Principal’s Message

Christ is risen! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter, filled with love, hope, and new beginnings.

Our Grade 10 – 12 music students will be travelling to Edmonton to participate in the Cantando Music Festival. Thank you to all parent volunteers and staff members for making these learning experiences available to our students.

The spring Drama production of Ham(let) & Eggs is scheduled for next week. The production is under the direction of Ms. Murray. Come join the fun and support our talented students! Performances are April 13, 14, and 15 at 7pm.

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, April 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the teachers directly.

Students arriving in the morning and leaving after school can be very busy times around the school. Please be extra careful when dropping off students. Students are reminded to take precautions when crossing busy streets, especially at Taylor, and to use the crosswalk. Parents and drivers are reminded that U-turns in front of the school are illegal. Thank you for your cooperation.

Many of the winter sports wrapped up their season this past month. The Boys Wrestling team placed first at Cities. The Senior Basketball teams also completed their seasons. The girls captured Cities for the seventh consecutive year and placed second in Provincials. Congratulations to all teams, and thank you to the coaches for your time and commitment to our teams.

Badminton is continuing and track and field will be starting next week. Please encourage your children to be actively involved in their school life through physical activity. Involvement in all activities provided through the school enhances the school experience.

As discussed at the parent meeting in the fall, all graduating Grade 12 students must take part in the Graduation Retreat on one of the following dates: May 10, 11, or 12, 2016 from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, with the ceremony at 9:00am at TCU Place and the banquet and dance at 5:45pm at Prairieland Park. We will be sending a memo to all graduating Grade 12 students and their parents/guardians in early May with the necessary details to plan for the big day. Students are also reminded that they must be passing their required classes at the midterm evaluation. If they are not, they will be required to meet with me to develop an educational plan for success. If, by May 13th, a student is not passing their required classes, they may not be eligible to participate in the graduation exercises for 2016. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 12
- HCCS Community Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm in the Conference Room
- Spring Drama Matinee for Elementary Schools

Wednesday, April 13
- Spring Drama Production 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 14
- Feeder Basketball Tournament
- Spring Drama Production 7:00 pm

Friday, April 15
- Spring Drama Production 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 - Tuesday, April 19
- Grades 10, 11 & 12 Band and Senior Choir at the Edmonton Cantando Music Festival

Thursday, April 21
- Shortened Day 12:30 pm Dismissal

Friday, April 22
- Report Card Distribution - Period 5

Tuesday, April 26
- Badminton City Championship

Wednesday, April 27
- Badminton City Championship

Thursday, April 28
- Multi-Cultural Day

Monday, May 2
- AP Chemistry Exam - 8:00 am
- AP Calculus Exam - 8:00 am

Tuesday, May 3
- AP Comp. Science Exam - 8:00 am
- Catholic School Community Council Meeting - 7:00 pm @ ED Feehan

Wednesday, May 4
- AP English & Composition Exam - 8:00 am

Thursday, May 5
- AP Calculus Exam - 8:00 am
- Shortened Day 12:30 Dismissal
- HCMFA Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, May 6
- AP Studio Art Portfolios Due
- Last Day to Discontinue Classes
- Deadline for all Grade 12’s to be passing to remain on the Graduation List
- Newsletter On-Line

Monday, May 9
- AP Music Theory Exam
- AP French Language & Culture Exam - 12:00 pm
- Grade 12 Retreat

Tuesday, May 10
- Grade 12 Retreat

Wednesday, May 11
- Grade 12 Retreat
- Grade 12 Retreat
Did you Know?

Dance Policy, Procedures and Regulations
a. Ticket Purchase
   ➢ Students may purchase a ticket only for themselves.
   ➢ There are no refunds.
   ➢ Students who know they will be late for a valid reason must make arrangements with Mrs. Cannell.
   ➢ Tickets must be purchased at the time they are available for purchase.
   ➢ A valid Holy Cross student card must be presented when a dance ticket is purchased.

b. Admission
   ➢ Admission is limited to Holy Cross students.
   ➢ To gain admittance to the dance, students must present their “stickered” Holy Cross student card.
   ➢ The doors will be open for admission from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.
   ➢ Students leaving the dance will not be allowed to re-enter.
   ➢ Students leaving the dance before 9:45 pm will be asked to sign the early departure list.
   ➢ Students who are dressed inappropriately will not be allowed to enter the dance.

c. Dress and Grooming
   ➢ The school dress code is in effect for all school dances.
   ➢ Do not be disappointed if you are not admitted to the dance due to inappropriate clothing. Refunds will not be issued for students who are denied admittance to the dance.

d. Conduct
   ➢ Students are expected to refrain from the use of alcohol and other banned substances before and during the dance.
   ➢ Students who come to the dance having consumed alcohol and/or other banned substances, or who consume them during the dance, will be taken to the office. Parents will be notified. Further consequences will be assigned by administration in accordance with school policies.
   ➢ Students are expected to dance and behave in a respectful manner. Students not complying with this expectation will be cautioned by supervisors and may be asked to leave the dance.
   ➢ Students cannot go to lockers or the coat check during the dance. Purses and cell phones must be checked at the office. Backpacks, valuables, etc., should be left at home. No cell phones are allowed on the dance floor.

e. Concession at Dance
   ➢ There will be pop, chips, pizza, etc. available at the dance. Students are encouraged to bring a small amount of money and support the SRC.
   ➢ Bottled water is not sold at dances.

