



# 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.

May 12, 2022

## 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](http://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!

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**OFFICE HOURS until June 10--**  
**Fridays 7-9am**  
**and Mondays 5-6pm**  
School office: 810.765.3591

After school is out, the SCRIP office will be open **on Fridays**, from **9-11 am** through the month of June (and closed for July). You can also leave messages on the school phone (above) or via email --school@holycrossonline.net.

## School Office Summer Hours

From June 13-30, the school office will be open from at least 8am-noon daily; we will be closed (but monitoring phone and email messages) during July.

*Thank You!!*

Thank you for all the treasures you sent to the teachers last week! Flowers, goodies, other little gifts, and love notes--all worked to make Teacher Appreciation Week very special for Holy Cross's teachers. Thank you to the PTO as well for providing lunch on Thursday: delicious, and very much enjoyed by all!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- M May 16: PK-3rd grades host author Rosanne Tersigni
- **Tu May 17: all sports awards dinner and ceremony**
- Th May 19: 6-8th graders' dance
- **Tu-Th May 24-26: 8th graders' class trip**
- Th May 26: mass at 9am: church day dress code
- **F-M May 27-30: NO school-- Memorial Day weekend**
- Tu May 31: back to school!
- **W June 1: dress down day-- "Field Day" after lunch**
- W June 8: mass at 9am (church day dress code); 8th graders' graduation af mass
- **F June 10: last day of school!-- dress down; pizza lunch; honors assembly about noon; final report cards will go home with students**

## Sports Awards Dinner

NEXT Tuesday, May 17, Holy Cross will honor its athletes at the annual all-sports awards dinner. Students who were members on any of Holy Cross School's 2021-22 sports teams, along with their family members, are invited. The Booster Club will provide the meal and tableware; families will be asked to help with desserts. Parents: please send your family's reservation to Mrs Steinmetz in the school office **before TOMORROW (May 13) so enough food is readied** for everyone.

## Nonperishables for Parish Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: our last scheduled opportunity to help with the parish's pantry before the summer.

The pantry is always in need of shelf-stable protein foods (peanut butter, tuna, hash, meats); personal hygiene supplies are always in short supply, too (women's products, diapers, shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, cleaning chemicals and soaps of all sorts).

If you are able to help, please bring an item or two tomorrow to leave at church for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

## Raffle Calendar Winners

...for May are Allan Rumball of Algonac, Linda Richards of Clay Township, and Ann Westrick of Marine City. Congratulations to all three, and thank you for supporting our school!

## Local Tuition Assistance for next year

Applications are available in the school office and are due May 29. You must have applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance (if you are a member at any AoD Catholic parish) to be eligible for local assistance.

## Track

Results from our first meet last week...

5-6th grade boys: **Gavin Remier** placed 1st in shot, and **CJ Pennington-Clark**, 3rd; **Finn Heath** took 1st in long jump; and 2nd in 100m; **Xavier Zammit** placed 1st in 800 m and **Dominic DeVeny** took 2nd;

5-6th grade girls: **Brooklyn Cooper** placed 1st in long jump and 2nd in 100m;

7-8th grade boys: **Dylan Davenport** took 3rd in both shot and 1 mile, and **Gabe Jacobs**, 4th in shot;

7-8th grade girls: **Abby Westrick** placed 1st in shot and long jump, and 2nd in 100m; **Angelina Taravilla** came in 2nd in 800m; and **Amelia Morgulec** was 2nd in shot.

Yesterday evening was our second meet. Results next week!

## 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 taken the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

The online signup page is ready and active for current lunch supervisors to use (for 2022-23 service credits)--go to:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjT9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

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

## **Service Credits: 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 many Wednesdays and throughout the summer, as well as during the school year.

## **Visit from Author!**

Author Rosanne Tersigni will be visiting our school next Monday, May 16th. She will be reading to grades pre-school to 2 and talking to our older grades about becoming an author. The premise of the book is from John 13:34. **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

The book is geared toward pre-1st grade, but we would like to offer all families the chance to own it! You can purchase it at: <https://weloveallpeople.com/holycross-marinecity/>

She will be bringing the books with her when she comes, so you will not have to pay a shipping fee. After she meets with our class, she will have each student who purchased a book come up individually and will sign the book especially for them! If you would like to take a look at the book prior to purchasing, please let me know and I can make arrangements for you to come in and preview it. Mrs Korotko has already read it to her class and they really seemed to enjoy it. Also, how cool would it be for them to have an author sign a book especially for them!

## **CMC Summer Camps**

Cardinal Mooney is offering summer camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-9, in boys' basketball, girls' basketball, robotics, mock trial and volleyball. Visit <https://bit.ly/36slvWA>

## **VG's Receipts**

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we hit the receipt goal for our next \$1000 reward! Please keep saving the entire VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--"e-receipts" are not accepted.) We'll continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Drop off receipts at the school office or at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church.

## **NJHS Notes for Tomorrow:**

NJHS members and inductees **may dress up tomorrow**, and inductees can be signed out after mass if parents want to take them out for lunch (but will need to be back by 11:30).

