Principal’s Message

Lent is now upon us. We had our Lenten Liturgy on Ash Wednesday, and Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, March 16th. Thank you to all the priests who have committed their time and to Father Mike and Mr. Saretsky for organizing the morning.

A big thank you is extended to parent council 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!

Jason Evert gave his “Love and Lust” presentation to the Grade 9 and 10 students on February 26th. He was so good we had him back in the afternoon to present to our Grade 11 and some Grade 12 classes! Thank you to One More Soul for sponsoring him and to the Jason Evert organization for providing all the free resources. Our students loved him!

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 9th to select their courses for next year. Students should be able to verify their course selections April 4th. 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, this semester parents will sign up online to book interviews. An email should be sent out today 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 17th from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm and Friday, March 18th from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. 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.

I met briefly with the Grade 12 students on March 1st to give them a few reminders about preparation for Graduation. The Applications to Graduate are now due, 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.

Congratulations are extended to the boys, girls and mixed curling teams on their exciting seasons. The Boys team traveled to Spiritwood while the Girls team traveled to Meadstead for Regionals. Both teams performed well, and lost out in the finals to advance Provincials. Thanks to all of the coaches and athletes for a very enjoyable season.

Junior Blue basketball is now complete. All our teams played very well this season. Both the Blue Girls #1 and Boys #1 team won the Junior City Championships at the year end tournament. Congratulations to all the coaches and players for an excellent season.

The wrestling team is in the midst of the City Tournament this week. Holy Cross will be hosting Provincials on March 11th & 12th. Good luck to all athletes and coaches as they strive for their best performances. The senior basketball teams are now entering the city playoffs. Good luck to all athletes.

Preparation for the spring drama production, Ham(let) and Egg, is now in full swing. Dates for the production are April 13th to 15th. Hope to see you there.
Did you Know?

Parking
- Students are not allowed to park in the Porter Street staff parking lots.
- Students who drive to school can park on the streets surrounding Holy Cross High School or in the student parking lot behind the school on the east side of the gravel lot adjacent to the trees. The parking sites in this lot along the fence line facing the school are assigned to staff.
- Students parking in staff parking sites in any Holy Cross parking lot are subject to a $60 parking ticket.
- Students are advised to be mindful of and obey all parking signs in Holy Cross parking lots. Vehicles parked in contravention of parking signs are subject to a $60 parking ticket.
- The round about in front of the school is a drop off zone. Cars parked in this area are subject to ticketing.
- Students, parents and guests are reminded to not stop on the left hand side of the roundabout as this is a driving lane.
- Reminder that U-turns in school zones are illegal and you can face a $90 fine.

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

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.

Student Parent Teacher Conferences

Semester 2 Student Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, March 17th from 6:30-9:00 pm and on Friday, March 18th from 1:00-3:30 pm.

Today you should receive a message from GSCS in regards to booking conferences with your child's teachers. The interview scheduling program will be available to all Holy Cross families beginning 12:00 am on Monday, March 7th until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 15th.

Parents will be able to go on line to https://apps.gscs.sk.ca/PTC/Logon able to select each of their child's teachers for a conference based on the teachers availability. If your child has a teacher for more than one class you do not need to select them twice unless you feel you will require a double conference.

Parents who had logged in previous to March 7th and requested conferences with teachers will need to resubmit their requests as the system has reset and previous requests have been deleted.

Registration for 2016-2017

Administrators and Counselors will be presenting to all grade 9-11 classes following the February break to discuss registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be open from Thursday, February 25th until Wednesday, March 9th. Students who will be returning to Holy Cross for the 2016-2017 school year are required to go on-line to https://maplewood.gscs.sk.ca/hch/students/viewer/Login/login.aspx to select their courses. The registration page will no longer be available after midnight on Wednesday, March 9th.
SRC News

This month, the SRC will be promoting the Pool of Love! Every year the Food Bank gives us a non-perishable food item that we need to collect. As of right now, the item is still to be decided so pay attention to the notices for further information.

