



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 personalizing our learning culture.

August 9, 2018

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 lunch-room volunteering.

OLR parish will sponsor a session on **Saturday, September 15**, in the Activity Center, from 8:30-11am (with a light breakfast preceding class, from 8-8:30). **Preregistration is required:** go to aod.org and look for "Protecting God's Children" to register. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help registering.) 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 summer hours:
Monday 5-7pm and Friday 8-10am
office hours beginning AUG 27:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

SCRIP credits for the second quarter of the year were calculated at the end of June, and have been credited to your FACTS account. Congratulations to the 25 Holy Cross families sharing in nearly \$3000 in SCRIP credits!

New families: want to learn more about how you can join this group of smart folks?--contact the school office (810.765.3591) to see how.

Thank You!

...to our maintenance folks, who have been working all summer to clean and polish the school; and to our SCRIP workers, also hard at work all summer, helping you pay your tuition!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F, Aug. 24: "Crusader day" 9am-3pm--book fair and school pictures!
- **M Aug. 27: first day of K-8 school!!**
- W Sep. 5: first day for preschool!

School Office's Summer Hours

The office is open again every day, at least 8am-1pm. If you need something but have a problem with those times, please call/email and leave a message and we'll get back with you to arrange a time more convenient for you.

Tuition and Service Credits

Families: your FACTS tuition payment plan must be set up before Friday, Aug. 24 in order for your student(s) to attend class on the first day of school. If your FACTS account is not yet set up, please do that today! (If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.)

Your service credit record is enclosed in this envelope (families with K-8 students only). Please check to be sure we've recorded all the credits you have worked; you may contact the school office if you have any questions.

Lunch Supervisors

We will be looking for "lunch moms" (or "dads!") for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact the school office (810.765.3591) if you're interested! (Lunch supervision is a service credit opportunity: call school if you need more info.)

Family Directory

We are working to prepare a directory of Holy Cross PK-8 families' names (parents and Holy Cross students), addresses, and phone numbers. The directory will be distributed to all participating families on "Crusader Day."

We can add your email address to your entry, if you like: **let Mrs Steinmetz know before next Thursday, August 16.** If you do not want your family's information to be included in directory let us know that, too, before Aug 16. (Families who opt not to be in the directory will not receive a copy of it.)

Congratulations!

...to the 16 Holy Cross students (and their families) who were approved for financial aid through the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grant program. (They should all have received notification a few weeks ago from the Archdiocese, though the grant itself won't arrive until later in the fall.)

Families who applied for local assistance through the Fr. Bartone scholarship application have also been notified of their awards. As with the Archdiocese grants, local awards won't arrive until later in the school year (and will show up as credits on families' FACTS accounts).

If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office.

Students Entering Seventh Grade This Month--

The Health Department reassesses student immunizations at 7th grade entry. Summer is a great time to check with your health care provider to see if any immunizations are needed (as well as to get that sports physical, so you'll be ready for sports in the fall!).

Parents who opt not to immunize are required to contact the Health Department for the new certified waiver. The St. Clair County Health Department may be reached at 810.987.5300.

School Sports for 2018-19

The league's annual schedule of sports will be different next year. The first sports this year will be cross country and girls' volleyball in the fall. Boys' and girls' basketball (and cheer) will run concurrently in the late fall-winter season. Last will be track in the spring.

Sign up sheets were passed around among the eligible students before summer vacation. There are blank physical forms in your "Summer Study" folders--if you get your physical taken care of during the lazy days of summer, you'll be all set when your sports season starts.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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Sports Physicals

Students planning to participate in any sports are reminded that they'll need a sports physical. There was a blank form in your "summer study" packet (it can also be found at <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/health%20safety/physical4page.pdf>).

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "*Minute Clinic*"s or "*Prompt Care*"s. "Community First" (555 St Clair River Drive, Algonac) offers them: 810.794.4917. Also, St. Clair County Health Department's Teen Health Center also offers sports physicals: call 810.987.1311 for more info.

SERVICE CREDITS--

To Schedule Bingo For 2018-19

Thank you to **Mrs. Tracy Wilson** for her dedication to Holy Cross's bingo program! Tracy is scheduling summer workers; please feel free to contact her (email hcwedbngo@gmail.com)--OR--if you prefer, you can see what days and shifts are available by going to this webpage:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

There are a lot of opportunities during August to work bingo shifts! Wouldn't it be great to start out the school year with most of your service credits already done?!

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 Dr Wagner. Thank you!

East China Bus Riders:

Call the Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about your bus stop(s) and time(s).

Important Papers and Forms for K-8 Students

We are preparing a packet of important papers for your family. They will be available to pick up at "Crusader Day," August 24. If you don't pick it up then, it will go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Monday, August 27. It will contain 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!

"Crusader Day"

Friday, August 24, will be "Crusader Day." From 9am to 3pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2018-19 school portraits. PTO has invited the Scholastic Book Fair to visit as well. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (which will be Monday, August 27), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete & leave forms that day, too, if you wish. We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, check out the book fair and gear up for school--see you August 24th!

