



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.

August 26, 2021

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 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. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

We've just learned that **Immaculate Conception** in **Ira Township** is hosting the PGC workshop on **Sep. 28**, and **OLR** is planning to host one on **Sat. Oct. 16**. Follow the above directions to register.

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!

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OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

Mark Your Calendar....

- TODAY: first day of school K-8-- 1/2 day, with dismissal at 11am
- **M Aug 30: first day of pre-school**
- Sep 3-6: no school (Labor Day weekend)

First Day of School for Preschool:

...will be **Monday, August 30**. **Mrs. Andrea Schultz** will be your teacher, and she can't wait to meet you! Preschoolers may be brought in from 7:30-8:30 am (and will need an adult to sign them in).

Students With Food Allergies

If your child has food allergies, please send acceptable "emergency" snacks and treats that s/he can have in the event a classmate's birthday treat may contain the offending food.

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note to let us know how your children will be getting home those first few days (as well as what their typical "going home" routine will be). (Remember East China buses won't be running until after Labor Day.) Thank you!

East China Buses

Students who live in the East China School District and are interested in free busing should contact ECSD's transportation department at 810.676.1100; or email Janet Robbins: jrobbins@ecsd.us.

School Photos

Proof sheets with ordering information should be here within a couple weeks. They will go home with students when they arrive.

Service Credits

K-8 families--don't forget that you have until **September 15** to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A."

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. Help is needed most Wednesdays.

Service Credits: Lunch Supervisors

Families can earn one service credit by working as a lunchtime aide 4 times. Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days. Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

Mrs. Davenport will have a short orientation meeting for ALL LUNCH AIDES TODAY, August 26, at 10am, so new aides and "old timers" will have an opportunity to learn the "rules" and expectations.

The online signup page is ready, for returning lunch supervisors--go to

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

First Day of School!!!

A sea of sunny, eager faces: we are happy to welcome each of you to a new school year! We started today as we start each school day, in prayer:



Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

Important Papers and Forms

If you are a K-8 family who attended "Crusader Day" last week, you should have picked up your family's packet of important papers. If you didn't pick your packet up then (a dark blue folder with your family's name on it), it will go home with your oldest "Crusader" today. It contains this year's school handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches, Chromebooks and the school directory. Please read all carefully and respond appropriately--thank you!

School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after payment of the chromebook insurance fee (at registration) and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements are signed and returned. These forms are included in the "important papers" packets mentioned earlier.

Middle School Sports for This School Year

Thank you to Coach Matt Zammit, who returns to guide our cross country team! His team members include--4th grader **Liam Guyor**, 5th graders **Blake Schocker** and **Brennen Toupin**, 6th graders **Maeve Brennan**, **Dominic DeVeney**, **Makenna Toupin** and **Xavier Zammit**, 7th graders **Micah Arlow**, **Matthew Bailey**, **Niahm Brennan**, **Dylan Davenport**, **Gabe Jacobs** and **Caleb Jaracz-Pisarski**, and 8th graders **Lylah Schaening** and **Angelina Taravella**.

We're happy to introduce our newest coach, **Ms. Tersigni**, who will be leading our girls' volleyball team. They will start practicing next week.

A heads up to all athletes' families: the Booster Club has always counted on the magazine sale to fund sports. However, people don't seem to be reading magazines any more; and with all the other fund raising we have to do here at Holy Cross, it has been decided that it makes sense for Holy Cross to initiate a "pay to play" system. Starting this fall, Holy Cross student-athletes will be assessed a fee of \$50/sport. Of course, if a student's family just can't afford the sport fee--or any other cost at school--they should always contact the principal to see if some help is available.

Athletes: remember: **you'll need to have a sports physical** to participate in ANY sport.

PTO Flower Sale

Attached are details for the PTO's annual fall flower sale.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Lunches will be free again for all students for the beginning of this school year. We don't know when that will end--so families are encouraged to apply for free/reduced cost lunch benefits now to be ready. The application form and "how to" letter will be included in your "first day" folder and can also be found at

<https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2021/06/East-China-Free-Reduced-Application.pdf>

https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2021/06/HOW_TO_APPLY_FOR_FREE_AND_REDUCED-PRICE_SCHOOL_MEALS-_ADA_623529_7.pdf

(Or--go to ecsd.us, select "departments"--"food service"--then scroll down for the application and other information.)

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.bboxtops4education.com/newbtfte>

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

Thank You!