Some activities we have planned for the month include:
- Hot Chocolate Day: March 7th ($1 or 50 cents if you bring your own mug) - Happy Day: March 11th - Candy Bag Sale: March 15th - 16th (50 cents) Green Day: March 17th Ice Cream Day: March 21st ($1) Easter Egg Hunt: March 24th

May God bless you on the rest of your Lenten journey.

Graduation 2016

Thank you to all the grade 12 students who completed the Graduation Application process. A tentative graduation list has been posted with the names of all those who have applied outside of Student Services. Grade 12 students are asked to please check the list carefully for any spelling mistakes and report errors to Mrs. Foltz in Student Services.

Europe 2016

There will be a mandatory student & parent meeting on March 15 at 6:30 pm with our travel agent. All participants along with both parents must be in attendance to sign important documents for travel. If you cannot attend please contact Mr. Augustyn at gaugustyn@gscs.sk.ca.

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.

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.

Staff Appreciation 2016

We would like to sincerely thank the many families that contributed both financially and with donations of food to the Holy Cross Staff Appreciation Week held Feb 8-12. It was a tremendous success.
We were happy to be able to show the staff how much we appreciate all they do at Holy Cross High School. We would also like to sincerely thank "Choices" at St. Thomas More College for generously providing a very delicious full hot meal on Thursday.
HCCS Committee
Student Services

Still haven't selected courses for next year? You are in luck!

Our two school counsellors, Mrs. Remizowski and Mr. Loehndorf are providing Guidance on course selection Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please refer to the following schedule:

Monday, March 7th will be information for Grade 9’s moving into Grade 10
Tuesday, March 8th will be information for Grade 10’s moving into Grade 11
Wednesday, March 9th will be information for Grade 11’s moving into Grade 12

We will meet at noon in room 321. Bring your questions!
Parents are invited to attend.

Grade 11 Exit Plans- students are encouraged to meet with Mrs. Remizowski to discuss their courses for next year, as well as their plans for after Grade 12. There are many opportunities to explore careers for those students still unsure of what direction they would like to take. Make an appointment with Mrs. Foltz in Student Services.

Summer Classes at U of S for you! Get a head start on your degree lighten your course load for the winter session. Many students have done this and have done very well and enjoyed the relief of getting ahead. You can sign up for Integrated Studies 100, Astrology 102, Computer Science 140 or Biology 121. Classes run for three weeks at the end of July. See a counsellor or go to www.summer.usask.ca and www.cs.usask.ca/earlystart (for computer science) for details.

Gr. 11 students: You too may sign up for a university summer class; Computer Science 140. All you need is a 75% average and a desire to learn about the world of Computer Science. The course is accepted as an elective at other universities as well. See a counsellor or go to www.cs.usask.ca/earlystart for details

Any students interested in signing up to donate blood – there is a sign up sheet in student services. The March 16 bus is full, but you can sign your name for future life buses (takes to be announced). Thank you to all the students who have already signed up. Any students who donate will be treated to a pizza lunch and your name will be in for amazing door prizes!
Do you like free money?? Check out the latest Spotlight newsletter for upcoming scholarships that could be for you!!

Come See Investigate - CSI at SaskPolyTech Saskatoon Campus
April 6th from 9 am – 12 pm, for interested Grade 11 and 12 students and also graduated students wanting to learn more about the programs offered at SaskPolyTech. Visit saskpolytech.ca to register. If you need help registering, please see Ms. Hofmann in student services

Great Plains College – Warman Campus Open House and Information Night Drop in from 6 to 8 p.m. 202 Central Street, Warman. Learn about local programs, scholarship opportunities and financial aid. Refreshments, door prizes and tours are available. Visit greatplainscollege.ca for more information.

