



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 27, 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 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!

got SCRIP?

**Mondays 7-9am and 5-6pm,
and Fridays 7-9am**

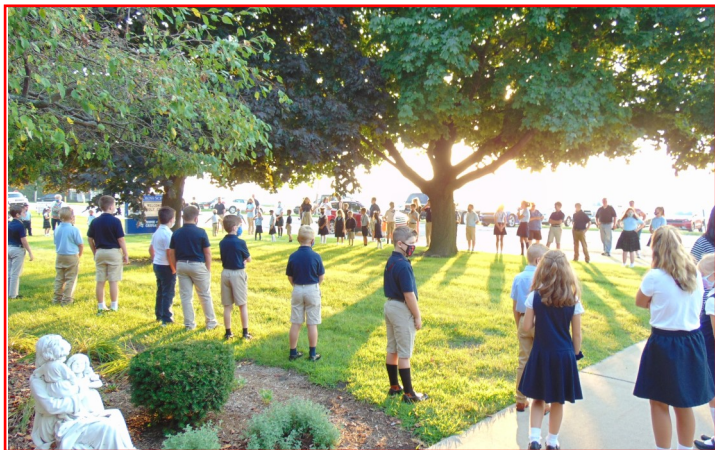
Patty Smith

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

If you don't quite understand SCRIP, contact Patty (above) or the school office

First Day of School!

Today is our first day back, after months away! Teachers and students were SO happy to see each other, and we started the day with prayer outside:



Mark Your Calendar....

- F-M, Sep 4-7: Labor Day week-end: no school
- **Sep 8 6:30pm: "SeeSaw" tutorial online with Mrs Davenport**
- Sep 9 6:30pm: "Google classroom" tutorial with Mrs Davenport

School Chromebooks / Important Papers!

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook. **The Chromebook insurance fee must have been paid, and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements signed, before the computer is released to a student.** These forms are included in the "first day" packets available for pickup at "Crusader day:" if you didn't get yours last week, it is coming home today with your oldest "Crusader." Please read everything carefully, and sign and return everything that needs to go back to school.

Athletes / Cross Country

Welcome back to Coach Matt Zammit! His intrepid runners include 5th graders **Xavier Zammit** and **Dominic DeVeney**, 6th graders **Micah Arlow** and **Dylan Davenport**, 7th grader **Lylah Schaening**, and 8th graders **Conor Guyor**, **Skye Moss** and **Ava DeVeney**. Coach Zammit and his team have begun to practice. There are still spaces for more 5-8th grade athletes: please contact the school office if you are interested. (Meet days and times are still up in the air.)

Service Credits

Don't forget that K-8 school families have until September 15 to sign up for credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

Welcome to our new and returning Crusaders! We're glad each of you is here!

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**. As bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

We are looking for lunch supervisors! (We hope that, if you were a lunch aide last year, you'll continue to perform that service again this year!!) You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: four shifts worked will equal one credit. We are in need of help on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days, by the day of the week (e.g., you might choose to work Wednesdays). Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check. If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

Cafeteria Service / Lunch

Chartwell's will NOT be serving lunches until September 8, so everyone will need to bring their own lunches for these first two weeks.

Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits the first day Chartwells serves lunch, but will need to re-apply for those benefits within the first couple weeks of school (the application form will be in your family's "first day of school" packet, available during "Crusader Day;" it is also available at this link: <https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/07/2020-21-Free-and-Reduced-Price-Lunch-Application.pdf>).

Lunches will still be \$2.40, and milk alone will be 50¢.

Please be advised that, due to COVID concerns, **we will NOT have microwaves in the lunchroom.** All lunches from home will have to be **ready-to-eat.** Also, **be sure to include any utensils your child will need** to eat his/her lunch with.

East China Bus Riders:

Busing is available for residents of East China School District (beginning Sep 8). Call the District's Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about your bus stop(s) and time (s).

Substitute Teachers

We're looking for substitute teachers to add to our list. If you know of anyone interested (a retired teacher, perhaps, or other person with a bachelor's degree) please ask them to contact Mrs. Davenport.

Water Bottles

COVID distancing requires that we close down our water fountains. So it will be more important than ever that students bring their own water. Since we can't share the water fountains, water bottles are not re-fillable for now.

We advise that everyone bring **two bottles** of water (labeled with the owner's name) every day, to be sure we all stay adequately hydrated.

Mrs Wade and our NJHS have water bottles for sale every day--25¢ each.

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/newbtf>

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.

Dress Code

....is available on the school's website: www.holycrossonline.net/uniform.

A reminder that **neither sweatshirts nor school logo'd T-shirts is approved as uniform wear.**

Parents' Meetings on How to Use "SeeSaw" and "Google Classroom"

At 6:30pm on Sep. 8 and 9, Mrs. Davenport will host online meetings to explain the online classroom platforms "SeeSaw" (grades TK-3) and "Google Classroom" (grades 4-8). She will invite you to those online meetings--watch for her email invitation.

VG's Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are almost 90% of the way to our next \$1000 award, and 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.

"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>

Please complete a "review" on our Holy Cross School Facebook page:

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

You can follow us on Instagram: #mcholocross

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for August were Judy Beauvais of Marine City, Debbie Beier of Algonac and Larry Miller of Harsens Island. Congratulations!

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.

2019-20 Yearbooks

We still have a couple yearbooks left--\$15 each: first come, first served.

"Return to School Plan"

You should all have received our "Return to School" plan; it is also posted on the school website.

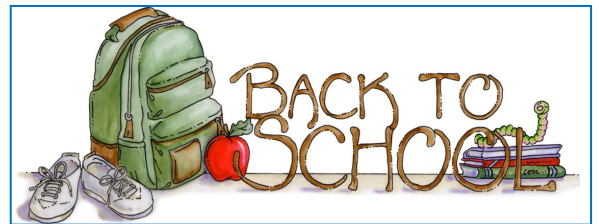
"SchoolSpeak"

Our "student information system" for such info as assignments and grades is called "SchoolSpeak." We use it to give parents access to such things as students' homework assignments, grades, and other communication between home and school..

Before the weekend, all registered families should receive an email from the system asking you to update your family information. Please take a minute to make sure we have your info entered correctly so that you and your child (ren)'s teacher(s) have this valuable and convenient avenue of communication in place.

Thank You

...to **the Guyor and Westrick families** for donating cleaning supplies to the school!
...to **Mrs. Deb Callahan** for making our hallways so welcoming by decorating all of our bulletin boards!



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. You are invited to join in Our Lady on the River's daily and weekend services. However, if you prefer not to venture out into crowds just yet, please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations, as you are able. 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/>

DISTANCE LEARNERS:

Your school things will be available for pickup TOMORROW from 8am-4pm--just stop in!

OUR LADY ON THE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7 & 8

When? 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month

What Time? 2:30PM-4:00PM

Where? The Lawn Outside of Holy Cross Church!
(Or online when we have to!)

Join us for games, prizes,
and the Gospel!

RSVP with Cassidy at
clerk@ourladyontheriver.net by the Wednesday
before each meeting to enter a drawing for a
\$10 gift card!

Join our Remind101 by texting
[@olrmi](https://www.remind101.com/join/@olrmi) to 81010!