



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

November 2022

## Principal's Message

Welcome all to the month of November. I am so pleased with the herculean efforts of students and staff thus far this fall. We have adjusted time and again and continue to keep well-being of our community at the forefront. It is so nice to hear giggles and laughter. The **Students' Council** and select-ed **Grade Reps** did a wonderful job with their recent Spirit Week. Please read their segment further on in this newsletter.

What a busy time it has been with many clubs starting up, students preparing for midterms and the fall season wrapping up. Our golfers performed very well at OFSAA – congratulations to Paige, Paige and Cash, along with the coaches – and our cross-country team had a strong season, wrapping up at EOSSAA this year. The field hockey team won KASSAA and are currently in the Hamilton area, seeded fifth at OFSSAA – sending you all of our good vibes and confidence, athletes and coaches! With quarter and semifinals underway this week, our teams are looking strong. Good luck to all. Our school will be hosting OFSAA Boys' Volleyball later in November; this is a massive and exciting endeavour, requiring many hands. Much appreciation to the volunteers who have been meeting all fall to prepare for this event, under the leadership of Convenor, Ben Plazzotta (and his Co-Chair Baby Mackenzie).

Report cards will be sent out electronically on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all students who are navigating the semester system for the first time; you've got this.

As the fall season wraps up, just a note of thanks to the many volunteer coaches whose time and expertise allows our student athletes to broaden their school experience. Congratulations to all student athletes and good luck to any heading in to playoffs or OFSAA experiences.

## This Month

- November 1-All Saints Day**
- November 2- All Souls Day**
- November 2- Take Our Kids to Work**
- November 2- Celebration of Academic Achievement**
- November 3- Fuel Day**
- November 11- Remembrance Day**
- November 18- Midterm Report Card**
- November 25- P A Day-Faith Day**

We are facing some difficult times right now and the uncertainties can be really daunting to manage. I don't have any answers but do know that collectively, and with the grace of God, this too shall pass. My prayers are with all members of our community who face difficulties at this time.



# Counsellor's Corner

## Post-Secondary Information

Students interested in applying to Ontario Universities can now pick up their OUAC access codes. Students require these codes to create an application on the Ontario University Application Center ([www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)). Students interested in applying to Ontario Colleges do **not** need these access codes. The college application is found on the [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) website, and students require their OEN (Ontario education number) which is found on the student's report card.

Students are encouraged to attend open houses and information sessions to learn more about individual post-secondary institutions. University event information, including virtual information sessions, can be found on [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca). Colleges are offering college Mondays throughout November [College Mondays | ontariocolleges.ca](#).

Students are encouraged to view the post-secondary information power-point on the Guidance Page, which is found on the students' Virtual Commons. It is also can be found on the Holy Cross website in the Student Services link.

## Graduation Information

Grade 12 students are reminded to check their timetables to make sure they have all necessary requirements for graduation purposes, as well as for post-secondary pre-requisites. Students are required to complete 40 hours of community service – please submit the community service completion form to Student Services.

## Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 2

Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade Nine students will take place on Wednesday, November 2. This opportunity is an annual career exploration event that takes place across Canada. Grade 9 students are encouraged to spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host. Benefits of this experience include helping students make connections between education and their future, fostering discussions with working professionals about the work they do, and allowing students to explore career options in practical ways. Permission forms were distributed in students' period 1 class.

## Trades Career Fair – November 22

Level Up! Skilled trades career fair is taking place in Ottawa on November 22. The purpose of the event is to highlight skilled trades to Grade 7-12 students and will include industry representatives from all 4 sectors: **Construction, Industrial, Service and Motive Power**. Interested students should contact Mrs. Noella Johnston in Student Services for a permission form to attend. Spaces are limited.

# IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the Crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead.  
Short days ago we lived, felt dawn,  
saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,  
To you from falling hands  
we throw the torch,  
Be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

BY LT. COL. JOHN McCRAE, of MONTREAL,  
WHOSE BODY LIES IN FLANDERS FIELDS.

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# PASTORAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone for contributing to our Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Partners in Mission Food Bank! We collected a total of 766 lbs. Congratulations to Mr. Healey's class for bringing in the most items per student, winning Coffee Way Donuts as a prize!

CICS activities resumed this month with students carving pumpkins which were delivered to Rosewood Retirement Home for the enjoyment of residents. CICS students also participated in a Halloween Food Drive, dressing up on Halloween evening and trick or treating for canned goods. A big thank you to these students for their generosity of time, and to our neighbours for supporting those in need within our community.

We had our Thanksgiving Mass on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Hibbard shared a beautiful homily encouraging us to find happiness through gratitude in the blessings already in our lives. Fr. Hibbard and Fr. Shea have also resumed weekly visits by leading classes in liturgies of the word in the St. André Bessette Chapel.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Katie Murphy, student council's faith life representative, and myself were interviewed for a radio program on *Maria Radio* called, "Faith on Campus." Keep an eye on Holy Cross social media accounts to see Katie's excellent witness of faith during the interview!

