



Holy Cross, March 2024

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# Spring has sprung!

The home stretch has begun ☺



# The Joy of Easter



Oh, dear Lord, when I first learned  
about your Crucifixion,  
fear was in my heart.

Knowing what they did to you  
is hard to understand.  
I was worried that we lost you  
but trusted, this was planned.

Now, I understand the joy  
your painful path would bring.  
Now, I know your sacrifice  
that we rejoice and sing.

Behold the joy of Easter,  
the miracle we were shown.  
Rejoice your Resurrection,  
our faith forever sown.

May the Lord bless all the families of Holy Cross School with peace, love, and joy  
this Easter season. May your hearts be filled with the wonder of a new life in Jesus.

## Principal's Message

We welcome spring and the signs of life it brings. The sun shines brighter as we continue to live and learn in our school community.

We have had a very busy second term that saw a very well-attended open house, science fair kick-off, Black History Month in February, and Catholic Schools Week. Our students had a wonderful time with the bowling and the sock hop. We were honoured to have the MLA for St. Boniface, Robert Loiselle come and read to several of our classes. He entertained them with his reading and very generously donated \$150.00 worth of books to our school library.

During the season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday with mass with St. Boniface Diocesan High School, presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Le Gatt, we were reminded to renew our hearts and reflect on what is really important in life. Jesus, who died on the cross for us, calls us to care for each other and to do the best we can with the gifts we have been given.

In March we celebrated I Love to Read Month with reading and activities. Our grade seven and eight classes went to Camp Manitou. Several students went with Dr. Bajaj to the Learning for Sustainable Future Youth Forum at the Human Rights Museum.

We are thankful for the blessings that Easter will bring us. As we move into spring break, the new growth and signs of new life that surround us at this time of year let us remember that Easter is a season of hope and renewal. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death and His promise of eternal life for us. Easter provides us with the opportunity to revisit and renew our relationships with friends and family. We are one body through our baptism in Christ and consequently, we have a responsibility to reach out to one another with love. We wish all the members of our school community a blessed Easter season and safety, peace, and a restful spring break.

May the joy of the risen Lord be with you!

Yours in Catholic education.

Catherine Walker



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April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday; No school
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Resumes
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Class Photos/School Photo
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Cross Science Fair
April 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Bison Regional Science Fair
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Early Dismissal @ 2 PM
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6-8 Immunizations
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	PAC meeting

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No School
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day; No School
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Early Dismissal @ 2 PM
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Tea
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting

June 14 <sup>th</sup>	No School
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal @ 2 PM
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Final PAC Meeting
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Grad
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Farewell
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School! Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM; No Program, no lunch

**Be sure to check the website calendar and weekly news updates for up-to-date information.**



All families are invited to attend the PAC Meetings!

PACs are a great opportunity to engage, inform and empower families and school partnerships. Research shows that when families are positively involved in their children's school experience, there is a positive effect on overall student achievement. PACs provide opportunities for parents to get involved and know what is going on in their child's school as well as provide a voice for parents to have a say in their child's education. It's also a place to share ideas and connect with families.

For more details e-mail: [pacholycrossschool@gmail.com](mailto:pacholycrossschool@gmail.com)

We would love to see you!



Families are asked to continue to monitor their child's health every day prior to sending them to school and follow best practices. If you think your child has an illness that can be spread to others please keep them at home. If while at school your child exhibits cold or flu like symptoms such as, but not limited too; fever, runny nose, headache, or nausea, families will be contacted to pick their child up from school and take them home. The winter weather makes these symptoms even more prevalent!

**Please, call the school office by 9:00 AM. If your child is going to be late or absent, please remind your child to sign in at the office if they are late!**





## Sports Report:

Congratulations to our boys and girls' competitive basketball teams!

They had an amazing season coached by Mr. Ewchuk, Mr. Paulic, and Ms. Cruse.

Both teams made it to the final weekend of the playoffs with the boys finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall in tier two.

The girls had an amazing run to finish the season as this year's tier 2 champions! Congrats to all of our girls on their amazing effort this season and to Coach Cruse for all her hard work. Way to Go Girls and way to go Saints!

We are looking forward to a successful badminton season upcoming!



