



A Tradition of Excellence

# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

Spring has arrived and with that brings a renewed energy that comes with warmer temperatures and sunny skies. We continue to prepare for Easter and recently celebrated Reconciliation this past Tuesday. Thank you to Father Mike for organizing, and to all the priests who took the time to be with our students and staff at the school.

Congratulations to our Girls Curling team for capturing the City and Provincial Championships! Our Girls Curling team was successful at winning some hard-fought battles to capture the city and regional titles, and went on to win the Provincial Championship in Moose Jaw. A special thank you to our coaches, Mr. Strueby and Mr. Engel, for their time, expertise, and support. Well done!

Congratulations also goes out to the Senior Girls Basketball team on capturing the City and Provincial Championships, and having an undefeated season! It was the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive senior girls' basketball City Championship win and the 8<sup>th</sup> appearance at provincials for coach Hundseth, winning a total of 3 silver and 5 gold provincial medals. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication our students and coaches put into the program!

Many of the winter sports wrapped up their seasons in March. Congratulations to all teams and thank you to the coaches for your time and commitment to our teams. Badminton is half-way through its season, and Track and Field is set to begin next week. Please encourage your children to be actively involved in their school life through physical activity. Students getting involved will enhance their personal experience while at Holy Cross.

Our Grade 10 music students will be travelling to Edmonton to participate in the Cantando Music Festival from April 9th to 11th. Thank you to all parent volunteers and staff members for making these learning experiences available to our students.

Report cards will be distributed on **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teachers directly.

The nice weather has arrived and with that more students will be walking and riding bikes to school. Please be extra careful when dropping off and picking up students. Students are reminded to take precautions when crossing busy streets, especially at Taylor, and to use the crosswalk. Parents and drivers are reminded to please not park on the west side of the U in front of the school. It is important that vehicles do not block the entrance so that families who need to use the wheelchair accessible parking spots have access. Thank you for your cooperation.

As discussed at the parent meeting in the fall, all graduating Grade 12 students must take part in the Graduation Retreat on **June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am – 3:30pm** at St. Thomas More College. Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, with the ceremony at 9:00am at TCU Place and the banquet and dance at 5:45pm at Prairieland Park. You will receive an email from the school with a memo containing information about graduation. The ticket order information will be sent out following the Easter Break. Students are reminded that they must be passing their required classes at the midterm evaluation (April 27<sup>th</sup>). If they are not, they will be required to meet with me to develop an educational plan for success. If, by May 12<sup>th</sup>, a student is not passing their required classes, they may not be eligible to participate in the graduation exercises for 2017. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (306) 659-7601.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 9

- Grade 10 Bands depart to Edmonton for the Cantando festival

### Monday, April 10

- Last Day GPA 1st Rotation
- Grade 10 Bands in Edmonton

### Tuesday, April 11

- First Day GPA 2nd Rotation
- Grade 10 Bands return
- HCCS Community Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 13

- Holy Thursday
- Regular School Day

### Friday, April 14

- Good Friday - School Closed

### Sunday, April 16

- Easter Sunday

### Monday, April 17

- Easter Monday - School Closed

### Tuesday, April 18-Friday, April 21

- Easter Break - No School

### Monday, April 24

- Classes Resume after Easter Break Regular School Day

### Tuesday, April 25

- Graduation Banquet Information Distributed

### Thursday, April 27

- Report Card Distribution - Period 5
- Shortened Day - 12:30 Dismissal
- Badminton City Championship

### Friday, April 28

- Last Day to Discontinue Semester 2 Classes

### Monday, May 1

- AP Chemistry Exam (am)

### Tuesday, May 2

- AP Computer Science Exam (am)
- Lockdown Drill (am)
- Graduation Banquet Tickets on Sale 8:15 am

### Wednesday, May 3

- AP English Literature & Composition Exam (am)

### Thursday, May 4

- HCMPA Meeting 7:00 pm

### Friday, May 5

- AP Studio Art Portfolios Due
- Deadline for Grade 12's to qualify for Graduation 2017
- Newsletter On-Line