(Please be advised that proofs of your school pictures won't be available on the 24th: they are expected to go home with students about a week later.)

The First Day of School!

Students in grades K-8 will start on **Monday, August 27.** it will be a regular day: full day (7:28am-2:50pm), regular school day dress code. Chartwells will be serving lunch that day (\$2.40 again this year for lunches, 50¢ for milk only). (Applications for free and reduced cost lunches will be in the packet of papers available at "Crusader Day.") We will have four full, regular days of school before the Labor Day weekend, and there will be no classes on Friday-Monday, August 31-September 3. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4, and East China buses will begin their runs that day.

First Day for Preschoolers:

We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday, September 5! Your classes will be from 8:30-11am. Our staff members are looking forward to getting to know you and your family!

If you are interested in having your preschooler in daycare on preschool days at Holy Cross from 7:30 until the beginning of preschool classes, please contact the school office.

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note to school by the first day 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). Thank you!

School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after school starts. 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 will be included in the "first day" packets available for pickup at "Crusader day." (The packet will be sent home on the first day of school with the oldest student if not already picked up.)

No More Snow Days!

With all students in grades 1-8 on Chromebooks, "snow days" are a thing of the past. From now on, whenever school is canceled due to inclement weather, teachers will be in e-contact with their students, and students will be able to continue along with their individual learning plans. (In the event of a power outage preventing school from being open, student will work on their religion portfolios.) This way, "snow days" will not impact students' learning or be counted against the school calendar, and we won't have to add days at the end of the school year.

School Clothes / Dress Code

You KNOW they're not going to fit into last year's uniforms! How would you like to check out an air-conditioned room full of FREE replacements? Contact the school office and we'll work to find a time that's good for everyone. "The Blue Room" is full of school-appropriate clothing that is FREE to Holy Cross School families.

Also: please note this minor change to the 2018-19 dress code: **sweatshirts (Holy Cross or other) are NOT acceptable as mass day attire.**

Cafeteria Pricing 2018-19

Meal costs will remain the same for the next school year. Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits on the first day of school, 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 at "Crusader Day").

New families: if you received free or reduced-cost lunches at your old school, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the office ASAP to see what needs to be done to continue those benefits at Holy Cross.

Help Pay For Camp 2019:

Bingo Concessions

Bingo concessions at the Wednesday bingo are back! But not for service credits: now bingo concessions will help you earn credit toward camp.

Earnings from concessions will be prorated among concessions workers (by the number of bingos worked) and applied to their camp bills at the end of December 2018.

One worker per Wednesday bingo will be needed. If you are interested or for more information please contact Jennifer c/o school.

VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We are already almost 2/3 of the way to our second \$1000 reward! Please keep sending in those entire receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. During the summer, if you aren't heading to school, receipts and "box tops" may be left at church. Thank you!

"FORMED"

Our Lady on the River Parish has purchased a gift for you! Enjoy a free subscription to formed.org - an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place!

With FORMED you can:

- Prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers
- Enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*
- Help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith

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Go to

www.ourladyontheriver.formed.org

- Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
- You're ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! You can also go to - app.formed.org - to download the free "app" for FORMED (Note - you will need the same information above to register your account.)

We recommend you start "Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist"

Auction 2019

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!

The Auction 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!)

Annual Pest Control Advisory

Notification for Parents

In keeping with the State of Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 and Regulation 637, Holy Cross School has adopted a plan of action for controlling insects, rodents and other pests in and around our facilities.

The school's plan of action for controlling pests incorporates integrated pest management (IPM). IPM utilizes various means of pest control including, but not limited to, habitat modification and sanitation, mechanical control, biological control and chemical control.

Holy Cross School realizes that the use of chemicals can be harmful to the health and safety of humans and the environment; therefore, we will apply chemicals only as a last resort.

Any questions regarding Holy Cross's IPM program should be directed to Judy Beauvais at 810.765.3568 extension 15.

If you wish to be notified before a scheduled pest treatment, please complete the form found elsewhere in this newsletter and return to the school office.

Meningococcal Vaccine

We are required to notify you of the availability of the meningococcal vaccine. Please contact the county Health Department or your doctor's office for more information.

Concussions

In order to keep people aware of the possibility of concussions, the law requires adult coaches to complete a (free) online training course (contact Dr Wagner for info). If a student is withheld from athletic activities due to a suspected concussion, s/h may not return to school that day. The student may return on a subsequent day ONLY with the written clearance of an MD or DO.

Asbestos

Federal law requires schools to inspect, test and identify known or suspected asbestos containing materials. All known asbestos containing materials at Holy Cross School have been removed by a professional abatement company several years ago.

T Shirts for Sale

The PTO still has a few Holy Cross T-shirts from its spring sale: contact the school office for pricing and to see what's available.

The PTO is also offering shirts by pre-order: see the order form attached to the emailed copy of this newsletter (or pick one up at "Crusader Day").

