



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Holy Cross Families,

Spring has sprung and as we head into spring break, we are reminded about the renewal of life that spring always brings to us.

We have had a busy time since Christmas with so much learning packed into three months.

We celebrated Catholic Schools week, and most recently, Shrove Tuesday with pancakes galore. Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers and PAC, the helpers from St. Boniface Diocesan High School and our own Mr. Bourquin for providing us with a great pancake breakfast.

Our Lenten journey continues and each of our classes has been given the name of a religious sister to pray for during Lent who has either taught here at Holy Cross School or at other Catholic Schools and has been of service through their vocations.

Looking forward to spring break, we wish you all a restful and peaceful time off. May you enjoy the time with family and friends, the beautiful weather, and come back with renewed energy, ready to take on the excitement of new learning opportunities that lie ahead in April, May, and June. Let's make this a memorable and enriching time for everyone!! Just as these crocuses are emerging from the snow, we too will emerge from winter blossoming into spring!!

Blessings,

Mrs. Walker



Mark your Calendar



April Dates

April 7th	School Resumes
April 8th	Holy Cross School Science Fair
April 9th + 10th	Bison Regional Science Fair
April 18th	Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
April 21st	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
April 22nd	Early Dismissal @ 2PM Krispy Kreme Donut order forms due back
May 1st	Grade 8 Grad Photos + class photos

See our School calendar for important dates coming up in May and June!

SPORTS REPORT



Congratulations to our boys and girls competitive teams on an excellent season! They played hard all season and put forth a great effort. Both teams finished 3rd overall! Way to go Saints!

Badminton season will begin in April, watch the weekly update for a tryout schedule.

Track and Field will begin in May with the school meet happening sometime in May and the Divisional meet taking place on June 9th (7/8's) and June 10th (4-6) for those who have qualified.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

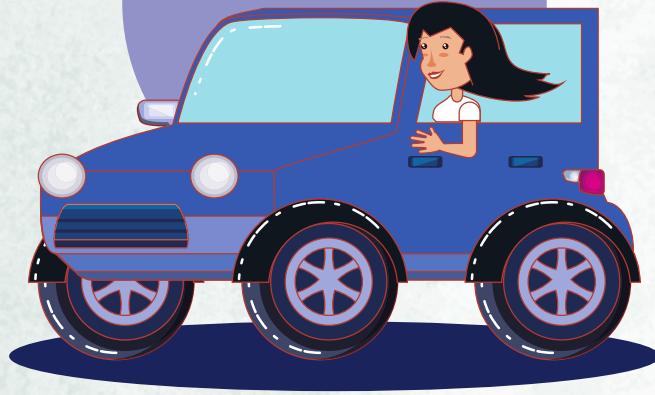
CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S HARD WORK AT THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR!

THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 8TH FROM 8:45 AM TO 3:00 PM. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE PUBLIC VIEWING AT 2:00 PM, WHERE YOU CAN WITNESS THE INCREDIBLE PROJECTS OF OUR BUDDING SCIENTISTS! YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY FROM 2:15 TO 3:00 PM.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR DISPLAY BOARD AND ALL SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT MATERIALS ON THE FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL ON APRIL 7, 2025. ANY VALUABLE ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR TO ENSURE THEY REMAIN SAFE AND SECURE.

IF YOUR CHILD IS PARTICIPATING IN THE BISON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 4TH. WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE LAST-MINUTE ENTRIES, AS WE WANT TO ENSURE AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO EARN PRIZES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RESULTS AT THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR.

DRIVES SAFELY



PICK UP AND DROP OFF REMINDERS

Please remember parents that during AM and PM Drop-off on Dubuc Street we CANNOT double park on the front street. That area is reserved for our kindergarten and pre-k parents to drop their children off safely. There is ample parking and drop-off space behind the school for all 1-8 students.

For AM and PM pickup/drop-off in the back a reminder that when entering the parking lot off of Genthon Street to please turn RIGHT when accessing the parking lot and travel around the parking to drop-off and then leave through the same entrance. Continuing straight causes delays and traffic jams.

Additionally on the Bramar side back alley please do not stop on both sides of the lane as it makes it difficult for other cars to pass. Please stay to the left hand side of the backlane on the Bramar side. Thank you.