School Fees 2015-2016
School fees for the 2015-2016 school year are now past due. If you need to make payment arrangements for student fees, please contact Mrs. Bloski at 306-659-7605.

Christian Service Project
Each student enrolled in Grade 10, 11 and 12 Christian Ethics at Holy Cross is required to complete 10 hours of volunteer work as part of the Christian Service Project. The documents associated with the project, including the service record sheet, are available on the Holy Cross LibGuides page. This can be found via Google- search Saskatoon Holy Cross LibGuides and look under the Christian Ethics tab.

Another option is to copy and paste the following link into your browser to find the documents.
http://scs.sk.ca.libguides.com/content.php?pid=627764&sid=5315813

Holy Cross Music Department
Fundraising: The grocery card and Mother Earth fundraiser was due back at the school main office by 3:15 Wednesday April 6. Please check your emails and student notices for the pick up date.

Music Tour: The Grade 10 Junior Band Tour as well as the Senior Band and Choir Tour will be travelling to Edmonton's Cantando Festival on Sunday April 17th to Tuesday April 19th. Students and parents are reminded to check the itinerary for departure and arrival times. Don't forget your uniforms, instruments and music!
SRC News

Welcome back Holy Cross! We hope you had an incredible Easter. Some exciting events will be taking place throughout the month of April so please make sure to listen to the announcements and participate! Events happening this month include:

April 5th- Hug Day (cards will be passed out and if someone gives you a hug with a card you have to pass it on)
April 13th- Ice Cream Day ($1 per cone)
April 15th- Flannel Shirt and Rubber Boot Day (necessities for spring in SK)
April 19th- Hat Day (one of the only days you actually get to wear a hat in the school!)
April 22nd- Homeroom Earth Day Activity
April 25th- National High Five Day (try and high five as many people as possible)
April 28th- Multicultural Day- (similar to folk fest- tickets can be purchased in the cafeteria)

Spring Drama Production

Holy Cross Presents Ham(let) & Egg!  This year’s spring production is a short double feature of not one, but two comedic takes on one of the Bard’s Best, both tongue in cheek and hammed up to make you chuckle.  Omelette, Chef of Denmark is a madcap dash through Shakespeare’s idea-stealing methods while the Fifteen Minute Hamlet is a full-out sprint, trimming his four-hour masterpiece to a quarter-hour tour de farce!  With regrets, we’re unable to take ticket orders through our box office phone line but with rush seating for all shows, there will be tickets available at the door, and during lunch hour on performance days.  $8/person, 7pm, April 13, 14, 15th, 2016.  Remember, the play's the thing!

Environmental Club

The Holy Cross High School Environmental club is looking for assistance with and funding for the inner courtyard landscaping. We are in search of any student, staff, parent or alumni interested in leaving their green thumb mark on Holy Cross' Courtyard Legacy Project. Please contact Mr. Scott or Miss Ross if you would like to help. If you would like to donate to the project (as we are still in search of funds) please send any donations to Mrs. Bloski. If you choose to donate for yourself or in somebody else’s name, that name will be added to a commemorative plaque that will be displayed in the courtyard. The funds will help offset the costs for the new deck, sod, and shrubbery.

Outdoor Education

Our club is undertaking two major trips this spring.

Grades 9, 10, 11
We are doing a spring canoe trip on May 26th through 29th. Registration for this trip has started as of April 6th. If you missed the registration meeting for this trip, you can get forms from Mr. Deptuch or Mrs. Vermette. The trip will start at McKay Lake and end on Otter Lake. Much preparation is needed for this trip, so it is vital that all participants adhere to the strict meeting and practice schedule. The cost of the trip is $175, plus a $10 fee for the swim test/canoe rescue session at Harry Bailey pool. To register you must hand in a medical form and a $20 non-refundable fee.