Survey

There is also a survey attached to your emailed copy of this newsletter--we hope you'll fill it out and send it in. (Hard copies will also be available at "Crusader Day.")

Extended Recess Day

Holy Cross is hoping to offer, one day a week, an extended lunch recess time dedicated to special interest activities. We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as mentors for small groups of students for these special interest activity periods once a week.

Possible activities include:

- ⇒ Elected Catholic youth student council leadership
- ⇒ God's Squad (for performing Christian service in our community)
- ⇒ Podcasting (linking school news to our school website with video)
- ⇒ Young chefs' food preparation of various cultures
- ⇒ Governor's physical fitness challenge
- ⇒ Culture, dance and martial arts
- ⇒ Walking world language (with mp4 language devices to practice a foreign language)
- ⇒ Junior "ToastMasters" (public speaking / forensics)
- ⇒ "Junior Robosapiens" STEM activity with robotics for competition
- ⇒ Parish career guilds (arrange weekly speakers on various careers)
- ⇒ Great Books club
- ⇒ Parish children's church choir
- ⇒ Training for a group of Chromebook help desk leaders and Chromebook repairs

Please contact Dr Wagner if you are interested in mentoring such a group of students!

**Open Enrollment
For Preschool
for 3-5 year olds
(and for K-8 students, too)!-
call school office (810.765.3591)
for information!**

**Middle School
Athletes:**

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

**Enjoy these last precious
days of summer--**

See you on Friday, Aug. 24 for "Crusader Day"--drop in between 9am-3pm to meet your teacher, pick up your "first day" packet, check out the Book Fair, and get your school picture taken!

Holy Cross PTO invites you to join us!



Friday, Aug 24 @ 7:00pm (rain or shine!)

Meet at Winne Acres (finished loft inside barn)
5931 Arnold Rd in Cottrellville (take Marsh to Arnold to big red barn)

Bring a chair/blanket to sit on—we will be in
finished loft of big red barn

Open to the entire family! (Movie rated PG)

Popcorn & lemonade refreshments served

2018 PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION

In the event of an emergency you will be notified of the application after it occurs.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside the school building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment outside the building.

Parent / guardian's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: daytime _____ evening _____

Students' names _____

Parent / guardian's signature _____ Date _____

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY



*All orders DUE BY end of school day on August 24, 2018

Orders will be ready for pick up from school on September 7, 2018

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone No: _____

E-Mail: _____ Grade: _____

* Please make sure to specify the size, if you are ordering more than one shirt please write each size.

Shirt Color: Navy	Size (circle)	Price	OPTION: Sparkle Silver Print No charge	OPTION: Personalize (write below) Add \$2 per item	Quantity	Amount
Youth Short Sleeve	S, M, L	\$12				
Adult Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL	\$12				
	2XL, 3XL	\$14				
Youth Long Sleeve	S, M, L	\$20				
Adult Long Sleeve	S, M, L, XL	\$20				
	2XL, 3XL	\$22				
Youth Hoodie	S, M, L	\$25				
Adult Hoodie	S, M, L, XL	\$25				
	2XL, 3XL	\$27				
Cap (Navy with White Stitching)	Traditional Baseball Cap	\$20	NA	NA		
	Ladies' Fashion Style Cap	\$20	NA	NA		

Total quantity _____ Total amount: _____

*Make all checks payable to "OLR"; if paying by cash please send the exact amount.

PERSONALIZATION OPTION:

*Personalized name on back of item (indicate item(s) above): _____
Please note that all sales are final for personalized items. No exchanges or refunds can be given.

This box for PTO use only Check # _____ Cash _____ Received _____

Holy Cross Catholic School
Gifts & Talents Inventory
For Parents, Guardians & Grandparents

We all like to do *something*. It may be something that comes to us *naturally*. It may be something we've learned that gives us the opportunity to *grow*. These gifts and talents that we enjoy are given to us by God and intended to share with others. They bring us life and bless those around us.

We ask you to fill out the brief survey below to help us discover the gifts and talents God has placed within our school community. If an opportunity arises this school year for someone with your interests and abilities, you may be asked if you're interested in helping in a specific area. You always have the option to decline if you don't think it's a good fit.

Hobbies I ENJOY: (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Yard Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance/Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Social Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinkering (take things apart/put together) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Videography | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Web Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in my child's classroom/library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports (please list): | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess/strategy games |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| _____ | |

Which best DESCRIBES you? (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Behind-the-scenes helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to work with people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up/Decorating helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanically inclined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with crunching numbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take-charge kind of person | <input type="checkbox"/> Planner/Organizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader for small group (adults or kids) | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurous/likes to try new things | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Occupation/Training (Current and/or Former)

Name: _____ **Phone/Text:** _____ **Email:** _____

*This information is for Holy Cross School only and will not be shared outside of school personnel/volunteers.

*Thank you for your attention in filling this out and for being part of our school community. We appreciate you.