## Did you Know?

### **Dress Code**

- ◆ The school is considered a place of work. Consequently, students are expected to dress appropriately, exercise good taste, and take pride in their personal appearance.
- ◆ Students are expected to exercise good judgment in dress.
- **Girls:** Shoulders must be covered and any type of top must cover the front, midriff and back. Bra straps must not show. Tank-tops, racer-back, strapless, one shoulder and spaghetti-strap tops are inappropriate.
- **Boys:** Must wear a proper shirt with shoulders and midriff covered. Tank/muscle shirts can only be worn with a t-shirt underneath.
- ◆ Clothing should be clean and neat. Torn and tattered clothing is not appropriate.
- ◆ Clothing with inappropriate messages is not permitted. Slogans advocating substance or alcohol use, vulgarities, prejudicial or sexist mottoes, playboy symbols, or satanic messages have no place in a school.
- ◆ Tops of shoulders, backs, underwear, and midriffs should be covered. Halter shirts and tube tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, half shirts, mesh shirts, sun suits, beach wear, and low-rise jeans, are considered inappropriate school apparel. Shirts scooped at the neck, back or arms are not appropriate.
- ◆ See-through or sheer clothing is not appropriate for school and does not define modest clothing.
- ◆ Modest walking shorts, dress shorts, and skirts approaching the knee are acceptable. Cut-offs and gym shorts worn outside of Physical Education classes are not acceptable attire for school.
- ◆ Outerwear, caps and hoods are removed in a work or school setting. Caps, hoods and jackets should be removed when students enter the building as a sign of courtesy. Students should store outerwear and caps in their lockers during school hours.

These expectations are not meant to hinder anyone's ability to choose clothes, but to assist students in developing positive and responsible attitudes towards the work place and towards appropriate dress now and in the future.

## SRC News

We are into another month now and the SRC has lots of exciting activities planned in April! Since we are cut short this month due to the Easter break, we tried to cram in as many fun things as possible! The theme of the month for April is faith. Considering this, the SRC will be having a homeroom initiative called the "faith wall". Each homeroom will receive a template and pieces of paper on which they will fill out ways that they have expressed their faith or how they have witnessed others demonstrate their faith.

On the lighter side of the spectrum, we have a couple fun school days planned! On April 7th, it is flannel and rubber boot day, April 12th will be an all day Easter egg hunt, and on the final Friday of April (the 28th) we are having Fiesta Friday, where nachos and cheese will be sold! Though April is a shorter month, the SRC still has lots of activities planned and we're so excited for this month!

## Student Fees

School fees for the 2016-2017 school year are now past due. The yearbook is no longer available to be ordered as the order has been placed based on the number of yearbooks paid for. Families with outstanding invoices that have a yearbook fee on them can deduct \$30.

Students in Grade 12 who have applied for Graduation are reminded that they must have all their fees paid prior to banquet ticket orders being accepted.

Families needing to make payment arrangements are asked to please contact Mrs. Bloski at 306-659-7605.

## Graduation 2017

Information regarding Graduation and the Graduation banquet will be distributed to Grade 12 students this month. In this information you will find items that are mandatory for all grade 12 students in order to remain on the graduation list as well as a timeline for the day of graduation.

Following the Easter Break all students on the Graduation list will receive information regarding the Graduation banquet. Grade 12 students are reminded that they may purchase a maximum of 8 banquet tickets. Students with outstanding fees will not be permitted to order banquet tickets until all accounts with the school have been paid.



## Senior Girls Basketball

The Holy Cross Sr. Girls Basketball Team had a very successful season. Many people perceived our season as easy, but it really wasn't. We battled through a number of injuries all season, but nothing stopped their drive and desire to get better everyday. The girls won the league Championship trophy finishing undefeated in league play.

They headed into the City Playoffs as the #1 seed and did not disappoint. The girls made it through City Play downs with a convincing 37 point win in the City Final against the #2 team in the city and province, the Centennial Chargers. That win marks their 8th straight City Championship won by the Crusader Girls.

The girls then took the show on the road to compete in the Provincial Basketball Play-offs called HOOPLA. The girls played very solid at HOOPLA winning their quarter final game by 50 points, their semi-final game by 40 points and won their the Provincial Final against the Chargers, yet again by 30 points. Very impressive way to close things out ladies! The girls have been in 8 straight Provincial Finals, finishing with 5 Golds and 3 Silvers, very impressive run girls.

I want to thank the girls for being a joy to coach and being such talented, hard working and dedicated athletes. You all do it with such class and composure. You are truly very special people.

Coach Hundseth

## Outdoor Education

The Spring Grade 12 Hiking trip to the mountains will be on June 8th through June 11th, 2017. This year's destination is the beautiful Lake Louise area of Banff National Park. Sign up for this trip will be just before Easter so we can do our training and preparations during the month of May. This trip is open to all grade 12 students that have good academic standing and good attendance. For more information please contact Mr. Blais or Mrs. Walker.

The Spring Canoe trip to the Churchill River region of Saskatchewan, is on June 1st through 4th, 2017. Sign up for this trip will also be in mid April and is open to all students in grade 9 through 11. The month of May will be busy with preparation meetings and canoe practices. For more information please contact Mr. Deptuch or Madame Vermette.

