

Principal's Message



Dear Holy Cross Families,

It seems so hard to believe that I am writing a summer newsletter message!! It truly has flown by so quickly this past year.

As we come to the close of another wonderful school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, staff, and families for making this year such a meaningful and successful one. We are truly blessed at Holy Cross School to have such a faith-filled and caring community.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed tremendous positive growth in our students — academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. It has been inspiring to see our students embrace challenges, celebrate achievements, and continue to grow in faith and character each day.

I am deeply thankful for the dedication and commitment of our exceptional staff, who work tirelessly to create a nurturing, faith-filled learning environment where every child can thrive. Their passion, care, and unwavering support make our school community truly special. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the unwavering dedication of Mrs. Elaine Pankiw, who, after 40 years of devotion and service to Holy Cross School, will retire at the end of this school year. We have been blessed to have her and call her a Holy Cross Saint these past 40 years.

To our families, thank you for your partnership, encouragement, and trust. Your involvement and support strengthen the connection between home, school, and parish, helping our students flourish.

Most importantly, we celebrate our students, whose kindness, enthusiasm, resilience, and joyful spirit bring life to our halls each day. We are so proud of all they have accomplished this year.

As summer begins, I hope every family enjoys a season of rest, renewal, and quality time together. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe throughout the summer months.

For those staff, students, and families who will be moving on to the next journey in their lives, we wish you all of God's blessings and graces.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting school year ahead.

I leave you with this prayer of blessing and protection for the summer.

Summer Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we come to the close of another school year, we pause with grateful hearts for the many blessings You have poured upon our school community. Thank You for the growth, learning, friendships, and faith that have strengthened us throughout these months.

As summer break begins, we ask for Your loving protection over all our students, families, teachers, and staff. Keep each person safe in their travels, activities, and daily lives. Surround them with Your angels and guide them always in Your peace.

Grant our students joyful days of rest and renewal. May this summer be filled with laughter, meaningful time with loved ones, and opportunities to grow closer to You. Refresh the minds and spirits of our teachers and staff after their dedicated service this year. Help us all to remember that Your presence goes with us wherever we are. May we continue to live with kindness, compassion, and faith during the summer months.

Bring us back together in the fall renewed in body, mind, and spirit, ready to continue learning and growing as a Catholic school community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessings,
Mrs. Walker





A Letter of Appreciation

With heartfelt gratitude

On behalf of Holy Cross School, congratulations to Mrs. Pankiw after 40 remarkable years of faithful service here at Holy Cross School.

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful young lady who loved to babysit. She always thought that children were precious and a gift from God. She loved her job so much that she became a teacher at Holy Cross School.

Mrs. Pankiw has been teaching at Holy Cross for 40 years. Most of her career was spent in grade 3 and kindergarten. She is always gentle but firm with students; her voice is consistently calm and kind.

Her dedication to Catholic education has touched generations of students, families, and colleagues. Through patience, wisdom, and unwavering faith, she has helped shape not only young minds but also compassionate hearts rooted in Christian values.

For four decades, she answered a true vocation with grace and humility. Her commitment to nurturing each child's God-given potential has left a lasting legacy within our school community. The countless lives she has influenced are a testament to her generosity, leadership, and deep love for teaching.

Our wish for Mrs. Pankiw.....

As you begin this new chapter, may you take great pride in all you have accomplished and find joy in the memories you have created throughout your career. We pray that God blesses you with good health, happiness, and many peaceful moments in the years ahead.

Thank you for your extraordinary service, your steadfast faith, and the countless ways you have enriched our Catholic school community. You will be deeply missed, but your legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all those you have guided and inspired.

Wishing you all of God's blessings and graces as you enter into the new chapter in your life.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest congratulations,

The students, families, and staff of Holy Cross School.

PS, may there be many large McDonald's coffees, regular with two creams!!!!

Thank you 

THANK YOU!

Our Holy Cross Community would like to wish a warm thank you to Miss. Breanne Beaubien and Mr. Braden Klassen for their hard work and dedication this school year! Best of luck in your next adventure!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Sonia Batish for her care and time spent with our grade 1 students. She will be returning to Holy Cross in the fall.

Returning to Holy Cross in the fall is Ms. Kate McArthur who will be rejoining us as our grade 1 teacher!