**March 15, 2024**

**Re: Be Vigilant for Measles – Rise in Imported Cases in Canada**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Caregivers:

There has been a significant rise in measles cases in many parts of the world. Most confirmed cases of measles in Canada are in returning travellers who were infected abroad. To date, there have been no laboratory confirmed cases in Manitoba in 2023/24.

Measles is very contagious. The most recognized symptom of measles is a red, blotchy rash, which often begins on the face and spreads down the body. Other common symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Measles is a serious illness, especially for young children, and can result in lung and brain infections and other conditions that lead to serious complications or death.

The best protection against measles is vaccination. As part of Manitoba's routine immunization schedule, children can receive two doses of a measles vaccine to protect against the disease; either the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine or the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine that also provides protection against chicken pox. This vaccination is given at 12 months and again between the ages of four and six years. Together, these doses provide 97 per cent protection against measles. In addition to those doses, children age 6 months to under 12 months are eligible for 1 dose of MMR vaccine if travelling to a measles endemic country.

The full list of eligibility criteria for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccines in Manitoba can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>

**Immunization Records:**

You can get your immunization record by submitting a request via the e-form  
<https://forms.gov.mb.ca/immunization-update-request/>.

You may also be able to get a copy by:

1. Contacting your local public health office,  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/offices.html>
2. Checking if your local medical clinic or physician's office can provide them to you, or
3. Asking at a local nursing station or health centre.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR:

As a reminder, for pick up and drop off, the back lane is now a 1 way drop off entering off of Niverville and exiting onto Braemar to help aid in traffic flow during the morning and after school times. Please refer to which door you should be entering and which door you will be exiting through after school!

**During Morning and afternoon pick up:** A reminder to parents that the area by the yellow poles in the back parking lot is a **No-parking zone**. Cones have been set up around that area as a reminder but please remember when dropping off your children to no stop in that area.

**Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Students:** Use the **Gym Door** (located at the front of the gym) for entry at **8:15 a.m.** and **exit at 3:00 p.m.** on Dubuc Street.

**Grade 1 to 8 students** will meet at the rear of the school (**Parking Lot**) The doors open for student entry at **8:20 a.m. and exit at 3:00 p.m. Supervision is provided until 8:30 and 3:15 p.m.** Doors will be opened at 8:15 a.m. in the case of inclement weather.

Outside supervision is provided between, **8:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** It is **unsafe** to drop your child off at school and leave them unattended. Students who are outside and unaccompanied by their guardians will be directed to Before & After Care. Dismissal at the end of the day begins at 3:00 p.m. Families are to wait outside until the hallways are clear before they enter the school.

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## SCIENCE FAIR NEWS 🏆📖

Dear Families of Holy Cross School Grades 4-8,

Exciting times are upon us as we gear up for our annual Holy Cross School Science Fair (April 16<sup>th</sup>) and to host the Bison Regional Science Fair (BRSF) from April 17-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024! We warmly invite all Grade 4-8 students to participate and showcase their scientific talents alongside peers from Catholic and Independent schools. We encourage you to collaborate with your child as they embark on this scientific journey, selecting, investigating, and reporting on an area of science that sparks their curiosity. Your involvement and encouragement will play a vital role in making this project a truly enriching experience.

We urge parents to empower their children to take ownership of their projects. While it may be tempting to craft a flawless project, true learning comes from grappling with challenges and seeking solutions. Let's prioritize the process over perfection, as it's through tackling problems that real growth occurs. Remember, success in our science fair isn't measured by ribbons or trophies but by the knowledge gained and the curiosity ignited.

Each year, our Holy Cross students from grades 4-8 eagerly participate in the Bison Regional Science Fair (BRSF), one of Canada's largest science fairs. With challenges ranging from Agriculture Fisheries & Food to Digital Technology, this event aims to foster youth advancement in STEM fields through hands-on experimentation and research. Participation in BRSF cultivates essential skills such as scientific inquiry, research, exploration, experimentation, and communication, empowering students to tackle society's pressing issues.

For those who haven't yet joined, it's not too late! Further details and registration information can be found on the [Registration | Bison \(youthscience.ca\)](https://youthscience.ca). Students who've already received gold, silver, or bronze medals are encouraged to participate and vie for additional honours with their existing projects.