## Student Wellness Conference

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Holy Cross will host its first ever Student Wellness Conference. The goal of the conference is to respond to the needs identified through surveys, promote life wellness, and provide students with information and simple tools that will inspire them to seek and maintain a balanced, successful, and fulfilling lifestyle of wellness and well-being. We are excited to have our keynote speaker, Steve Kushman, to talk about how to deal with obstacles in life and learn how to control our human states including Mental, Physical, Emotional and increase our Spirit. If you have any questions or would like to donate prizes or make a donation, please contact Michelle Remizowski at (306) 659-7610.

Student responses from...

- ◆ Saskatchewan Tell-Them-From-Me Survey,
- ◆ Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-Being Youth Health Survey,
- ◆ Holy Cross Survey



...tell us there is a **need** for more opportunities for students to be **better informed** and **feel empowered** to make **positive choices concerning their wellness**.

The goal of the conference is to:

- ◆ **Respond** to the needs identified through the surveys,
- ◆ **Promote life-wellness**,
- ◆ Provide students with **information & simple tools** that will **inspire** them to seek and maintain a **balanced, successful and fulfilling lifestyle** of **wellness** and **well-being**.

## Holy Cross Music Department

The Grade 10 Junior Bands will be travelling to Edmonton's Cantando Festival on Sunday, April 9th to Tuesday April 11th. Students and parents are reminded to check the itinerary for departure and arrival times. Don't forget your uniforms, Instruments and music!



## Student Services

### U of S - St. Thomas More College

St. Thomas More Advisors will be at Holy Cross on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Students who have been accepted into the College of Arts & Science at the U of S are invited to sign up for a 10- minute session and receive advice on the selection of first year classes. Sign up is in Student Services.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Royal City Soccer Club Summer Camp Opportunity - volunteer or work as camp counsellors at their soccer summer program. For further info or to apply online go to royalsoccer.com. Also there are application forms and information posters in Student Services. You can leave your filled out application in Student Services and we will send it in for you!

### Summer Youth Internship Program

Grade 11 & 12 Students - Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) aims to create an opportunity for students interested in a career in the construction, tourism, information technology, and many other industry sectors to gain some valuable work experience over the summer months. This exposure to the industry will allow students to get a proper start to their future careers. If you are chosen for this program, students will be paid competitive industry wages. Application forms are available in Student Services - please make an appointment with Ms.Hofmann before applying as there are many other details to go over.

### Cambridge Immerse July / August 2017

Cambridge Immerse is a two week residential educational experience taking place in beautiful colleges of Cambridge University. The programme is carefully designed to provide secondary school students aged 15-18 to gain an unrivalled insight into what it's like to study up two chosen disciplines at university-level.

Cambridge Immerse provides a unique balance of a fun and brilliant immersive experience, and one that is academically rigorous. For more information look us up on the web or see Student Services

### Scholarship Opportunity:

Each year, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association awards two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school students who remain in Saskatchewan in post-secondary study:

Degree Program Scholarship: \$2,500

Technical/Trade Program Scholarship: \$2,500

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of demonstrated good character, community leadership, financial need, and a 500-word essay. The application deadline is Aug. 31 each year. To access the application form and view the rubric that is being used to score the scholarships, visit:

<http://saskschoolboards.ca/about-us/awards-and-scholarships/education-scholarships/>

## Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council

The next meeting for the Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council will be held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

All members of the Holy Cross community are invited to attend.

## After School Youth Study Group

Free tutoring and help is available with school work, projects, essays, research, assignments, etc., Wednesday's from 3:30-5:30 pm in room 334.

University students working as volunteers for the Open Door Society come every week to support your academics on a 1:1 basis. Hope to see you every week. Everyone is welcome to join. You do not need to stay for the full two hours. You can leave whenever you've received the help needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Classen, Mrs. Musey Johnson or Miss Thalheimer.



## *International Student Program*

The International Student Program is in need of homestay families for September 2017 as well as those who may be available to offer temporary respite for this second term up until June 30th 2017. We are currently looking for families in all of the catchment areas (especially the BJM area) and Jodi, our homestay coordinator, would be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have.

Hosting an International Student is an exciting, rewarding and enriching experience. The homestay experience is an integral part of the program because of the sharing of culture, family and language. **Host families are reimbursed \$750.00 a month.**

Please consider being part of our wonderful program and opening your home to an International Student. If you are unable to host, then please consider speaking to a relative, friend, or neighbor about our program.

