

School Council Newsletter

October
2020

Thank you to those that attended our Annual General Meeting at the end of September and our first regularly scheduled meeting this Wednesday. Here are some highlights for your information.

Annual General Meeting. Our AGM was held (virtually) Sep 30 for both **School Council** (our school parent's advisory group) and **Parents' Society** (our fundraising association). Elections were held for both Boards and the Society financials for 2019-2020 were presented. *Meet your elected Executive and Representatives for the 2020-2021 school year on the following page.*

National Custodial Workers Recognition Day was Oct 2. We were not able to go into the school this year to put up a "Thank you" billboard, but in recognition of the great job and extra duties our custodial staff is doing at Holy Cross, we presented them with "Thank you" cards and gift cards to show our appreciation and celebrate the day. Thank you to our custodial staff: Tesfaye Hunde, Allan Palleria, and Sancho Fabregas for all you do at Holy Cross!

Hamper Program. We recognize that these are hard times and that there are families at Holy Cross that may need a little extra help. Because of the extraordinary response during our Spring Hamper initiative last May, we had a surplus and were able to provide Thanksgiving hampers this year in addition to our planned Christmas hampers. Thank you to Kathryn Lennon for coordinating the Hamper Program initiative.



If you are someone or know someone in need of assistance from our Hamper Program, please contact holycrosshampers@gmail.com. Only the organizer has access to this email and all information is kept strictly confidential.

Cancelled Events. Due to COVID-restrictions, we have cancelled the following events until further notice: APPLES in the Office, Healthy Hot Dog Days, Lunch Lady, Halloween Dance, APPLE family nights, Family movie night, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast, and our annual June BBQ. The Grade 9 trip and all future trips have also been cancelled and there will be no Grade 8 fundraising this year.

Reimagining Initiatives. Because of the restrictions, we are also reimagining some of our other initiatives, including Celebration of Learning, Staff Appreciation Week, Rosary Circle, and Joy Bags. Stay tuned for details.

Water-Filling Stations. ECSD will be providing us with 2 water-filling stations. Since we have 3 floors, the Society will be purchasing a third water-filling station for the school.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month during the school year, although we may not have a meeting every month. Meetings are always open to all those involved in the school community, including parents, guardians, and staff. We encourage you to join us whenever you can.

If you have any ideas for new events, suggestions for speakers, questions, or a topic you want to know more about let us know at holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Oct 15 – Deadline for final decision for learning in-person vs. remote

end Oct – CCAT (gr.6-9)

Nov 1 – Catholic Education Sunday

School Closures

Oct 29 – Staff Development

Nov 11 –Remembrance Day

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and we hope you all have a fun and safe Halloween!

Liaison Corner

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Sign up for **Flocknote** at <https://stjecc.flocknote.com> or by texting SJECC to 514-900-0130 and St. John's will send you spiritual messages and other information.

Registration is required to attend **Mass** (45 people max at one Mass). Register through Flocknote or email www.stjohnsevanglist.edm.caedm.ca.

On Sept. 14 the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories released a pastoral statement called "[On the Impact of COVID-19 & the Call to Christian Renewal](#)". Over the next seven weeks, [Grandin Media](#) will be hosting seven panel discussions on the themes referenced in the letter.

Sacramental Prep is resuming; call 480-452-3988 to register your child.

40 Days for Life (Sep 23-Nov 1) see [Bulletin](#) or contact dawnmegic@gmail.com for more information.

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

ASCA is a non-profit society that supports school councils across Alberta by facilitating discussions between schools, parents, and various levels of government to enhance student learning. Check out their initiatives and resources!

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

CPF continues to advocate for French immersion during at-home learning. Many other school divisions are not offering French immersion programming while at home, so we are grateful that Edmonton Catholic continues to do so.

Become a CPF member! If you'd like to [become a member of CPF](#), you can do so for FREE at the moment! This free membership will allow you to connect with other parents who value French education, and will also give you access to the [CPF national conference](#) taking place **October 13th to 18th**. Can't attend live? No problem! Recordings of most sessions will remain online until January 31st, 2021 for you to watch when you have time.

Check out CPF at <https://cpf.ca>.

Positions Still Available

If you are interested in the following, please email holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Fundraising Coordinator. Attends meetings regularly and is responsible for planning and executing 2-3 fundraisers a year. This includes promoting fundraisers, collecting orders, and coordinating volunteers for delivery, depending on the fundraiser.

APPLE Schools' Liaison. Plans and executes 2-3 family activity nights (soccer night, floor hockey, zumba) and keeps up to date on the APPLE Schools' website and guidelines to serve as a resource/contact for parents regarding the APPLE Schools Program.

2020-2021 Executive and Representatives

Chair - Veronica Coronado

Veronica has two daughters at Holy Cross (Grade 2 & Grade 5). Both are attending remotely this year. This is Veronica's 5th year on Council and 3rd year as Chair.

Vice-Chair - Kristine Belamisco

This is Kristine's 5th year on Council. Kristine has three kids at Holy Cross; a daughter in Grade 4, one son in Grade 6, and another son in Grade 9. Kristine attended Holy Cross for both elementary and junior high and is back for her 3rd term as Vice-Chair.

Treasurer - Geraldine Simpson

Geraldine is back for her 3rd year as Treasurer. She has two children at Holy Cross; one in Grade 9 and the other in Grade 4; and is passionate about creating an inclusive and positive school environment.

Secretary - Sandra Perrin

Sandra is returning to Council this year as its Secretary. She has two daughters at Holy Cross, in Grades 6 & 8, and is happy to be joining the team again.

Catholic Education Liaison - Dawn Megic

Dawn is back for her 5th year as Catholic Education Liaison. Dawn has two children; a daughter in Grade 6 at Holy Cross and a son in University. Dawn's family have been parishioners at St. John's for 27 years and Dawn was an original founder of the Women's Bible study group.

ASCA Liaison - Rosemarie Jordan

Rosemarie has been inspired by both her kids to help support their education by participating in decisions that impact their learning through their respective school councils. This is Rosemarie's 4th year on Council at Holy Cross as ASCA liaison.

French Education Liaison - Lise Belzile

Lise has a son in Grade 9 at Holy Cross. She is Francophone and attended Holy Cross herself. This is Lise's 3rd year on Council as French Education Liaison and she is happy to support French education on Council.



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Reminder that when you shop at COBS Crestwood and mention that you are helping "Raise dough for Holy Cross", 5% of your purchase will be donated back to the Parents' Society. All monies raised will be used to support School Council events and initiatives.

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