Mark your calendars for the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 17-18th at the Holy Cross School Gymnasium. We extend a warm invitation to all community members to join us for the awards ceremony from 3-5 PM, where we'll celebrate our young scientists' achievements.

As we prepare for this year's fairs, we require judges for both the Holy Cross School Annual Science Fair on April 16th, 2024, and the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 17th to 18th, 2024. If you're interested in volunteering as a judge, please register directly via this [Registration Link](#)

We eagerly anticipate your participation in our upcoming Holy Cross School and Bison Regional Science Fair. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or suggestions.

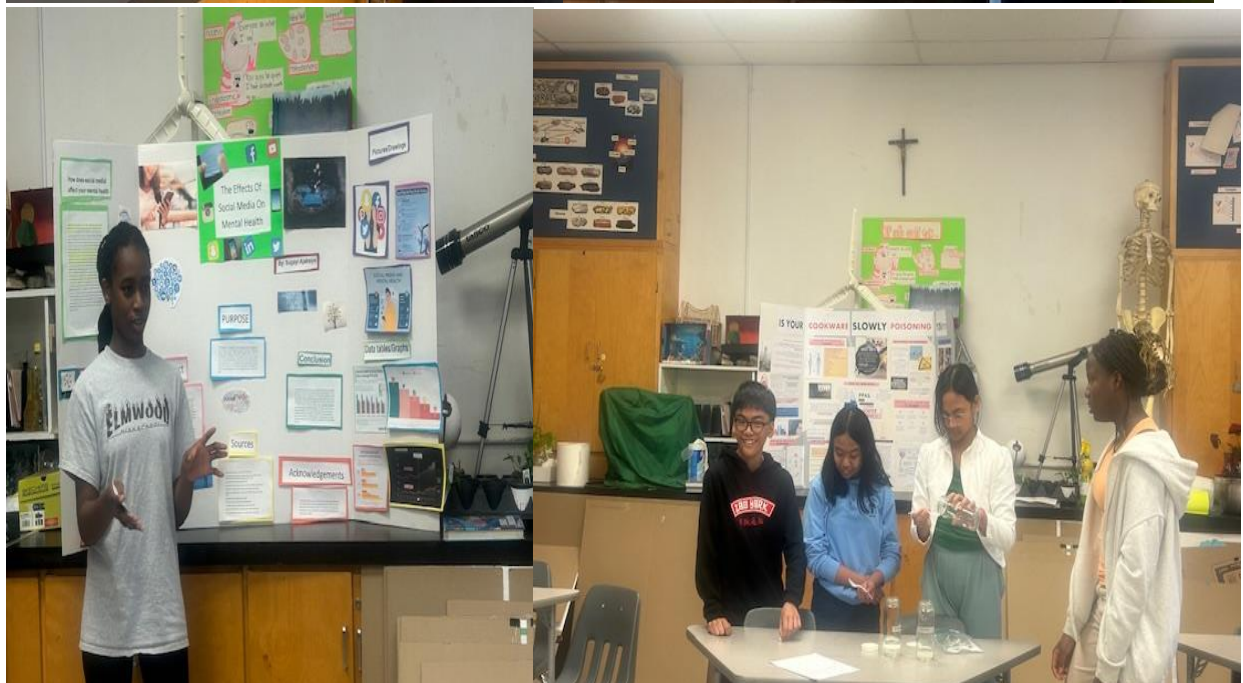
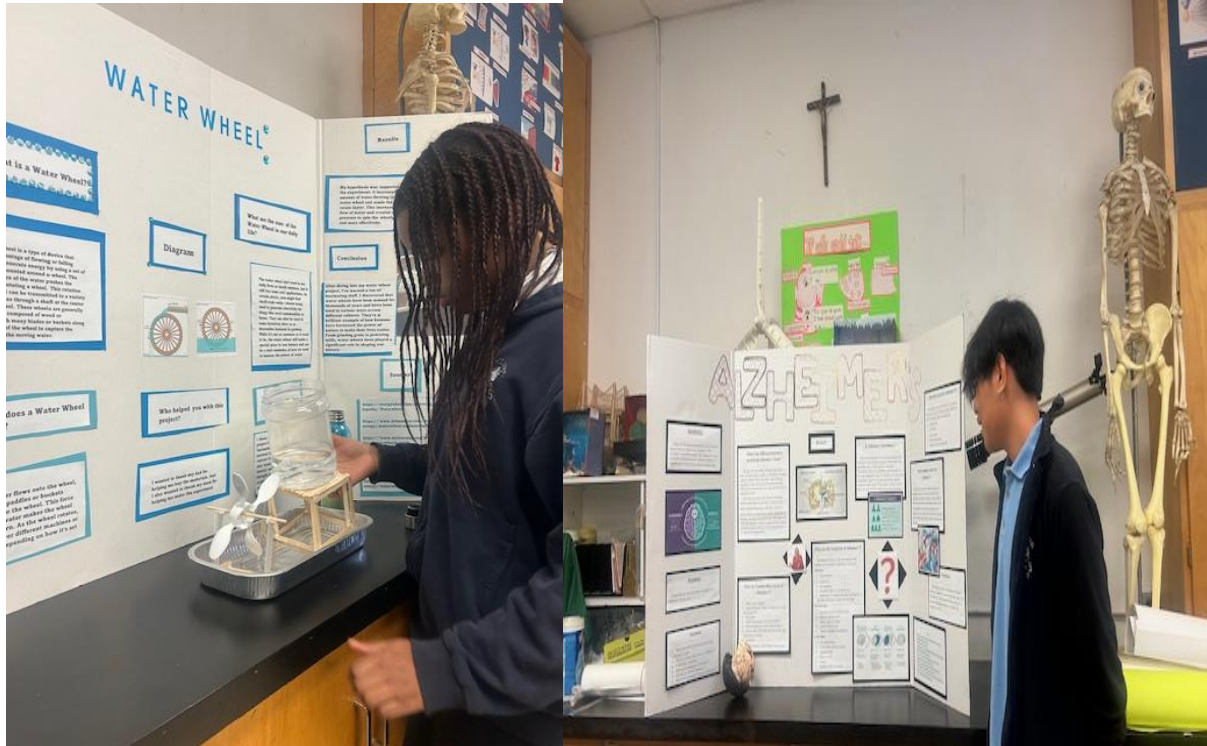