Please contact **Jodi Swaby**, at **306-667-3825 Ext 2082**, or email to [gscs@canadahomestaynetwork.ca](mailto:gscs@canadahomestaynetwork.ca) for more information.

## Saskatoon Minor Football



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### Spring & Fall Tykes on Spikes

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Both Fall & Spring Seasons  
Ages 4-5 Boys & Girls  
2017 Spring Registration Open!



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2017 Spring Registration Open!



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## Don Narcisse All-Star Event Football Camp

Learn to play football from members of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, CFL Alumni, Hall of Famers and Roughrider Alumni.

Saturday, April 29th at the SaskTel Sports Centre. This All-Star event is presented by Maaco and is open to children ages 7-18 (male or female). Registration is due no later than Friday, April 14th and is \$70/player.

For more information and to register visit [www.donnarcisseallstarevent.com](http://www.donnarcisseallstarevent.com).

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**May 5, 2017**

# *Community Easter Services*

## **Cathedral of the Holy Family**

*Holy Thursday* - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm ; Night Prayer 11:45 pm  
*Good Friday* - Morning Prayer 9:00 am; Commemoration of the Lord's Death 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm;  
Vigil at the Cross 8:00 pm - 10:00 am the following morning  
*Holy Saturday* - Morning Prayer 9:00 am; Vigil Mass 8:30 pm  
*Easter Sunday* - 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass; 11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Note: No 6:30 pm Mass)

## **Holy Spirit**

*Holy Thursday* - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm; Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) 11:30 pm  
*Good Friday* - Morning Prayer 9:30 am; Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) 8:30 pm  
Prayer before the Cross through the night (sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board in the Place of Welcome)  
*Holy Saturday* - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) 9:30 am; Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Vigil 9:00 pm  
*Easter Sunday* - Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday 10:00 am and 12:00 noon (Note: no 7:00 pm Mass)

## **St. Augustine**

*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Mass followed by vigiling hours of prayer until Night Prayer at 11:45 pm  
*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy  
*Holy Saturday* - 9:00 pm Easter Vigil followed by Easter Celebration  
*Easter Sunday* - 10:00 am Easter Mass

## **St. Philip Neri**

*Holy Thursday* - Mass 7:00 pm; Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 11:30 pm  
*Good Friday* - Liturgy 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm; Prayer at the Cross 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm  
*Holy Saturday* - Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 pm  
*Easter Sunday* - Easter Mass 9:30 am and 11:30 am

## **St. Francis Xavier**

*Holy Thursday* - Mass at 7:00 pm with Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00 pm  
*Good Friday* - Liturgy 3:00 pm  
*Holy Saturday* - Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm (at St. Joseph Parish)  
*Easter Sunday* - Easter Mass 10:00 am

## **Our Lady of Lourdes**

*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Mass  
*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Liturgy  
*Holy Saturday* - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass  
*Easter Sunday* - 10:30 am Easter Mass

*For more information on Roman Catholic Parish's in Saskatoon please visit the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon web page at <http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/>*

## **Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church**

*Holy Wednesday* - 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Great Matins - Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels  
*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Exposition of the Holy Shroud - Plashchanytsia  
Vigil at the Lord's Grave following the service until Saturday at 2:30 pm  
8:00 pm Jerusalem Matins  
*Holy Saturday* - 2:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers, 8:30 pm Resurrection Matins and Easter Divine Liturgy (English)  
*Easter Sunday* - 7:30 am Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian), 11:00 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (English)  
*Bright Monday* - 8:30 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy  
*Blessing of Easter Foods will occur on Saturday April 15th at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall*

## **Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God**

*Holy Wednesday* - 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Anointing of the Sick  
*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers and Washing of the Feet  
*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Exposition of the Holy Shroud - Plashchanytsia  
Vigil at the Tomb of Jesus following the service until Saturday at 2:00 pm  
*Holy Saturday* - 2:00 pm Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers  
*Easter Sunday* - 8:00 am Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Easter Baskets

## **Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George**

*Holy Wednesday* - 7:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts (English)  
*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Reading of 12 Gospels of Passion (English)  
*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Plashchanytsia—Holy Shroud Service (Ukrainian)  
7:00 pm Jerusalem Matins (Ukrainian)  
*Holy Saturday* - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers (English)  
3:30 pm and 5:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food in the Cathedral auditorium  
7:00 pm Service at the Grave (Ukrainian)  
*Easter Sunday* - 7:00 am Easter Service and Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) and Blessing of Easter Food

*For more information on Ukrainian Catholic Parish's in Saskatoon please visit the Eparchy of Saskatoon web page at <http://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/>*