## **Don't Forget Your "Blue Water Vicariate Active Parishioner Verification" Form!**

The form is available at FACTS as part of the registration procedure (and was included in last week's newsletter for your convenience). Families need to turn the form in to their pastor and ask their parish office to complete and send the form to us. That form with your pastor's ok allows us to charge you the discounted, "in vicariate" tuition rate--without the form, we have to go with the higher, non-member tuition rate.

## **Uniforms and "The Blue Room"**

Is your Crusader's school wardrobe showing a little wear after daily use all year? Has s/he outgrown everything? Especially as the end of the year approaches: check out the FREE used clothing in "The Blue Room"! (Call first so we know you're coming.)

## **Attention CMC Bus Riders:**

Looking ahead to the last days of school....CMC will be dismissing early (11:10am) June 7-9 and at 10:40am on Friday, June 10 (UPDATED from last week). We will have regular school days June 7-9, and dismiss after awards are presented to students at about noon on Friday.

CMC buses will transport students as usual on the **mornings** of June 7-10.

To go home on June 7-9, the south bus will be here for Holy Cross riders at 2:50pm. However, **the north bus will NOT return for Holy Cross riders those days.**

**For the ride home on Friday, June 10: bus riders may opt to leave Holy Cross at 10:40am, when the CMC buses leave.** However, we will not yet have started our awards program at that time; and the buses will not have time to make it back to Marine City for pickup at our dismissal time. **Therefore, all CMC bus riders will need either to leave Holy Cross at 10:40 on Friday, or to come up with their own travel arrangements after the Holy Cross awards program (ending approximately 12:30pm).**

Please let us know how your CMC bus rider will be getting home each day, June 7-10, so we can help them follow your plan!

## **ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΦΟΒΙΑ (or "tris-kai-deka-phobia")**

Tomorrow is Friday, May 13. Fun factoid: that crazy word above means "fear of the number thirteen"--which is exactly how it translates from the Greek! Happy Friday the thirteenth!

## **Last Day of School**

...will be a dress down day. The morning is usually for "housekeeping," and NJHS usually plans for some outdoor fun for the whole school (weather permitting) before lunch. NJHS will be planning a pizza lunch (no Chartwell's), and they will send home ordering information soon. After the lunch will come our awards ceremony in the gym--that should start about 11:30am (and parents will be welcome to join in). Students will be dismissed for the summer after that.

## **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>

## **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

## **Spirit Wear Update**

As you're preparing for the 2022-23 school year (!)--we have two approved spirit wear vendors: "Screen and Stitch" and "TP Logos."

"Screen and Stitch" also offers custom embroidery on items you personally own (such as sweaters and cardigans). Please contact Deb Callahan with any questions: 810.650.3140.

TP Logo orders may be placed anytime online at: <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale> (Pick-up your order in Marysville.)

## *Yearbooks*

Yearbooks arrived last week! If you missed ordering, there's still an extra book--first \$15 takes it!

## **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>

Please do continue to clip and send in "Box Tops" with good expiration dates: they are very strict about dates, however, and expired "Box Tops" are not honored.

## **Holy Cross Catholic School's Nomination For the Archdiocese of Detroit's 2021-2022 "Teacher of the Year"**

**Mrs. Anna Wade** has been teaching at Holy Cross Catholic School for 29 years. She is our middle school math and science teacher.

Mrs. Wade fosters a great relationship of mutual respect with the students. She is great with challenging those students that need to be and she has a way of reaching the students that need the additional support. She always takes the time to circulate the classroom to ensure student understanding of the content. She loves to get students engaged in hands-on learning. She arranges dissections, utilizes problem solving activities, and regularly integrates STEM learning into both math and science to drive understanding of the content.

Mrs. Wade also has a way to "calm" the storm with students having a tough day or going through tough times. She takes the time to learn about the child as a whole. She learns what their likes and dislikes are and she develops a good mutual understanding with them. Teaching students compassion is important to Mrs. Wade. Last year, she had the 5th and 6th grade students record regularly what they are thankful for. She shared inspirational videos each day of people who overcame their disabilities to do great things - this enabled the middle schoolers to see that no matter how tough things get, you can always overcome hardships.

For the last 25 years, Mrs. Wade has organized our middle school's annual trip up north to winter camp. This is an incredible opportunity and she has created this special tradition for our school. She makes camp a memorable experience for all of our students. Mrs. Wade helps me greatly with gentle reminders of important details and events. She is always planning ahead to ensure we are set for Stations of the Cross, Living Rosary, May Crowning, and Advent. Mrs. Wade is the one to always make sure we sign-in at our staff meetings and takes minutes at all meetings.

She is a huge part of our family here at Holy Cross. Students that have had her as a teacher years ago come back to visit her. She is thrilled when her student's children attend our school and she is able to teach them! Mrs. Wade is always doing what she can to help all of our students - not just hers! We once had a student that was struggling to leave her mother at morning drop-off. Mrs. Wade got a fish for her classroom specifically so that student could feed the fish each morning; helping her with that difficult morning transition.

Mrs. Wade's colleagues describe her as dedicated, flexible, and collaborative. She shares resources and helps her colleagues whenever needed. Her dedication and compassion are a driving force behind our school's mission of fostering a setting to ignite a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in a personalized learning environment. This is shown through the compassion she provides to all of our students, staff, and families. She is an incredible asset to our school community and a true blessing.

She will be honored on Friday, May 20 at Comerica Park.

