



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 4, 2019

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations. You will need this to do ANY classroom or lunchroom volunteering.

When you go to a "PGC" workshop, please be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow admittance to latecomers.

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.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

SCRIP credits for the first quarter of 2019 have been calculated and posted to your tuition account on FACTS if you are registered for 2019-20. (SCRIP credits will show up on FACTS after your registration paperwork has been turned in.)

The SCRIP office will be closed Good Friday-Easter Monday (April 19-22), and will re-open on Wednesday, April 24.

Registration

Complete your registration for 2019-20 before the end of April to take advantage of the "early registration" discount!

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 13th, is the "First Communion Mini Retreat" for all those students (and at least one parent must attend) receiving their First Eucharist on either May 4th or 5th at Our Lady on the River parish. The mini retreat starts at 9 am and goes to noon in the Holy Cross activity center.

(We published this in the April calendar as simply "First Communion:" sorry for any confusion!)

Mark Your Calendar...

- **Work on your registration and Financial Aid applications!**
- **W April 10: PLC Early Release day (students will be dismissed at 12:50pm)**
- **F April 12: no pm East China buses**
- **Sat April 13: First Communion retreat 9am-noon**
- **W April 17: last day before Easter break**
- **April 18-28: no school--Easter break**
- **M April 29: back to school!**
- **W May 1: "Donuts with Dads" 7am cafeteria**
- **F May 3: no Chartwells: pizza lunch**
- **W May 8: "Muffins with Moms" 7am cafeteria**

Congratulations! Jimmy!!

Last month, eighth grader **Jimmy Downey** was named one of 107 semi-finalists in the state of Michigan's National Geographic Geography Bee. The competitors met last Friday at Western Michigan University for the event and a chance to represent Michigan at the national competition in Washington, D.C. next month. Jimmy was one of four students who posted a perfect score through the preliminary rounds, where the 107 were reduced to 10 finalists. His performance earned him a finalist designation. Jimmy ultimately placed sixth: the only Catholic school student among the top ten. He is grateful for the support of his teachers (particularly Mr Cherry) and all of the Holy Cross School community on his memorable day. WOW!--way to go, Jimmy!

Next "Early Release" Day

Next **Wednesday, April 10, is our next "Early Release" day. ALL STUDENTS (EXCEPT those who have classes at CMC in the afternoon) will be dismissed at 12:50pm;** East China buses will be here for their usual riders then. **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS** who still have classes at CMC may wait at Holy Cross for those classes; they will be expected in the music room. All other students should be on their way home.

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-20

Application for the Archdiocesan Grant must be made online: to apply go to: <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. You can log into your existing FACTS account. (or create a new one, if you don't already have one). You must be Catholic to be eligible for this grant.

Directions for applying for the grant are on the Holy Cross School website (under the "documents" tab) at <http://holycrossonline.net/2019/01/29/2019-20-archd-grant-application-information/>

Please note that you must also have your pastor's signature on the "Pastor's Signature Form" (which you'll find at the above address on the school website).

Archdiocesan grant applications need to be submitted and complete before the end of April.

We also have "local" help available (such as the Bartone grant): applying for the Archdiocesan Grant **is required** before applying for any "local" assistance. (Note: you don't necessarily have to **receive** the Archdiocesan grant to apply for Bartone assistance, but **you need to have applied for the AoD grant to be eligible for all other local help.**) Get an application form for this "local" aid at the school office (**they're due in May**): there's a lot of help available: but you have to **APPLY!**

Lenten Fish Frys

Only two more chances to join family and friends at one of this year's parish fish frys at St. Catherine activity center!

Volunteers are needed to work at the remaining fish frys. **If you still need service credits for the 2018-19 school year, only fish frys and bingos are left.** To sign up to work, please contact Jessica Smith. Students who would like to help are encouraged to contact Ms Smith to be scheduled. Students in 4th grade or younger who would like to help will need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult. **Student workers are encouraged to wear Holy Cross spiritwear!**

The fish fry team is accepting donations of single-serving-sized desserts (cupcakes, brownies, cookies), which can be dropped off by Friday mornings at the school office.