Find out if Sask Polytech is right for you. Join us for an informative evening session at a campus near you. Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in all campus. The event will include the following:
• Brief overview of Saskatchewan Polytechnic
• Diversity of programming and the type of training we provide
• Advantages of a Saskatchewan Polytechnic education
• The admission process
• Services offered to students
• General tour of the campus
Specific program instructors may also be present to answer your questions, but due to program commitments, some program areas may not be in attendance. Parents are also welcome to attend! Registration is required, go to http://saskpolytech.ca and look for it under events near the bottom.

Conexus Community Youth Leadership Award

Conexus will be offering 30 - $500 Community Youth Leadership Awards across the province. Applications will be open from February 8th – April 1st. The award is presented to a graduating high school student who demonstrates co-operative spirit, community involvement, and leadership. Our goal is to promote the benefits of being a Conexus Credit Union member and to
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

Your presence helps us put faith in education.

E.D. Feehan Fundraiser Gala

The annual E.D. Feehan Fundraiser Gala will be taking place on April 9th, 2016 at E.D. Feehan Catholic High school. The “Feehan family” is a vibrant, diverse school community in Saskatoon’s inner city. All proceeds from this event support students directly through the school’s extracurricular programming. This includes a full range of athletic teams, clubs, a drama guild and cultural programming. Support from the community through this gala ensures that the student fees, travel expenses and other costs associated with these activities are never a barrier to participation. For information on supporting the gala by attending or making a donation, visit our event page at https://edfeehan.inviteright.com/gala, contact the school at (306) 659-7550 or email at feehan.gala@gmail.com. We sold out last year – buy your tickets today!

Holy Cross Class of 1976 40th Reunion

Plans are in the works for a 40th reunion celebration in July of this year. If you are a graduate of the Class of ’76 or have a family member who was in this class we are looking for current contact information for you. Please email Bernie (Miazga) Moser at bmoser1@hotmail.com or Cheryl (Vaillant) Carlson at cheryl.carlson@sasktel.net with email address or phone number.

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Softball Registration Open

Registration for the Saskatoon Raiders 2016 softball season is now open.

There is a league for all skill levels starting with the Learn to Play program for kids born 2006-12 and the junior league for players born 2000-2005. Registration deadline for the junior league is Feb. 26.

For more information visit or to register online visit www.saskatoonraiderssoftball.ca.
Community Easter Services

**Cathedral of the Holy Family**

*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper; 9:00 pm Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament; 11:45 pm Night Prayer

*Good Friday* - 10:00 am Morning Prayer; 3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Death; 6:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Death

*Good Friday Vigil at the Cross* - 9:00 pm until Saturday at 10:00 am

*Holy Saturday* - 10:00 am Morning prayer; 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

*Easter Sunday* - 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass; 11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass; 7:30 pm Easter Sunday Solemn Evening Vespers

**Holy Spirit**

*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

*Good Friday* - 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion; 6:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

*Good Friday Vigil at the Cross* - 9:00 pm until 9:30 am Saturday

*Holy Saturday* - 9:00 pm Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil Mass) 

*Easter Sunday* - 10:00 am Resurrection of the Lord; 12:00 pm Resurrection of the Lord (Please note there will be no 7:00 pm Mass)

**St. Augustine**

*Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm Mass; 11:45 pm Night Prayer

*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**

*Stations of the Cross* - 5:00 pm Every Friday during Lent

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/](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 Divine Liturgy with Vespers, Washing of Feet

*Good Friday* - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian/English), 3:00 pm Exposition of the Holy Shroud - Plashchanystia

*Vigil at the Lord’s Grave following the service until Saturday at 2:00 pm*

8:00 pm Jerusalem Matins

*Holy Saturday* - 2:30 pm Divine Liturgy 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 Divine Liturgy

*Bright Monday* - 8:30 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

For more information on Ukrainian Catholic Parish’s in Saskatoon please visit the Eparchy of Saskatoon web page at [http://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/](http://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/)