



# CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to provide a setting that ignites a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with families, staff, and the parish in a personalized learning culture.

**April 16, 2020**

## Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. EVERY classroom or lunchroom volunteer or employee needs to have attended. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and select "First Time Registrant." Then choose "view list" of class sites, and choose "Detroit." Scroll through to find your session, then go back to the top of that page to create your login.

When attending a "PGC" workshop, be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow latecomers to enter.

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

**Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp or to chaperone field trips.**

If you have recently attended a "PGC" workshop, please send a copy of your certificate to school ASAP so we have it on file--thank you!

**The SCRIP OFFICE will be closed as long as school is.**

*EASTER*

We pray that your Easter was both blessed and restful. May the Risen Lord fill your world with love and endurance!

## Crusader Alumni in the News!

Congratulations to the following Holy Cross alumni who recently earned honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List—All As: **Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Dresden Scott, Matthew Zammit.** First Honors (Minimum of 3 As with no grade lower than A or B): **Maggie Bartholomew, Ashton DeMeulenaere, Sophia Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite.** We are proud of each of these Crusader alumni!

## NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY

The teachers will be participating in Archdiocesan professional development, so there will be no distance learning assignments for Friday, April 24.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **No school April 24** for teachers' meeting.

## Registration for 2020-21

Registration packets for the 2020-21 school year went home with your oldest "Crusader" in a blue folder in March. Look for the "early registration" discount!—noting all obligations for the current school year (including tuition, fees and service credits) must be completed to be eligible. The packet also included financial aid information--it's time to apply for that, as well!

## Archdiocesan Grants

**Applications for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted.** For information go to:

[detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships](http://detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships)

To apply for the Archdiocesan grant: go to your FACTS account and look for "apply for tuition assistance". Application is done online, and there is a small fee. **You will also need to print the "Pastor's Signature" page and get your (Archdiocese of Detroit parish) pastor's signature as part of your application.** After you have his signature, fax or email the Pastor Signature page to the school office: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net).

**Your application and all supporting paperwork must be complete and submitted by May 15** in order to qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit. **Applying for this grant is required** if you plan to apply for "local" tuition help, as well—PLEASE APPLY ASAP if you plan to apply for any tuition assistance for 2020-21!

## Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available through the school office. **Applications are due May 29.** But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the preceding paragraph.

*Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...Mrs. DeMeulenaere and her family on the passing yesterday of her father.

## Distance Learning Info

We are not able to return to "in-school" classes before the end of this school year. However, that does not change our working online: and Mrs. Davenport and the teachers are proud of how hard their students have been working. The Archdiocese of Detroit has assured us that we are not subject to the recent questions on the acceptability of distance learning, and our students are on track to finish the year as planned.

Here are a few notes to help distance learning run smoothly:

- Parents: **accept teachers'** invitations to join Google classrooms (email the school or your teacher if you don't remember having been invited).
- Parents and students: please **check your emails several times each day** and respond as needed or requested.
- Students: teachers are available for you from 7:30am to 3:30pm each day. **Log in and do your work early in the day!** Your teacher may not receive your email until the next day if you send it after 3pm.
- Instruction and class work time should take **approximately 4 hours** each day. If you are having trouble, please let your teacher know right away.

## Eighth Graders Heading to CMC in the Fall

—A letter detailing the availability of a scholarship you are eligible to apply for was included in the mailing with your report card last week: we hope you apply!!!

## Calendar Raffle Winners

...for April are: Ed Terhune and Darleen Miller of Marine City and Roseanne VerVaecke of Chesterfield Township. Congratulations to these three winners of \$100 each--and thanks to them for supporting our school!

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

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### PTO's Annual Flower Sale

People will still be wanting flowers and other garden/landscaping plants after the quarantines: plants and digital gift certificates from Vandenbossche Greenhouses will arrive on Friday, May 8 (just in time for Mothers' Day). The order form is included with this email. Please mail your order and payment to the PTO c/o Holy Cross School, 618 South Water Street, Marine City 48039.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Farrand c/o school (school@holycrossonline.net or 810.765.3591). (Many thanks to Jodi for taking on this project, especially during these challenging times!)

**You can follow us on Instagram: #mholycross--and write a review for our school's Facebook page!**

### Spirit Wear

You can order pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>.

Please note that hoodies will NOT be approved as uniform wear for 2020-21.

### Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

Families interested in working some of their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.507**. Help will be needed most Wednesdays once public gatherings resume: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHdUJA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

### CORONAVIRUS

We continue to stay in daily contact with the Health Department, and are reviewing and updating our protocols and procedures.

The Health Department advises everyone to maintain cleanliness of frequently-touched surfaces (e.g. door-knobs, light switches, desks, keyboards, countertops, bathroom surfaces...). They also advise teaching and reviewing proper handwashing techniques and other ways of reducing disease transmission (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a tissue or elbow) with children.

When we are able to return to school: school policy requires students who have flu-like symptoms or a fever to remain away from school. Reducing a fever with medication does **not** eliminate the cause of the fever, and **the student must still stay away from school** until the fever is gone naturally.

### "Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digitally save those little box tops...download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbtfe>

(There's a short you tube video with hints on how to scan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>)

As long as you see "Box Tops" on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.

### T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong! PTO also has a few "vintage" t-shirts (last year's logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5.

### VG's Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect those receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office (or SCRIP office) when you're out and about, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

### East China School District "Grab and Go Meals"

East China Schools are offering free "meals to go" (breakfasts and lunches) for students under age 18: pickup is on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm at both Marine City Middle/High School and St Clair High School. For more info go to the district's website:

<https://eastchinaschools.org/>

### "The Blue Room"

Are your children outgrowing their school clothes? Remember our "Blue Room"--full of used school clothing donated by school families, and free to school families. Call the school office after the quarantine order is over, and we'll figure a time for you to check it out.

### *Thank You!!*

...to the Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc. for its recent \$15,000 donation to Holy Cross School! In light of the cash flow issues caused by the COVID-19 crisis, the Fund made this partial distribution early this year.

### "Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City:"

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

### A Plea On Behalf of your Parish:

Your parish needs you now more than ever. Please keep your pastor and his staff in your prayers during this pandemic crisis. And--if you are able--please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of Governors' orders, your parish, also, has such needs, and no other way to meet them than its parishioners and other donors.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:  
<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>