Service Credits Need to Be Completed by the End of April-

For Wednesday Bingo Shifts:

To see what days and shifts are available through the end of April, go to: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed

Wednesday bingos are now at St Catherine's Activity Center.

Girl Scouts' Project

7th grader **Audrina Guldemon** and 6th grader **Skye Moss's** Girl Scout troop in Algonac is collecting bottle caps and lids to have a bench made for the Lions park.

They can accept the following lids and caps: deodorants, drink bottles, hair spray, ketchup, mayonnaise, milk, medicine caps (and bottles without labels), spray paint, toothpaste, butter/margarine, coffee, cottage cheese, "Cool Whip," peanut butter, yogurt and ice cream buckets.

They are working with "Green Tree Plastics," as Millside Elementary did. When they have collected enough, they can use them to help pay for the new bench.

Algonac City Hall, Clay Township offices, Scoreboard and More, 5/3 Bank in Algonac, and Dr. Brady's office in Algonac all have collection boxes so people can drop off the lids they've saved.\

For more information, please contact Christy Worley at 586.405.5560 (or cloworley@yahoo.com).

Thank you for helping us!--Mrs Guldemon and Algonac Girl Scouts

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Music Student Scholarships

Music students in grades 7-11 are eligible to apply for music scholarships offered through East China schools. There are scholarships for voice and instruments--contact the school office for info.

Chromebook Issues

To facilitate repairs on your student's school-issued Chromebooks, send a "help ticket" describing the problem to: help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com

Track

The team has begun to practice, eyes on their first meet on Friday, May 3. Practice time is available every day after school: athletes should attend at least 3 of the 5 practices each week.

Learning About God's Creatures

The third and fourth grades have been learning about animals. Last week, they enjoyed stopping at stations in their room learning about the ways animals protect themselves (such as tasting bad, or camouflage coloration or looking like another animal that is dangerous or tastes bad, or layers of fat to keep them warm even in ice water).

Easter Egg Hunt

Children 10 and under are invited to OLR parish's annual Taster egg hunt on Saturday, April 20, at 11am (please arrive by 10:45am) at St. Mark Chapel on Harsens Island. Rain or shine or snow!!

First Fr Terrien will bless the Easter foods, as well as all who are gathered there. Then we will have a short Easter lesson and sing some songs with our guest, the Easter Bunny. This will be followed by the HUNT!

Children will hunt for little lambs (the Lamb of God) and eggs/Easter bags with Christian prizes and other Easter goodies. Each child will also receive a chocolate cross.

Com and join our celebration! There is no cost to those attending. Please RSVP to Debbie before April 15 (810.748.4455 or email dared@webtv.net). Please leave an adult contact name and phone number, the first name of each child and their ages. This way we can make sure there are plenty of goodies in the hunt for all different age groups.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
--Bill and Debbie (Ms Debbie the "Dream Manager") DeMunnik

Holy Cross Catholic School

Honor Roll—Third Quarter

First Grade

Perfect attendance: Preston Davenport.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: Alex Path.

Third Grade

All As: Xavier Zammit.

Honor Roll: Izzy Deering, Dominic DeVeney, Ava Mensen, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington-Clark.

Perfect Attendance: Dominic DeVeney.

Fourth Grade

All As: Micah Arlow.

Honor Roll: Riley Brohl, Naylee Verellen, Charles Zech.

Perfect Attendance: Riley Brohl, Dylan Davenport, Naylee Verellen.

Fifth Grade

All As: Janae Miotke.

Honor Roll: Renton Gadzinski, Emma Lomasney, Lylah Schaening.

Perfect Attendance: Emma Lomasney.

Sixth Grade

All As: Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Rebecca Shmina, Angie Winne.

Honor Roll: John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor.

