Principal’s Message

As we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded that this is a time to discern what is important in life and grow in holiness. We are called to live a life of selflessness and to respond to the needs of the poor with urgent compassion. May we all hear God’s voice and experience His tender love so that we may share His mercy with others.

We are very fortunate to able to celebrate our faith and the meaning of Lent as a school community. We had our Lenten Liturgy on Ash Wednesday, and Reconciliation will take place on April 4th. During Lent, we will be preparing for our annual Box Lunch Auction which will be held on May 10th. A special thank you to Father Mike and Mr. Saretzky for providing continual spiritual guidance.

Thank you again to our parents for organizing staff appreciation week. The parent support for this activity was tremendous and on behalf of all of the staff members, I would like to thank all those who assisted by donating food and dainties. Your generosity is overwhelming, and the staff appreciated your efforts!

We met with all Grades 9, 10, and 11 students to provide instruction and guidance with the online registration process last week. Students have until March 10th to select their courses for next year. Students should be able to verify their courses April 3rd. You can check the courses your child has selected through their account. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences are fast approaching, and this semester parents will sign up online to book interviews. An email will be sent out on March 9th with login information. If you do not receive an email, then we do not have the correct information in our system. Please contact the office to update your email address. SPT Conferences will occur Thursday, March 23rd from 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. and Friday, March 24th from 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. We encourage all parents/guardians to book appointments with their son/daughter’s teachers. Good communication and early intervention is important for students to be successful.

Preparation for Graduation is well underway. The Application to Graduate was due on March 1st, and it is very important that all students hand it in. Please come to the office if you need assistance. All grade 12 students are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure they have the required courses and enough credits to graduate. Students who are unsuccessful in compulsory classes at the time of grad registration will have two weeks to get into a position where they have the realistic chance to pass, or they will be removed from the grad list. Home Room Graduation Reps will be selected next week. The Graduation Committee will be responsible for the selection of music for the grand march, banquet menu, and other related items. Room representatives will be seeking input from all students. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The curling and wrestling teams are wrapping up their seasons. Good luck to our Girls A curling team as they compete in Regionals today and tomorrow. Congratulations to the wrestling teams in the team dual with the boys capturing the dual championship and the girls placing second. Individual championships will take place next week. The blue and green basketball teams wrapped up their seasons before the February break. The senior basketball teams are now entering the city playoffs. Good luck to all athletes.

Preparation for the spring drama production of student lead One-Act Plays, is now in full swing. The show will run on Friday, March 31st. Hope to see you there.

God Bless
Lisa Hodson
Principal
Did you Know?

**Student lead Teacher Conferences**

Conferences for semester 2 will take place on Thursday, March 23rd from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm and on Friday, March 24th from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. We will once again be using the on-line booking system.

All families will receive an email on Thursday, March 9th from a DONOTREPLY email address that will contain their username and password to log into the Conference Schedule selection screen. If you do not receive the email please contact the school as soon as possible so that a new email can be sent to you.

Parents are responsible for booking their own conference time beginning on Saturday, March 11th until Monday, March 20th at noon. Once the system is locked no further conference times will be available for booking.

**Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year**

Administrators and Counselors will be presenting to all grade 9-11 classes following the February break to discuss registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

To view the registration handbook, tips for registration and the course selection outlines please visit the registration section of our school web page at [https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/HCH/Pages/Registration.aspx](https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/HCH/Pages/Registration.aspx).

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be open from Monday, February 27th until Friday, March 10th. Students who will be returning to Holy Cross for the 2017-2018 school year are required to go on-line to [https://maplewood.gscs.sk.ca/hch/students/viewer/Login/login.aspx](https://maplewood.gscs.sk.ca/hch/students/viewer/Login/login.aspx) to select their courses. The registration page will no longer be available after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 10th.

**Student Fees**

School fees for the 2016-2017 school year are now past due. Students who wish to order the 2016-2017 yearbook will have until Wednesday, March 15th, after this date the yearbook will no longer be available to be ordered.

Students in Grade 12 who have applied for Graduation are reminded that they must have all their fees paid prior to their Graduation Application be processed.

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

**Christian Ethics**

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, (Rationale, Guidelines, Works of Mercy locations, Church Service Guidelines, and particularly 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 the following link into your browser to find the documents.

Graduation 2017

The first Graduation list has been posted outside of Student Services. Students in Grade 12 are asked to please check the list to ensure their names are spelled correctly how they wish to have them on their Graduation Certificate.

A reminder to students who applied for graduation are reminded that they must be at mid-term and passing all of their required classes by April 18th. This includes any classes being taken through Saskatoon Catholic Cyber school or the Bishop Murray Work Ed program.

Senior Basketball

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On Monday, March 6th our Senior Basketball teams will take on the Bethlehem Stars in the final regular season home games for the 2016-2017 season.

