to be out of uniform if they do not have one or more components, including footwear, or, if they have accessorized the uniform excessively, including wearing any form of headgear, hood or hat. A student unable to correct an issue is out of uniform and will be issued a warning for a first offence and this will be noted in Aspen, our data collection system. If a student receives a second warning for being out of uniform, it will be noted in Aspen and a study hall will be issued and parents will be contacted. If a student receives a third warning, parents will be contacted and students will be either sent home to correct the problem or sent to the main office to complete their schoolwork for the day.

Non-uniform days are also governed by a dress code that requires students to refrain from wearing immodest, revealing clothing and/or clothing with inappropriate design/language promoting drugs, alcohol, or sex. **Changing clothes in the halls is not permitted.**

Support is provided to students throughout this process through the main office. Should there be needs, they will be addressed separately and not pursued as an issue requiring discipline. Nothing is more important than having students in class, learning. However, persistent and willful violations of the Holy Cross uniform policy will be interpreted as an unwillingness, on the part of parents and/or students, to join our school community, and may result in exclusion from school.

As always, common sense will prevail in the application of discipline as it relates to the school uniform. Communication between students and staff is paramount and will almost always result in a satisfactory resolution of any issue related to uniform. Your support for the policy and cooperation in ensuring it succeeds in keeping our school safe, convenient, cost effective and unified is appreciated.



Textbooks

The school no longer has a textbook room.

A textbook deposit will no longer be collected.

As required, teachers will issue textbooks to students in the class.

Students are still responsible for the safe keeping and return of these books.

Books not returned will be charged to the student/family as required.





PASTORAL NEWS

The pastoral team is excited to meet with new and returning students as we begin the 2022/2023 academic year! We hope this past summer brought new adventures, opportunities for rest, and much time with loved ones.

In July, Pope Francis made a penitential pilgrimage to Canada to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples as part of the journey of reconciliation. If you are looking for information regarding the trip, a helpful website to visit is www.papalvisit.ca.

We are blessed to have both Fr. John Hibbard (St. Paul the Apostle Parish) and Fr. Tim Shea (Blessed Sacrament Parish) continuing their ministries at Holy Cross this year. We are looking forward to our first school Mass of the year on September 15th, observing the Feast of Cross. We will also be having a ceremony to consecrate our newly named chapel to St. André Bessette. Stay tuned for details!

I would like to invite all students to get involved with CICS (Crusaders in Community Service) as we begin the school year. CICS is a faith and social outreach club that organizes volunteer opportunities around the school and within the Kingston community. It is an excellent way to gain valuable skills, meet new friends, and get volunteer hours!

This year's pastoral theme, "**Formed in Faith,**" calls us to nurture our relationship with God. God invites each one of us into relationship with him, and growing in faith is our response to this invitation. Over the year ahead, may we come to know God more fully through our community, the sacraments, prayer, and the other many blessings of Catholic education.

I would like to wish everyone the best of luck as we enter into a new school year, with all the uncertainty, excitement, and opportunity it brings! Be sure to reach out at any time to your many resources at the school, and never hesitate to ask God for grace and guidance over the year ahead.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:67-7

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

Formed in the Faith

Contact Us

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

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Looking Forward to September

Sept 6– First day of school

**Sept 6-11– National Payroll
Week**

Sept 11-9/11 Day of Remembrance

Sept 26– P D Day

Sept 28– Rowan's Law Day

**Sept 30– Orange Shirt Day/Every Child
Matters**

**Sept 30– National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation**

Attendance Procedures

Regular attendance greatly improves a student's chances for success in school, and until a student is 18 it is their parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they are in attendance daily. **If your student is going to be absent**, either for part of the day or for the full day, please advise the school through our online app, **Safe Schools**. If you are unable to access the online application, please call the attendance office at 613-384-1919 extension 2, or send an email to filhphcss@alcdsb.on.ca and provide a general explanation for the absence. If we do not receive a call about an absence, an automated call will go home to remind you to verify that you are aware of the absence.

If a student will **not be in class due to a school activity**, such as a field trip, participation in a sporting event or the cancellation of busses due to weather, you should not need to contact the school.

Occasionally a call will go home in error. If you receive an absence call, and your student says they were in class, or that they were at a school event, please call the attendance office so that we may look into the error, and ensure attendance is accurate.



Counsellor's Corner

Timetable Changes and Course Load

Guidance Counsellors will be available to make timetable changes starting on **Monday, August 29th**. Students can sign up for an appointment in Student Services or reach out to their counsellor. Students can make adjustments to their timetables until Friday, September 16th. Students in grade 12 who have a minimum of 24 credits may elect to have 2 spare periods. Returning grade 12 students must have at least 2 courses in their timetable if they wish to play sports or participate in extracurricular activities.

Counsellor Assignments by student surname:

Mrs. Cantarutti

Grade 9 A-J

Grade 10 L-R

Grade 11 K-Q

Grade 12 A-E, Grade 12 Returners G-R

Mrs. Vella-Bowry:

Grade 9 K-M

Grade 10 A-K

Grade 11 A-J

Grade 12 F-O, Grade 12 Returners A-F

Mrs. LeSarge:

Grade 9 N-Z

Grade 10 S-Z

Grade 11 R-Z

Grade 12 P-Z, Grade 12 Returners S-Z

E-Learning Courses

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

Semester 1:

Geography World Issues – CGW4U

Analyzing Current Economic Issues – CIA4U

English, University Preparation – ENG4U

English, College Preparation – ENG4C

Business Leadership – BOH4M

Semester 2:

Travel and Tourism – CGG3O

Understanding Canadian Law – CLU3M

Introductory Kinesiology – PSK4U

Counsellor's Corner cont'd

Writer's Craft – EWC4U

Computer Science – ICS4U

Accounting – BAT4M

Math for College Technology – MCT4C

Please contact your guidance counsellor if you would like to take an online course.

Post-Secondary Information

Post-secondary information sessions will be available soon. Counsellors will provide an informational video on the Guidance Page, as well as provide a timeline of university and college application dates. Universities and colleges will also offer online and in-person presentations and information sessions. Students should be researching on the Ontario Universities Application Center site www.ouac.on.ca and on the www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca website for Ontario university information. Students should be using the college research site www.ontariocolleges.ca for college information.

Dates to keep in mind:

September – October – information sessions by colleges and universities available at lunch and after school

October – online applications are available for college and university applications

January 12, 2023 – deadline date for students to apply to Ontario University Application Center

February 1, 2023 – deadline date for students to apply to Ontario College Application Center

