

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 18, 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.

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 810.434.9557--
Call or text your order ahead of time
to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

Bingo

Our bingos are open again! To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's: please contact Paul Burger at 734.837.5807.

End of Third Quarter

...is next Friday, March 26! Report cards will go home on the 31st.

Things to Remember EVERY DAY...

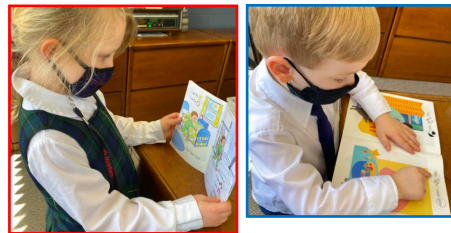
-your **mask**;
-your **charged ChromeBook**;
-your **lunch and drinking water**;
-be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
-have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
-wear **warm outer clothes** for recess.

Mark Your Calendar....

- NEXT **Tuesday, March 23: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE--everyone will need to bring a lunch AND drink from home; dress up for spring pictures!**
- All Fridays in Lent except Good Friday: 4-7pm fish fry at St Catherine activity center in Algonac
- **W Mar 31: "Read In" day; report cards go home**
- April 1-11: Easter break
- **M Apr 12: back to class**

March is Reading Month!

Mrs Davenport has been enjoying being read to this month! Elizabeth and Sammy were her most recent readers:



Segment by segment (one for each book read by a student), our "book worm" is growing--he's already past the windows in the center hallway:



Wednesday, March 31, is our annual "Read In" day--students may wear pajamas that day, and bring blankets and one stuffed animal.

TRACK

Still a few weeks left in the basketball season--but soon after, track will start. We have several experienced helpers who just can't take on the entire coaching job, but are eager to help--but **we do need to find a coach** to be able to have a team. If you're interested, please contact school (810.765.3591).

Basketball and Cheerleading

Last Thursday our girls played MCA and our boys, St. Augustine. On Monday, the boys traveled to MCA, and followed with a trip to Richmond on the 16th. Next week we have home games: on Tuesday, March 23, the girls host IC (6:30) and the boys, Landmark (about 7:30), and on the 25th, both the boys' and girls' teams take on NLCA at home. The final game is the girls,' at home on April 13.

Parents of athletes: players' families are all expected to work two admissions or concessions shifts over the course of the season. (That raises the money needed to pay our coaches, refs, league fees and other sports teams' expenses.) A million thanks to **Mrs. Janine Winne** who coordinates our concessions and workers--even when her daughter isn't playing! Please contact her to offer your help. Go, Crusaders!!

Spring Pictures

Next Tuesday, March 23, our school photographer will return to take spring "fun" portraits! They will take several poses of each student and provide you with a proof page to order from a week or so after. No obligation!

Students may dress up, if they wish, for these pictures.

NO SCHOOL LUNCH ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Everyone will need to bring a lunch and drink from home that day.

"Star" Assessments

Our students took the new "Star 360" tests in October and again a few weeks ago. **Most Holy Cross students increased their scores significantly** as compared with students in the rest of the country taking these assessments. We're hoping "Star" will send our detailed student scores before Easter: we will send your students' scores to you as soon as we can.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Registration for 2021-2

Re-registration for the 2021-2 school year is open! To register, the registration paperwork must be completed and returned to the school office with the appropriate fees. Also, all prior years' tuition and other obligations must be satisfied in full before a family's registration is complete.

With the uncertainty still caused by the pandemic, we must plan to have to continue distancing, so our class sizes will continue to be limited. Therefore, it will be more important than ever that you reserve your children's spaces for the upcoming year in a timely manner. **Registration HAS BEEN opened to the general public, and spots are being offered now on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Tuition / Service Credits For 2020-21

Just a reminder that all tuition needs to be paid in full by the end of March, and service credits completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owe their final payment on April 1. All obligations must have been met to complete re-registration for the next year.

Service Credits...Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides!

Please sign up for all service credit shifts in advance to be sure you receive the credit: if you just show up and we have enough workers already, we can't offer the extra credits. The signup schedule is online at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEhIFe/edit#gid=1>

--and runs through the end of the school year. You can take any open slot: just fill in your name. However, remember that everyone working at lunch must be an adult, must have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class (which you can do online!--see the first paragraph of this newsletter) and submit to a background check.

We are really grateful to all of our lunch supervisors!! **We really need a little more help, though,** most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As a lunch supervisor, you can earn your service credits while seeing your kids! If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the office.

...and Fish Frys

Thank you to all who have been working the fish frys! There are still opportunities to work: to sign up....

1. Go to <https://signup.com/go/MvhpUvS> and sign up directly for the shifts you want to work; or
2. Contact the Knights of Columbus: gk856@mikofc.org; or
3. Call the parish office: 810.765.3568.

Auction 2021

This year's first ever "virtual" Auction is taking shape! The baskets families have donated will form the basis for a "Traveling Silent Auction and Raffle." Pictures and descriptions will travel among the OLR sites during the month of April, so that people from around the county will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the items offered. They will be able to leave "silent bids" on some of the items; other items will serve as the prizes in a huge raffle. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales have already begun!

Families will be able to earn service credits by selling raffle tickets in advance: sell a packet containing 20 (50-50) and 20 (raffle) tickets to earn one service credit. Also, the school family or staff member who sells the most tickets will win a \$50 SCRIP gift card! To sign out tickets to sell (or for more information), contact Tiffany at 810.335.2719.

Winning bids and raffle winners will be announced after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, May 9. The first raffle winner drawn will have first choice of the baskets in the raffle; the second one will have second choice; and so on. Silent bid winners will be able to pick up their prizes (in order) right after church on the 9th or retrieve them from school during the following week.

Archdiocesan Grant

Applications for 2021-22

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page.

For general information about the grant program, go to

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Your application will require your pastor's signature: the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o7l8lwuacwvdv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS CRITICAL STEP:

Download the pastor's signature form, fill it out, and deliver to your pastor to sign. After he signs it, the form needs to be delivered to your child's school.

Applying for the Archdiocesan grant is required to be eligible to apply for any other tuition assistance, so

you are strongly encouraged to apply! (The deadline for applying is usually mid-April--usually right around the deadline for filing tax returns.)

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're 2/3 of the way to our next reward.

Please keep saving the **entire** paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are already about a third of the way to our next reward, and will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school (or SCRIP) office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

YEARBOOK

Don't miss out on this year's Holy Cross yearbook! It will be 28 pages long, and filled with color photographs. The price will be the same as last year: \$15 per book; we expect they'll be delivered in mid-May. An order form is elsewhere in this newsletter--**orders will need to be in by NEXT Friday, March 26** to be included in this year's printing.

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 governmental 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/>

★★★ PORTRAIT DAY IS COMING TO TOWN! ★★★

THE SPRING MASQUERADE



3 POSES WILL BE TAKEN
YOU PICK THE BACKGROUNDS!



◇ NORMAL ◇



#2101
DEFAULT FOR POSE 1

◇ MASKED ◇



#2102
DEFAULT FOR POSE 2

☆ SILLY! ☆



#2105
DEFAULT FOR POSE 3

WHERE

Science lab

WHEN

Tu. March 23

AFTER PICTURE DAY, VISIT...

SHOP.HRIMAGING.COM

- ◆ PICK YOUR POSE(S)
- ◆ CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE BACKGROUND
- ◆ ORDER GREAT PACKAGES AND PRODUCTS

OVER 30 BACKGROUNDS TO CHOOSE FROM

VIEW THEM ALL AT SHOP.HRIMAGING.COM!



ORDER YOUR 2020-21 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (just 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 26**---