November begins with All Saints Day, commemorating both the known and unknown saints of the Church. We are invited to invoke their intercession in areas of our lives where we could use some extra support! We then move to All Souls' Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, calling to mind and keeping in our hearts all who have died. We will be gathering by grade for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the month of November, staff and students are invited to write down the name of a loved one who has died in our book of remembrance. Those names shared will be held in prayer. The book will be available on the prayer table in the foyer.

Wishing everyone the very best over the month ahead! In Christ,

Nick Cotman, Chaplaincy Leader

**Formed in the Faith**

## Contact Us

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### [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](http://Algonquin & Lakeshore) ([alcdsb.on.ca](http://alcdsb.on.ca))

### Looking Forward to December

**December 7-10 Grease school musical**

**December 23-30 Christmas Break**

**First day of classes in 2023**

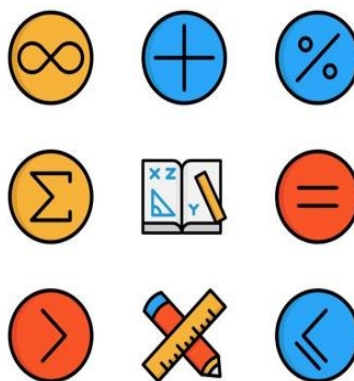
**January 9, 2023**



### 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)



# Holy Cross Golf Team

The HC golf season has officially ended. Starting early September, our golfers have been practicing at the Landings, Camden East and Amherstview golf courses in preparation for the KASSAA Championship at Rivendell. Our golfers played extremely well overall! Cash McDonnell (2<sup>nd</sup> place for boys golf), Paige Douglas (1<sup>st</sup> place for girls golf) and Paige Gazeley (3<sup>rd</sup> place for girls golf) to claim a spot at EOSSAA at Upper Canada Golf Course in Cornwall, Ontario.

At EOSSAA, Paige Douglas received 2<sup>nd</sup> place within the girl's division, while Paige Gazeley and Cash McDonnell scored well enough to move on to OFSAA.

At OFSAA in Hamilton Ontario, all our players played extremely well! Paige Douglas and Paige Gazeley had great games both days at the OFSAA Girls Golf Festival. Cash McDonnell placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the High School Division out of approximately 90 golfers at the OFSAA Boys Golf Tournament. Well done Cash! (Cash is a grade 10 student who competed against many players a couple years older).

Well done overall players!

If you have any questions about signing up for next year's golf team, please see Jenn Johnston or Ryley Kehoe.



# JOIN MATHLETES!

**LOOKS GOOD  
ON A RESUME**



**FREE FOOD**



**IMPROVES MATH  
SKILLS**



**HANG OUT WITH  
FRIENDS**



**STREET CRED**

No guarantee on this  
specific one

**FRIDAYS AT LUNCH  
ROOM 257**

**FOR MORE INFO  
CONTACT**

[ireljenn@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ireljenn@alcdsb.on.ca)

The EcoTeam is proud to announce their new mission statement!

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.



To get involved with the EcoTeam, come to room 207 on Wednesdays at lunch, or contact Ms. Hollands ([jhollands@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:jhollands@alcdsb.on.ca))



## ARTS UPDATE

### SENIOR DANCE FIELD TRIP *Strive Dance Workshops*

Ms. Perugino's grade 11/12 dance class travelled to Toronto on October 25th to take part in a series of dance workshops created by Strive Dance Challenge at the Sandra Amadeo Dance School. The 24 students participated in a variety of dance workshops offered by some incredible choreographers in the Ontario region. The energy at this all-day event was electric and featured 4 other secondary schools. Many of our students were hand selected by the choreographers and asked to share their performances with each group. The day of dance allowed students to explore and expand their dance vocabulary in a safe and inclusive environment. We are so proud of our dancers and their participation in this exciting event!



### CLUBS

- The Art Club continues to meet every Wednesday after school - students are busy helping with the set and prop painting for *Grease*.
- Improv Club continues every Wednesday at lunch in the drama room. All are welcome!

### COFFEE HOUSE

Live music is back at HC! On the evening of October 26th, Mr. Stabile's senior guitar class hosted our very first coffee house of this school year. The audience was treated to some incredible guitar, vocal and band performances. Thank you to all who came out and supported our musicians!

HOLY CROSS ARTS PROUDLY PRESENTS



COMING SOON

SHOW DATES:  
**DEC. 7-10, 2022**

TICKETS ON SALE  
NOV. 23

FOLLOW US ON  
INSTAGRAM OR  
TWITTER: [@HCARTS\\_](#)

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**

It's almost here! Next month, the cast of Grease will take the stage! This energetic group of over 50 students are so excited to 'grease' their hair and bring the fun of the 1950s to life!

Tickets will be on sale starting NOVEMBER 23rd! Performances are December 7-10th, 2022 @7PM with a 2PM matinee on the 10th. Please see [www.HCtoday.ca](http://www.HCtoday.ca) for all ticket information!