Perfect Attendance: Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Angie Winne.

Seventh Grade

All As: Allison Kuzera.

Honor Roll: Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldemon, Lauchlan McDonald, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Isaac Zammit, Elliott Zech.

Perfect Attendance: Gemma Downey, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Isaac Zammit.

Eighth Grade

All As: Devin Allam, Maggie Bartholomew, Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Anna Winne, Matthew Zammit.

Honor Roll: Rebecca Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite

Perfect Attendance: Maggie Bartholomew, Claire Campbell, Anna Winne.

Student Highlights

...for March:

Jasmine Nowak is one of the Kindergartners here at Holy Cross. She and her family moved here from Thailand last summer. Jasmine has adjusted to life here in the states very well. She has made many friends and is well liked. Jasmine enjoys singing, playing with the puppets, and gym. She has been an enjoyable addition to our classroom!

First grader **Liam Guyor** has a smile that can light up the room. His favorite food is pizza. When Liam grows up, he would like to be a police officer. In his free time, he likes to watch Captain Underpants. Liam's favorite part of school is gym. Liam is a hard worker, and a great friend to his classmates.

Alex Path is our second grade train expert who hopes to be a train engineer when he grows up. Alex enjoys making "paper projects" in his free time at school. In his free time at home, you may find Alex driving his trains or playing with his cat, "Lionel."

Third grader, **Alex Ogden**, is a travel soccer star! Much of his time outside of school is spent practicing with his teammates for the next tournament. Recently Alex went snowboarding with his family and really enjoyed it. He is a very athletic boy!! While in the classroom, Alex works hard in all subject areas and enjoys additional challenges in math and reading class. When he grows up and becomes rich and famous, he would really love to design tennis shoes for a living.

Riley Brohl is a fun and energetic 4th grader, who enjoys school, along with some advanced mathematical challenges I give him. He enjoys to read and loves video games (like every other boy his age). He recently joined the Holy Cross track team and looks forward to conditioning alongside many of his classmates and middle school friends. Outside of school Riley plays football and baseball. He loves sports and is quite competitive.

Fifth grader **Gavin Kloss** is a pleasant young man who has many talents. He is intelligent and works hard to do his best, once he understands the concepts. Once his mind is

made up, Gavin throws all his effort into hurdling any obstacles in his path.

Sixth grader **Angie Winne** is a wonderful young lady is a great drive for success and a wonderful sense of humor. She is kind and compassionate with a true sense of what it means to be a Christian. Angie is always willing to help others and is a good friend to many. **Cole Campbell** is a nice, hard-working young man who has many interests. He isn't afraid to step up to a challenge and has many good ideas when faced with a problem. Cole is always willing to help others, but knows when it is time to get to work.

Aiden Schocker's favorite seventh grade class is ELA. Though he is not a music fan, he does love TV-especially his favorite show, The Simpsons. He doesn't get to go as often as he'd like, but Aiden really enjoys a relaxing time fishing.

Eighth grader **Anna Winne** is always kind, caring, respectful and helpful to everyone she knows. Anna is a brilliant artist and enjoys reading and writing. Anna's favorite subject in school is math. Outside of school she enjoys playing volleyball, playing video games, spending time around animals (cats). Anna's career choice would be an engineer. If Anna could travel anywhere she would visit Europe. Anna has attended Holy Cross since pre-school. Anna's favorite thing about Holy Cross is going to winter camp. Anna is such a sweetheart, and I am blessed to be her teacher!

Cole Tite is very curious, intelligent, honest and witty. Cole's favorite subject in school is math. Cole is taking geometry class at Cardinal Mooney. Outside of school Cole enjoys running, playing basketball and playing football. Cole's career choice would be a chemical engineer. Cole would like to attend Notre Dame for college. Within the next 25 years, Cole would like to have a family and live in a country setting. Cole is very helpful and has a wonderful sense of humor. He likes to joke around with me and makes the eighth grade class very entertaining.