



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.

March 12, 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?

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

It's not too late to earn SCRIP tuition credit for this quarter--credits will be calculated in the first week of April on SCRIP purchases made between January 1 and March 31, 2020.

End of Third Quarter

...is next Friday! Report cards will go home with students on Friday, March 27.

Registration for 2020-21

It's already time to plan for next year! Registration packets for the 2020-21 school year are being prepared for your family and will go home with your oldest "Crusader" by Monday. (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.)

--And it's time to apply for financial aid, as well!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Mar 13: food drive for parish pantry
- **Tu Mar 17: dress down shirts only in green and white for St Patrick's Day (uniform pants)**
- Th Mar 19: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE: pizza lunch
- **F. Mar 20: end of third quarter**
- F&S Mar 20-21: boys' basketball tournament at St Augustine
- **Sun Mar 22: Open House 1-3pm**
- M Mar 23: "Read In" Day
- **Tu Mar 24: "Spring Fun" school pictures and winter/spring sports photos**
- F Mar 27: report cards go home
- **March 30-April 3: no East China buses**
- F Apr 3: 7th graders visit CMC; no Chartwells--cheese nacho lunch
- **April 9-19: Easter break**
- M Apr 20: classes resume

Archdiocesan Grants

Applications for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted. For information visit aod.org at this page: <https://aod.app.box.com/s/f230lua8zrtvv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

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. **Your application and all supporting paperwork must be complete and submitted by April 30** in order to qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

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

Pizza Lunch

Next Thursday (March 19), Cardinal Mooney is having a special lunchtime event in the cafeteria, so we won't be able to use the room. Instead of Chartwells' lunch that day, we will have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Order slips were given today to all students--the \$2.50 lunch includes a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pizza), fruit, cookies, and drink. You may order extra slices of pizza for \$1 each. (As always, if you have to call your student in sick we'll return your order and money.) Please have orders in **by next Tuesday** so we have time to get enough food for everybody.

Boys' Basketball

Last Thursday evening, Holy Cross hosted St Mary McCormick. On Monday they traveled to IC, and will be home again tonight, hosting Richmond Middle School.

Just one week left of the boys' season! On Tuesday, March 17, our team travels again to IC, and on Wednesday they host their last game, against IC. All Crusader fans are welcome to come and cheer them on! The tournament will be on March 20-21 at St. Augustine. More info next week about the tournament.

Track Season

....is approaching! Thank you to Mrs. Ann Guldemond for agreeing to coach again. A few parent helpers will be needed (regularly or as your schedule permits!) to help supervise practices--please call Ann or school if you may be able to offer a few hours. Thank you!

"Books are Fun/Collective Goods"

The traveling display is here! Nice items at good prices; orders with payment need to be at the school office by next Wednesday morning (March 18), and items will go home with students on Thursday March 19 (or can be held at the office).

YEARBOOKS!

It's time to order your 2019-20 Holy Cross yearbook! It will be full-color, 28 pages long (much like last year's), available by pre-order only for \$15 each. The yearbooks will arrive in mid-May. There is an order form in this newsletter--**orders need to be in the school office by next Friday, March 20.**

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Tomorrow the second Friday of March. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

"Rejoyceful Animal Shelter"

Service Project

The seventh graders are collecting clean old T-shirts and lightweight fleece to make toys for shelter pets. They are also accepting donations of paper towels and cleaning supplies to help keep the animals' areas clean. Items can be sent in to the 7th graders until Friday, March 27. The class thanks you for helping them help the animals!

ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΦΟΒΙΑ!

(or τρισκαιδεκαφοβια, if you prefer lower case letters...)

Tomorrow we have a rerun of that special day for the superstitious: FRIDAY THE 13th!! The word meaning "fear of the number 13" is written in Greek, above; in English, "tris-kai-deka" is "13," and everyone know "phobia" means "fear". There's a word you can use to impress your friends!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for March are: Robert Jansauskas of Harsens Island, Michael Weber of Marine City and John & Jill Niebieszcanski of Clay Township. Congratulations to these three winners of \$100 each--and thank for supporting our school!

VG's Receipts

Please keep sending in 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.

"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>

Lent / Stations of the Cross

On each Friday that we are in school during Lent, students will head over to church at 2pm for stations of the cross. Parents--you are welcome to join us.

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 **734.837.5807**. Help is needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

"Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digitaly 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>

(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.

Crusader Cadets

Little Learners Group



1st & 3rd Thursday of Each Month 6-7 PM

Holy Cross Catholic School's Fine Arts Building

618 S. Water Street, Marine City

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.

"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 for a time to check it out.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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On March 13, 2020 - 7:00PM at St. Catherine, Stations of the Cross will be focused on families and youth. We invite all families of the parish, religious education families, and school families to join us for this special evening!

“March is Reading Month;” March 23 “Read In” Day

We have been enjoying our special “Reading Month” activities. We’ve had several special guest readers who came in to share part of their day with us. Everyone looks forward to hearing the PA announcement to “stop, drop and read!” Next Tuesday will be “dress down in a green shirt” day (with uniform pants) in honor of St Patrick’s day. There are also magazine day, movie-from-a-book day, “read your way to college” day in the schedule--and everyone’s favorite, “Read In” day (Mar. 23).

On “Read In” day, students may wear appropriate pajamas (or other comfy clothes) to school and bring a blanket or sleeping bag--and all the books they’d like to spend the day with! (Students: you must be able to carry everything you bring!) Some classes will, no doubt, make tents in their rooms with some of their blankets. It is a fun day for everyone!

Dismissal Time

We’ve noticed that pickup has been dragging on ‘til 3pm or later. Like you, teachers have things to do after work--but they aren’t able to start until after all the children are safely on their way. We all appreciate your being on time at the end of the day--thank you.

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

Marine City Little League

...needs a few more girls for its 8&under league (born in 2011 and 2012): email info@marinecitylittleleague.com.

Open House March 22

From 1-3pm on Sunday, March 22, Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney are hosting a joint campus-wide Open House. Teachers and administrators will all be here to meet and greet potential new families. Please invite your friends! If you are able to distribute a few flyers, please contact school and we’ll send some home to you.

▲ Lunchtime Problem...

Please DO NOT send lunches that need cooking! It takes so long to cook raw pasta that students don’t have time to eat it. Preparation such as assembling mini pizzas is also a lunchtime problem: it takes our lunch moms’ time, and having to prepare food takes lunch supervisors’ attention away from watching the students.

Please send lunches that are ready to eat, or that require only minimal warming . Thank you!

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.

CORONAVIRUS

A letter went out to you yesterday regarding the novel coronavirus currently in the news.

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

The Health Department advises all to maintain cleanliness of frequently-touched surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, 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.

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.

In the event East China School District closes its buildings due to COVID 19 and reverts to online only learning, Holy Cross School will do the same. With our Chromebooks and Google classroom / IXL work, online learning is already in place for our 1-8 students, and electronic (and other) communications are being planned for our Kindergartners to keep them learning, too.

ORDER YOUR 2019-20 YEARBOOK!

This year’s yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year’s) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books will be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students’ names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to “**OLR.**” When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

*---Orders need to be in the school office **by NEXT Friday, March 20.**---*