The logo for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, featuring the brand name in a red, cursive font with a green outline, and the word "DOUGHNUTS" in a green, blocky font below it.

DOUGHNUTS

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS: MOTHERS DAY KRISPY KREME DONUT FUNDRAISER

ATTENTION HOLY CROSS FAMILIES

The Holy Cross Parents Advisory Council (PAC) is very excited to offer you a new fundraiser to help us continue to put on special schools events like the Welcome Back BBQ, and Shrove Tuesday Pancake breakfast as well as assist in making upgrades to the school such as purchasing loft boards for classrooms or water fountains for the school.

This April we will be running a Mother's Day Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser to help us raise funds for various events put on by the PAC for Holy Cross School. Each Family will receive an order sheet for them to sell Krispy Kreme Donuts to their family and friends. Each box of 12 will be sold for \$15.00/box which is not only cheaper than buying it from Krispy Kreme but saves you the drive there!

The order forms are due back on Tuesday, April 22nd in order to make sure the donuts are ready for pick up. Donut orders will be available for pick up on Friday, May 9th between 3-5:30. Families are responsible for picking up all the donuts they have sold and distributing.

A prize will be given to the top selling family in the form of a \$100.00 gift card which can be used towards taking out mom for a nice mothers day meal. A second prize of a \$50.00 gift card will be given out by random draw to one of our families who have sold donuts.

A reminder that this is cash only! No cheques or e-transfers will be accepted. Families must collect and bring in all the money for the donuts sold. If you have any questions please email Natalie @ holycrosspac@gmail.com.

Thank you for you support of Holy Cross and our Parent Advisory Council.

SPRING BREAK MOOSE TICKETS



ATTENTION HOLY CROSS FAMILIES

Students and Families

Make the most of your spring break with the Manitoba Moose! Grab a seat to one of our four upcoming games over the Break, **starting at just \$15**. It's the perfect opportunity to round up your friends, family, or classmates and make the most of your well-deserved week off!

Pick the game that works best for your schedule:

Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. vs. Laval Rocket (starting at \$15)

Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. vs. Laval Rocket (starting at \$15)

Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves (starting at \$20)

(Northern Lights - Collector Pin Giveaway – first 1,000 fans)

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves (starting at \$20)

(Autism Acceptance in support of St. Amant Foundation)

[BUYNOW]link:

<https://fevoenterprise.com/group/Project11thankyou>

CONGRATS DR. BAJAJ!

Dr. Anju Bajaj Honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal and BioScience Educator of the Year Award

Dr. Anju Bajaj, a STEM educator at Holy Cross School and STEM Advisor Manitoba Catholic Schools in Winnipeg, has recently been honoured with two prestigious awards: the King Charles III Coronation Medal and the BioScience Educator of the Year Award.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was presented to Dr. Bajaj by The Honourable Terry Duguid, Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada. This medal recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their communities across Canada, emphasising service, environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the nation's rich diversity. Upon receiving the medal, Dr. Bajaj expressed her gratitude, stating, "This recognition is not just a personal achievement—it is a testament to the incredible people, mentors, and communities who have shaped my journey."

In addition to this honour, Dr. Bajaj was named the BioScience Educator of the Year by the BioScience Association Manitoba (BAM). This award celebrates educators who have inspired and empowered youth to explore the world of bioscience. Reflecting on this achievement, Dr. Bajaj remarked, "Standing on that stage, I couldn't help but reflect on the journey that brought me here. The first time I received this honour from BAM in 2018 as Outstanding Science Educator of the Year, it was more than just an award—it was a turning point."

Dr. Bajaj's dedication to STEM education is evident through her various roles, including serving as a Let's Talk Science Teacher Leader, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba, SCWIST volunteer, consultant, researcher, and dynamic public speaker. She is also the founder and coordinator of the nationally accredited Bison Regional Science Fair, providing a platform for students to showcase their scientific talents.

Beyond her contributions to STEM, Dr. Bajaj is committed to holistic student development, creating hands-on learning experiences that foster academic excellence as well as social, emotional, and physical growth. Her leadership extends to organising clubs and programs that connect STEM with real-world applications, igniting a deep appreciation for science among students.

These recent accolades add to Dr. Bajaj's impressive list of honours, including the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM. Her relentless pursuit of excellence and passion for empowering the next generation underscore her invaluable contributions to education and community service.