Also, follow us on [instagram](#), or Twitter: [@hcarts\\_](#) for all updates

## Student Council

### October in Review

Student Council had a very successful October, with many events being run and various activities taking place.

On Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, a Pep Rally was held to spotlight our fall sports teams and boost school spirit. The Pep Rally was a huge success, with a big turnout and incredible energy! This energy carried through to the Bill MacLeod Memorial Cup, (Friday Night Lights) our annual football game between Holy Cross and Regi. It was a fantastic atmosphere and memory for many students and families. Plus, our Junior and Senior teams won both of their games! Well done, Crusaders!

### BAND TOGETHER FOR BELLA

Our ~~toonie~~ non-uni day and Bands for Bella fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to everyone who has supported Bella on her road to recovery. Together, we raised over \$2500! Anyone wishing to donate can e-transfer: [careforbella18@gmail.com](mailto:careforbella18@gmail.com)



Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> was the **Paul Halligan Memorial Cup, (PH Classic)** the girls basketball games between Holy Cross and Regi that raises money to fight cancer. The week of the game, members of the Girls Basketball teams sold pink milkshakes and there was a bake sale to help raise money. The night of the PH Classic, the Holy Cross Junior and Senior teams won both games! Congratulations teams!



Our **Halloween Spooky Spirit Week** was a remarkable success! Lots of smiles and laughter, especially during our karaoke in the cafetorium on Thursday!



# SPOOKY SPIRIT WEEK



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**TUESDAY**  
**OCT 25**

- FULL UNIFORM DAY
- HALLOWEEN ACCESSORIES DAY
- SPOOKY MOVIE IN THE CAFE!
- BOO GRAMS SOLD AT LUNCH IN THE FOYER

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCT 26**

- JERSEY DAY
- WEAR YOUR UNIFORM BOTTOMS
- GUESS HOW MANY CANDIES IN A JAR! SOLD AT LUNCH IN FOYER
- BOO GRAMS SOLD AT LUNCH IN THE FOYER

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**THURSDAY**  
**OCT 27**

- FULL NON-UNI
- COUNTRY VS. COUNTRY CLUB! DRESS UP AS A COUNTRY OR CITY PERSON! YEEHAW
- KARAOKE IN THE CAF AT LUNCH!
- LAST DAY FOR BOO GRAMS TO BE SOLD AT LUNCH IN THE FOYER

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**FRIDAY**  
**OCT 28**

- FULL NON-UNI DAY!
- HALLOWEEN COLOUR DAY! (BLACK, ORANGE, WHITE)
- BOO GRAMS WILL BE HANDED OUT HALLOWEEN MONDAY!
- SPIRIT DAY YEARBOOK PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT LUNCH IN THE FOYER!



Wednesday, October 26 was the night of HC's coffee house! This great event was organized by the senior guitar class and was a great way for students to show off their musical talents!

On October 31<sup>st</sup> CICS (Crusaders in Community Service) and the International Club went trick-or-donating! They went door to door in the Holy Cross area collecting nonperishable food items.

Student discounts were recently established, with many local businesses offering discounts for students who come in uniform or with their student card.

 <b>Tony's Pizza</b> Subs & Ice Cream Parlour 2 Slices + Pop for \$9.50	 <b>Mary Browns CHICKEN</b> Princess St. Location 10%	 <b>Booster Juice</b> Cataragui Mall 10%
 <b>Pita Pit</b> Fortune Cres. Location 10%	 <b>Holy Cross Student Discounts 2022-23</b>	 <b>Macho Burrito</b> Gardiners Rd. Location 10%
 <b>Osmow's</b> MODERN MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE Gardiners Rd. Location Chicken or Falafel on rice/fries + Pop for \$8.99	 <b>Pasta Shelf</b> True Italian Experience 10%	 <b>SUBWAY</b> Princess St. Location FREE Cookie or 16oz Drink with purchase of 6-inch or footlong sandwich

## Coming Soon.....

- Yearbooks are now available for purchase through school cash online
- The show dates for the musical production of Grease are December 7-10, and tickets will go on sale November 23
- Members of CICS will be visiting providence manor for Remembrance Day
- HC will be having a blood drive on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

Any students who would like to receive up to date student announcements can do so by going to the following link and subscribing to the RSS feed.

<https://www.alcgsb.on.ca/School/hcss/layouts/15/listfeed.aspx?List=1499eb70-0c1a-4129-b463-88f48507e81e>

## **SPIRITWEAR**

Spirit Wear will continue to be sold every Tuesday at lunch in the foyer! There will be new additions coming to the collection shortly as well! At this time due to limited supply, it is **Cash only!**

### Spiritwear Prices

Toque \$20

Drawstring Bags- \$12

HC Pyjama Pants- \$40

Grey Sweatpants with Pockets- \$35

Embroidered Vintage Long Sleeve- \$15 per or \$25 for 2

Grey or Green HCSS Embroidered Hoodie- \$50

White or Green/Grey Hoodie- \$45

HC Lightweight Jacket- \$40

Green or Dark Heather Grey T-Shirt- \$10



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