This will be a “Green & White” game as well as our Senior Night where we will honour our graduating players from each team.

Girls tip off at 6:15 pm and boys at 8:00 pm. Guest performances by the Bethlehem Shining Stars and Jr. Pom squads at halftime.

Get your friends together and put on your Green and White gear to come out to cheer on our teams.

Student Directed One-Act Plays

Holy Cross Presents
Student-Directed One-Acts: an evening of short plays entirely directed and performed by our students.

From funny to sweet, these bite-sized plays have a little something for everyone. One Night ONLY! Friday, March 31st, 7:00 pm in the Holy Cross Theatre. Tickets are $5 and will be available at the door.

A message from our School Resource Officer

Quite often Police deal with too many tragedies as a result of youth drinking alcohol and making poor decisions like driving impaired.

If you have a concern about parties/alcohol/students that you feel needs our attention please contact the Police dispatch at 975-8300 so we can keep our youth safe!

We strongly encourage parents to establish open communication with their child regarding the consequences of drinking. Under-age drinking is illegal and can be dangerous.

The Alcohol & Gaming Regulation Act includes but is not limited to:

Sec 115(1)(b)- Minor possess/consume any beverage alcohol -$360 Fine
Sec 110(1) - sell/give beverage alcohol to minor- $1050-Fine

School Resource Officer,
Cst. Doerksen#707
Student Services

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition will be hosting an informational Admissions Night for Pharmacist Awareness Month on March 13th, 2017 at 5:00 in the Apotex Lab of the Health Science Building. This evening is intended for prospective high school and university students interested in applying to Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan. The Admissions Night will host a number of speakers, including: the Dean of the college, the Admissions Officer of Undergraduate Affairs, as well as a number of current students in the pharmacy program. Our goal is to encourage prospective students to apply to the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and to provide information on the application process as well as information on the new PharmD program.

For Grade 12 students accepted to UAlberta
UAlberta will be in Saskatoon on Saturday, March 25 to help students register for the University of Alberta! Students are invited to a Registration 101 session. Students must accept their offer of admission in order to attend. At this session students will: learn to navigate Bear Tracks, build a draft schedule, get advice on course selection for their first year of university, meet fellow incoming first-year students. UAlberta Advisors will be on hand to answer all questions. Limited spots are available. Students must register at uab.ca/reg101.

Connected: Young Women Exploring Careers
Connected will link Gr 10-12 Female Students with Female Mentors from a vast spectrum of career backgrounds. Throughout the evening, the students will be seated with other female students and mentors from the community who are willing to share their career journey. Through organized activities and table discussions, the students will hear stories, career goals/aspirations and life lessons as well as be able to share their own plans for the future. Where? BJM High School When? Tuesday, March 21, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. No cost to the event, dinner is provided, students are responsible for their own transportation. Application forms are available in student services. Deadline to apply is March 7.

Career Events Deadlines
The deadlines for some of the Career Events posted in Student Services are coming up soon - apply asap if you want to attend the following:
Deadline March 6 - Health Link
Deadline March 7 - CONNECTED - Young Women Exploring Careers (evening event)
March 7 - Spotlight on Careers

Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council

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

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

Renew Your Lenten Experience

Foundations: Exploring our Faith Together Lenten Series
“Experience God’s Mercy!” 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 8th & 15th at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner, OMI

Everyone is welcome to one or both sessions. Free will offering. For more information call Rita Taylor at 306-659-5831.
GSCS Annual Round Dance - Wicihitotan

GSCS will be holding its annual Feast and Round Dance - Wicihitotan on Friday, March 17th at St. Mary's Wellness and Education Center. The Feast begins at 3:00 pm with the Round Dance following at 7:00 pm.

For more information please contact Delvin Kanewiyankiho at 306-659-7142.

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 for more information.

From Mourning to Dawn Grief Support

From Mourning to Dawn grief support group for widows and widowers spring session begins March 28. This is a facilitated eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support and encouragement for bereaved spouses, open to participants who have been widows/widowers between 2 months and 2 years. Sessions are held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon from 7-9 p.m. on eight Tuesdays. Cost is $35. To register contact Elan at (306) 679-7717 or email: cic.elan@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Saskatoon Royals City-Wide All Girls Baseball

Registration is now being accepted for Saskatoon Royals Baseball.

Saskatoon Royals is for Girl's age 4 and up. For more information check out our website at www.saskatoonroyalsbaseball.com or email us at saskatoonroyals@hotmail.com.

Royal City Soccer Club

The Royal City Soccer Club presents Soccer Camps 2017.

We offer full day and half day sessions (morning or afternoon). We recommend full day sessions as campers will experience a soccer focus in the morning with a fun leisure swim and/or camp games in the afternoon. If you would like half days sessions and prefer the soccer focus, we recommend registering for the morning sessions.

For dates and times and more information please call 1-800-427-0536 or visit their web page at www.royalsoccer.com.