

## **Bienvenue à l'école Holy Cross**

École Holy Cross offers a unique learning environment as a single-track Catholic French Immersion school. As partners with you and your child, we establish an environment conducive to your child's learning.

École Holy Cross offers the Enhanced Academic Program (EAP) in Junior High. This program invites students to high intellectual engagement and can provide a powerful opportunity for students to acquire the skills, habits of mind and concepts they need to engage in higher levels of learning. The Enhanced Academic Program (EAP) prepares students for an advanced academic program and a future in university or college. Students who will be successful in this program can perform at rigorous academic levels and enjoy being challenged to expand their knowledge and skills.

Each school year provides new experiences and great challenges. We look forward to working with you, and trust that this year will be a rewarding educational experience for your child.

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### **Our Catholic Faith**

As a Catholic school, our faith is at the root of our identity. At École Holy Cross, this is fostered by our community being involved in living our faith- not just in words, but in service and action. Students are encouraged to strengthen their understanding of the faith through loving acts of service and participation in a variety of events, including celebrations, visits with our local parish, and social justice initiatives.

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### **Technology in the Classroom**

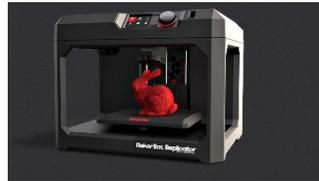
Computer literacy is an important skill for all students to develop. All our classrooms are equipped with 1-to-1 Chromebooks. Teachers support student learning with their Google classrooms, Google Suite programs and extensions, Microsoft Teams, and with digitally-inspired projects.

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## Our Makerspaces

At École Holy Cross, students are engaged in their learning!

Our two Makerspaces provide the means of engaging students through inquiry. Throughout their units, teachers and students have the opportunity to utilize the multitude of resources in the Makerspaces to enhance or diversify their learning process, and products. Students deepen and personalize their learning through a hands-on minds-on environment, and teachers have a chance to see students collaborating in curriculum-based design projects.



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## School Athletics

Our school is represented by junior and senior level teams in a variety of sports such as basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Holy Cross Crusaders have won many championships over the years. We are proud of our tradition of excellence, integrity, and fair play.



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## Fine Arts Complementary Courses

**Instrumental Music:** This option allows students to grow in the knowledge and application of music through learning a wind or brass instrument.

**General Music:** This course provides a worthwhile musical experience for students, regardless of individual skill or talent level. Emphasis is placed on students developing an overall appreciation as a listener of all genres of music.

**Acting and Drama:** Students will explore various forms of drama through games and exercises used by actors. Students will be exposed to elements such as improvisational theatre, stage plays, characterization, comedy-theatre and staging.

**Art:** This option allows students to explore the language of visual arts through design, painting, drawing and sculpture techniques.

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## Career & Technology Foundations (CTF Options) for Grades 7-9

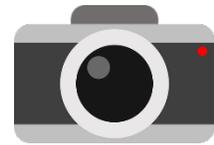
École Holy Cross offers a variety of options every year. Some of our most popular ones are listed below. Be sure to check our [Junior High Options](#) page for a more complete list.

\*\*options are subject to change based on student interest and teacher availability



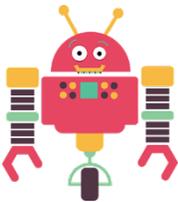
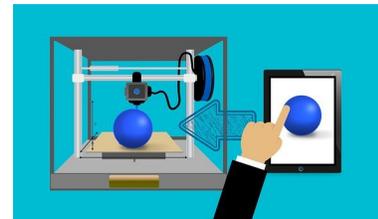
**Cooking from Scratch:** Students explore basic cooking methods focusing on starting with whole foods. A skill that can benefit you for a lifetime.

**Photography:** Students look at the technical aspects of photography, including lighting, framing, editing and special effects.



**Solve This!** This course is for students who enjoy Makerspace activities, logic problems, building and design, escape rooms, cryptograms and more.

**Digital Fabrication:** This course provides students with the opportunity to gain experience in 2D and 3D drawing using CAD (computer assisted design) software. Students will use some state-of-the-art techniques including laser-cutting and engraving, 3D printing, and / or CNC milling.



**Coding and Robotics:** In this class, students will spend time building with robots and writing code to control a variety of robotics equipment. Students will work hands-on to design, build, and program.

**Outdoor Education:** Students get first-hand experience in nature, and skill development in common outdoor pursuits such as: canoeing, search and rescue, and basic survival skills!



**Fitness and Wellness:** Students will participate in a variety of activities such as running, walking, Zumba, kickboxing, curling, or biking, to gain an understanding of a healthy lifestyle.

**Stop Motion Animation:** Students will learn about this film-making technique that makes inanimate objects appear to move on their own. From the script, to the lighting, software, music and special effects, students will learn everything they need to create their own story.



**Silk Screening:** In this course, students will learn the silkscreen process including preparing the art and the screen, screen exposure, registration, and the printing technique.



## APPLE School

The Alberta Project Promoting active Living and healthy Eating (APPLE) Schools, is an innovative school-focused Comprehensive School Health initiative. Healthy, active kids learn better! Developing a healthy school community starts with the school, parents, and community being dedicated to helping improve the healthy eating and active living behaviors of the school as a whole.