Grade 12
During the past 15 years, Holy Cross has embarked on a hiking trip to the Rocky Mountains. This year we would like to continue this tradition by hiking in Jasper National Park. There is much preparation that must take place before we can undertake this expedition. The first registration meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 13th. At this meeting, information about the trip will be given, along with behaviour and conduct guidelines. We usually plan on taking 50 students using a chartered bus for travel. There will be a number of mandatory preparatory meetings and practice hikes. The cost of the trip will be $280 which will cover costs for the bus, substitute teachers, national parks fees, camping fees, and an emergency vehicle. Students will be staying in tents in a campground. They will stay in the same campground for all three nights. They will be planning, preparing, and buying their own food, prior to leaving on the trip.
Student Services

**Gr. 11 & 12 Students – Digitized 2016** is a one-day career conference that presents innovative and career opportunities in Computer Science and Information Technology. This event is held at the U of S on Thursday, April 28. Application forms available in Student Services – deadline is April 21.

**Saskatoon Police Services Career Showcase** is being held on Wednesday, May 18 at Police Headquarters. This is a career day for Gr. 11 & 12 students who are interested in a Police Services Career. Sign up sheet is in Student Services. Please see Ms. Hofmann for further details.

**Are you a Gr. 11 & 12 Student looking for summer employment in the trades?** The Summer Youth Internship Program is now accepting applications for internships in the following positions: welding, automotive, carpentry, dry walling, plumbing, masonry, flooring, electrical, painting, heavy duty mechanic, agriculture tech, professional cooking, programmer/analyst, IT support and web design. The program runs from July 4 – August 12 and if selected you will be paid industry wages. Application forms are available in Student Services – deadline to apply is May 11. Please see Ms. Hofmann for further details regarding the program.

**WiTech Workshop:** This hands-on, half-day workshop for women ages 16+ offers an introduction to the Integrated Resource Management, Geographic Information Science, and Resource and Environmental Law programs. This workshop explores careers such as a biologist, a forester, or nature interpreter; careers in digital mapping, data analysis and Global Positioning System (GPS); or careers in conservation law enforcement. When: April 9, 2016 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Where: Prince Albert Campus - Technical Centre. Tuition: $0.00 Registration deadline: April 6, 2016 To register, go to saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/resources/women-in-trades-and-technology/

**Have you thought about your Summer Job?** Become a Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor. For more information or to register, please call 306-966-1001 or come down to Room 222 at the PAC – U of S Campus (87 Campus Drive). Register online at beactive.usask.ca. Also see recservices.usask.ca for upcoming CPR, First Aid & Pool Operators Courses. Posters are hanging up around the school with further information.

**Canadian Armed Forces** is hosting a “Soldier for a Day” on April 30 at the Armed Forces building (930 Idylwyld Drive N). You will get the chance to work with the units and members serving in Saskatoon and experience for yourself what it is like to be a soldier. Any students under 18 years, please take a parent consent form available in student services beside the sign up sheet. Any questions regarding the days events – please contact bruce.steier@forces.gc.ca or nathan.quennell@forces.gc.ca. You can also call 306-934-8507.

Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council

The next meeting for the Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm in the main conference room. All members of the Holy Cross Community are invited to attend.
Bridging to Work

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, in partnership with Can-Sask and the Ministry of Education, offer Bridging to Work! This program is designed to help GSCS graduates transition into the world of work after high school. The target group is graduates or school leavers from GSCS that have decided not to further their post-secondary education or training immediately upon finishing school. Services provided include job search, one-on-one career counselling, finding job opportunities, community advocates and resources, maintaining employment, personal management, accessing upgrading and other training options for skill development. For more information, contact your high school or call the Career Development Centre at 659-7591.

Time to Talk

The student nurses are excited to announce that we are currently implementing an innovative health initiative at Holy Cross. We have collaborated with numerous classrooms to create posters with meaningful health messages. These will be displayed in the student washrooms and locker rooms. The slogan “Time To Talk” has been developed to create a cohesive message that students should talk to a trusted adult when faced with physical/mental health concerns, learn the facts, and then take action utilizing appropriate resources. We hope you will have the opportunity to take a look at the posters when you visit the school.

1. TALK to an adult
2. LEARN the facts
3. Take ACTion

Swing Into Spring Fashion Show

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation is pleased to invite you to the 16th annual ‘Swing into Spring’ Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Prairieland Park – Hall B. Once again, plans are well under way for a fabulous evening of fun, food, fashions, camaraderie and great prizes. Support school division employees as they step out of their traditional roles to walk the runway in the latest spring fashions. Please check the posters displayed at your school or your parish bulletin boards.

Early Bird tickets purchased before February 29, 2016 are $65.00ea or $70.00ea after February 29, 2016. Tickets are available through the Foundation office.
Phone: 659-7003    Fax: 659-2013    Email: catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca

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In support of the Joe Kammermayer Fund - Sponsored by Mourning Glory Funeral Home. Thursday, April 21 at Holy Family Cathedral - Doors Open at 6:00 pm with Dinner at 6:45 pm

- Featuring local entertainment
- Dessert Auction featuring scrumptious desserts from local kitchens

Live Auction  and silent auction


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