*Best
Wishes*

HCS STAFF FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

MS. SHERRY SANKOH – KINDERGARTEN

MS. KATE MCARTHUR – GRADE ONE

MRS. JESSICA SAN JUAN – GRADES ONE-TWO SPLIT

MRS. MARIIA POLISHCHUK – GRADE TWO

MR. DALE KRAWCHUK – GRADE THREE

MR. BRADEN EWCHUK – GRADE FOUR

MRS. JEAN GULOWATY – GRADE FOUR

MRS. SONIA BATISH – GRADE FIVE

MRS. MARITA PEREZ – GRADE FIVE

MS. LAURA EBBELING – GRADE SIX

MRS. NATASHIA VISELLI-ANDERSON – GRADE SIX

MR. ROM CIRIC – GRADE SEVEN

MR. NICK JONES – GRADE SEVEN

DR. ANJU BAJAJ – GRADE EIGHT

MRS. CHERYL MUNRO – GRADE EIGHT

MRS. MICHELLE HENSHAW – MUSIC

MR. BRENDAN BILAWKA – PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

MRS. HEATHER LAMPMAN – RELIGION

MRS. SHERILL VERA CRUZ – MIDDLE YEARS FLEX SUBJECTS

MS. KAREN STUBBS – RESOURCE



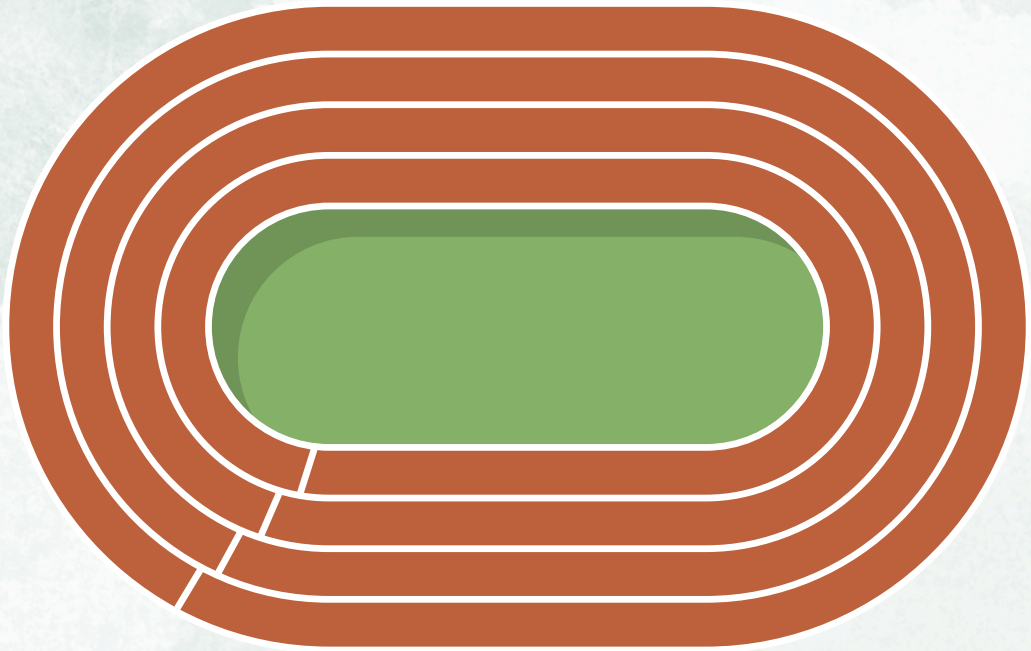
Important Dates For September 2026

August 31st	HCS office re-opens
September 7th	Labour Day (No School)
September 8th	No School
September 9th	First Day Back for 1-8 Group 1 Kindergarten
September 10th	Group 2 Kindergarten
September 11th	Full Kinder + Gr. 7 AT
September 14th	PAC Used Uniform Sale
September 15th	Mass + Gr. 8 AT
September 17th	Welcome Back BBQ
September 22nd	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM
September 24th	Grade 7 Retreat
September 29th	Orange Shirt Day Colour Day
September 30th	Truth and Reconciliation Day No School

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SPORTS REPORT TRACK AND FIELD

CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR TRACK AND
FIELD ATHLETES ON THEIR EXCELLENT
SHOWING AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TRACK AND FIELD MEET!



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Holy Cross
Parent Advisory Council



**Become a voice for your family,
help shape the school experience!**

Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate!
First Meeting September 22nd,
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September 24th, 2026



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CAMP SCHEDULE

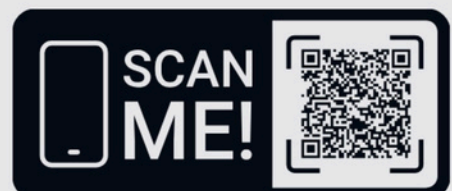
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MS (GR.6/7/8) 6:00 - 8:00 PM
JV (GR.9/10) 8:00 - 10:00 PM

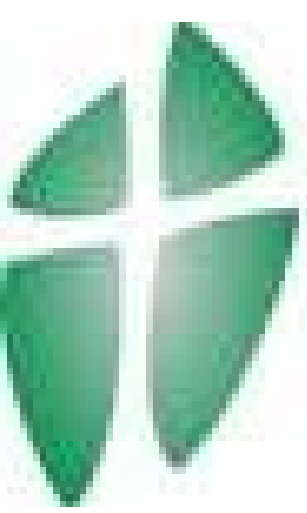
WEEK 3 AUGUST 10 - 14
MS (GR.6/7/8) 6:00 - 8:00 PM
JV (GR 9/10) 8:00 - 10:00 PM

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ST. MALO CATHOLIC CAMPS IS ABLE TO OFFER
THE FOLLOWING CAMPS:

JULY 9TH -12TH FAMILY CAMP 1

JULY 16TH -19TH FAMILY CAMP 2

JULY 20TH -21ST ENGLISH 5-8

JULY 23RD - 24TH FRENCH 5-8

JULY 30TH - AUGUST 2ND FAMILY CAMP 3

AUGUST 9TH - 14TH BILINGUAL 15-17

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