

Holy Cross School Parent Council Meeting

Date	Monday, November 10th, 2025
Attendees	Tracy Murray, Principal Michelle Costisella, Teacher Representative Jennifer Nasrallah, Gen Lebreton, Valerie May, Joanne Domingo, Jason Lang, Kaitlin Stuart, Madeleine Thurston, Marija Popovic
Regrets	
Minutes	Valerie May

Topic	Discussion/Action
Land Acknowledgement and Prayer	
Principal's Report - Tracy Murray	<p>Pumpkin Run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the many donations and to the volunteers. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate this year for outdoor activities, but staff and students still enjoyed the activities (spirit days, run, pumpkin decorating, kinder activities in the gym, and draws) <p>Progress Reports & Kindergarten initial observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available in parent portal on November 13th <p>Parent-Teach Interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booking forms sent by email on November 13th • Interviews are on November 20th <p>Bullying Awareness and Prevention week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17th-21st • On November 21st Grades 3-6 will attend a Babarinde Williams drumming presentation: "All different, all equal" anti bullying message with a focus on Ubuntu: a philosophy emphasizing interconnectedness and humanity, teaching that individual happiness is tied to the well-being of others "I am because we are" <p>Advent Liturgies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December there will be 3 advent liturgies: December 2nd (at the church, parents welcome), December 9th and 16th will be at the school.
Treasurer's Report - Joanne Domingo	<p>Current balance as of November 10, 2025 \$6483.05</p> <p>Expected Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stipends \$2400 • Angel Tree Donation (December) \$750 • Subway (Oct-Feb) \$3721.06 • Momentum Move (June)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting to confirm final revenues from Subway, Kernels and Booster Juice.
Parish Report - Joanne Domingo <u>Bulletin</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The church is collecting food for local food banks in need of rice, pasta and sauce. Other needed items are listed on the Social Justice bulletin board at the back of the church. Donations can be left in the Food Bank bin at the front entrance to the church before weekend Masses. November 16 is World Day of the Poor - Donation to help the less fortunate through the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul through food collection or by using the special envelopes found in the pews on the weekend of November 16. On the weekend of November 29/30, the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at Holy Cross to receive donations of clean, used clothing, small appliances and small furniture. You can bring them to Mass and volunteers will be there to receive your donations.
CPSA Update - Jason Lang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My Blueprint is a student tool available for self assessment, interests and opportunities - Kinder up to Grade 12 (moreso Grade 7 &8) Career week was Nov 3-6 Blessed Carlo Virtual school changed to St. Carlo Virtual school OCSB is moving away from Hapara workspace - Moving towards Google classroom over the next few years AI night Monday Dec 1st @ Holy Trinity Volunteer appreciation week April 11th Next meeting November 19th
New Business a. Budget	<p>Hampers - \$750</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year, Holy Cross raised \$750 for the Angel tree. The money goes towards a gift card for groceries (\$150/family) + some gifts for the children. Holy Cross also supports Prince of Peace school within this amount <p>Momentum Moves - \$1,400</p> <p>White Elephant Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year raised \$1,173 <p>Purdys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year Purdy's raised around \$500. Jen will prepare hard copy flyers Order closes November 30th. Orders will be delivered to Natalia - pickup from Holy Cross on Monday Dec 15th - Marija, Valerie, Madeleine will help to prepare the orders.
b. School Events i. White Elephant Sale	Planned for Dec 12 - Snow day is the 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call out: in the newsletter then put bins out in the front. Keep it at \$1 per item Volunteers are needed. Need to be registered through OCSB.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valerie to make a flyer • The leftover books are saved for the book sale
ii. Movie Night	Planned for January 29th. Snow day TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia & Jason are going to coordinate • Madeleine offered projector
iii. Spring Fling	Planned for June 4th. Rain day TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn will book the BBQ & Bouncy Castles
iv. Multicultural Night	Thursday, March 5 th or 12 th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering potluck • Joanne will reach out to the same groups as last year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They had a cost of ~ \$500
v. Cake raffle Fundraiser	Grade 6 kids & their families make/bring the cake Consider a Valentines theme and plan for February
Other Business	<p>Ottawa 67s Game The choir will not perform. PC to discuss the amount to sell the tickets for on top of cost. Jenn is looking into if there is a minimum amount of tickets to sell.</p> <p>Holy Cross Parents Facebook Group Val & Kaitlin are going to look into creating a Holy Cross parents group</p>
Carry Forward Items:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hot dog day - Jenn to check Costco 2. Spending for grade 6s - purchasing the shirts (March/April) - fundraiser from cakes will cover the cost of the shirts 3. Plan Movie Night 4. Review Multicultural Night 5. Ottawa 67s
Next Meeting	The next meeting is taking place on January 12th, 2026 - 6:00PM