...to the **Davenport**, **DeVeney**, **Meldrum** and **Heath families** for answering the call this week to ensure a safe playground. They all came Tuesday evening to spread mulch. It was not a particularly pleasant evening: thank you all SO much for braving the heat/humidity and BUGS to keep our students safe! We always tell people Holy Cross parents are the best!

Vintage T-Shirts & Hungry Howie Fundraiser Cards

PTO still has a few Hungry Howie fundraiser cards available: for the \$10 cost, you get a free large one-item pizza, along with a number of pizza discounts. There are also a few "vintage" t-shirts (old logo) and caps available for \$5 each: all at the school office.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us. Please keep saving the entire VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--their "e-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church.

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>

Auction 2022

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

Auction time will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too.)

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn your service credits. Hopefully, we'll be allowed to gather again for this year's event! We're also looking for people to help plan and work at Auction 2022.

5-8th Grade Girls Interested in Volleyball:

There will be a quick meeting with Coach T in her classroom after you eat lunch tomorrow! When the bell rings: instead of going outside, head over to Ms T's room.

"Specials" Classes

Beginning next Monday, our "special" classes and teachers from Merritt are:

Mondays: **Art with Mrs. Brooks**;
Tuesdays: **Tech with Mrs. Suchomel**;
Wednesdays: **Music with Ms Volz**;
Thursdays: **PE with Ms Jarskey**; and
Fridays: **Library with Ms Choate**.

(Save so you'll know when to take library books, and which days to dress in PE clothes!)

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

August-September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 22	23	24	25	26 First day of school! HALF day: dismissal at 11am	27	28
29	30 First day of pre- school	31	Sep 1	2	3 NO SCHOOL--Labor Day weekend	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL--Labor Day	7 Classes resume	8	9	10 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry Altar server training/ refresher 3pm church	11
12	13	14 PTO ZOOM meeting 7:30am	15	16	18	18
19	20	21	22	23 Cross country meet 5:30pm @ Columbus Park (athletes: 5pm)	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Cross country meet 5:30pm Columbus Pk	Oct 1	Oct 2

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN SCHOOL THAT NEEDS A IEP/504?

THE ARC OF SCC CAN HELP YOU MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GET'S THE SUPPORT THEY NEED IN SCHOOL! WE CAN COME WITH YOU TO HELP CREATE THE IEP/504 FOR YOUR CHILD AS WELL AS OFFER A SUPPORT GROUP WHERE PARENTS CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS! IF YOU CAN'T MEET DURING THESE TIMES, FEEL FREE TO LET US KNOW AND WE CAN SET UP SOMETHING THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

IEP/504 SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT GROUP/COFFEE CHAT

THIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS VIA ZOOM ONCE A MONTH TO OFFER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION AROUND SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW. THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS; (CHILD DOES NOT NEED TO HAVE AN IEP TO PARTICIPATE).

***JACKIE MARTIN-SEBELL & VALORIE HUDGENS WILL FACILITATE**
PLEASE **RSVP** AT **810-989-9144** WITH YOUR EMAIL AND/OR PHONE NUMBER
SO THAT THE ZOOM INVITATION CAN BE SENT TO YOU.*

*SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 - 2:30-4:00PM
OCTOBER 12, 2021 - 2:30-4:00PM
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - 2:30-4:00PM
DECEMBER 14, 2021 - 2:30-4:00PM
JANUARY 11, 2022 - 2:30-4:00PM
FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - 2:30-4:00PM
MARCH 15, 2022 - 2:30-4:00PM
APRIL 12, 2022 - 2:30-4:00PM
MAY 10, 2022 - 2:30-4:00PM*



IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS AN IEP/504, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE US A CALL. WE WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AT 810-989-9144.

Supporting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and advocating for their full inclusion and participation in the community.

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Holy Cross PTO's Mum Sale Fundraiser

It's Fall Y'all! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our Mum Sale Fundraiser! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs. For example, we helped fund the

Leveled Reading Library and **Start-up Funds for Teachers**.

We are partnering with local **Vandenbossche Farms** to bring you a lovely pop of color for your fall garden!

- **Colors available**: White, Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Red
- **Order due date**: Friday, September 10th
- **Cost**: \$8 per plant, cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Mum Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment**: Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?**: Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available**: Friday, September 17th, 2:30-5pm at Vandenbossche Farms, 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want mums-family, neighbors, etc!