Together, let's make this science fair a memorable and enjoyable experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. A. Bajaj  
Science Fair Organizer

Our students in action- Showcasing their scientific and inquiry-based skills to their peers!



## 🌟 Youth Action Forum for Climate Action Recap! 🙌

We're thrilled to share the electrifying energy and inspiration that filled the air at the recent Youth Action Forum for Climate Action, hosted by Learning for Sustainable Future's Climate Action Youth Forum at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights! 🌟

Our students (Sean, Mekana, James, Fikayomi, and Fikunmi) had an incredible day on March 19<sup>th</sup> engaging with fellow young leaders, learning about the pressing issues facing our planet, and most importantly, brainstorming and taking action towards a greener future! 🌱💡

Empowered by knowledge and fueled by passion, our students are ready to lead the charge in making positive changes for our environment. From reducing waste to advocating for renewable energy solutions, they are embracing the call to action with enthusiasm and determination. ❤️

As we continue our journey towards sustainability, let's celebrate the dedication and drive of our students in championing the cause of climate action! Together, we can make a difference. 🌍🌟



**Holy Cross Gymnasium is available for rentals!**

If you or anyone you know requires gym space for a sports team, baby shower, memorial etc. Please reach out to [HCSbookings@holycrossschool.mb.ca](mailto:HCSbookings@holycrossschool.mb.ca) to see if space is available! We are currently not accepting any bookings for socials at this time.



Holy Cross School Board wants YOU!

# VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDED



## What you will do

- Collaborating with fellow board members to make strategic decisions that enhance the school community.
- Actively participating in monthly board meetings, committees, and other vital activities to fortify the school's governance.
- Adhering to and upholding the by-laws and policies that are the foundation of Holy Cross School.
- Leading and engaging in fundraising and community outreach efforts to foster the school's development and expansion.
- Collaborating with the PAC for various project initiatives. E.g. used uniform sale.



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HELP IMPACT  
YOUR  
CHILDREN'S  
PRESENT &  
FUTURE

**Nice to Have:** While not mandatory, candidates with construction or building experience and project management skills are highly encouraged to apply.



Indicate your interest by sending an email to  
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