



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.

November 21, 2019

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

We are so lucky to have those dedicated SCRIP ladies!! Every family in the school (as well as each RE family) is eligible to earn tuition credit from their everyday purchasing thanks to the availability of the SCRIP program.

Still not sure how it works?--call Patty, or the school office (810.765.3591).

Dress for the Weather!

As winter draws near, this is a reminder to students to wear coats, gloves, hats, boots, snow pants. We try to get outside for lunch recess whenever it is reasonable to do so, and we want to be sure of your children's comfort and safety. No boots / gloves / snowpants / coat = no playing in this snow!

Girls' Basketball

Practices are set to begin this afternoon: 3-4:30pm.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Nov 22: Holy Cross School Thanksgiving Feast**
- Tu Nov 26: NO East China buses home; Marine City Christmas parade 7pm
- **W-M, Nov 27-Dec 2: NO SCHOOL--Thanksgiving break and teacher professional development**
- Tu Dec 3: back to class
- **M Dec 9: mass for Immaculate Conception feast day at 9am: mass day dress code**
- Tu Dec 10: PTO meets 6:30 at Brysons' house
- **W Dec 11: "Early Release" day**
- F Dec 13: 9am mass with food drive for parish pantry
- **Tu Dec 17: Santa Shoppe all day at school; Christmas program 5:45pm in church (dress code: Christmas best)**
- F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch

Farewell to Mr. Cherry

Tomorrow is 7th grade teacher Mr. Cherry's last day at Holy Cross! Mr. Cherry has accepted a position with the Air Force at Selfridge ANG Base and will be starting there on Monday. We are sad to see him leave, but we know this is an opportunity he's been waiting for, and we wish him all the best.

As much as we hate to see Mr. Cherry leave, we have been blessed with a number of qualified applicants for the position. Interviews have been completed, and we expect to be able to announce the new middle school social studies teacher tomorrow.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our school-wide 'feast' is tomorrow!

A HUGE thank you to **Ms. Trish Babel** for assuming responsibility for coordinating the feast! Special thanks as well to those who volunteered to donate and cook turkeys: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Hurt, Mrs. Wade, Ms. Jondron and Mrs. Callahan. There will be a crew of helpers tomorrow at the feast: remember to thank them for coming to help!

Auction 2020

All families' auction donations are due by the end of November: **NEXT WEEK!**

If you prefer: rather than an item, you can opt to send a \$60 payment instead, before the end of November (\$80 after Nov 30), and let the Auction crew find something on your behalf.

The Auction will be here before you know it--and its success (and how well it does at helping to keep down YOUR tuition bill) will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop or during your travels. And remember: If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!

Marine City Christmas Parade

...is next Tuesday, Nov. 26. PTO is doing a "A Christmas Story" themed float. If anyone has items we could use related to this 1980s movie (leg lamp, giant bunny costume, etc), please contact Amanda Smalley c/o school. If you want to be part of the parade: dress in festive clothing (hats, lights, etc.) and meet in front of Holy Cross at 6:30pm. We will be collecting any non-Halloween-labeled candy to use at the parade also: please bring in sealed containers/zipper bags to the school office by Nov. 25.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK--the next one will come out on December 5

Student Leadership Council

Mrs. Davenport invited interested 3-8th graders to help her begin a Student Leadership Council. They plan to meet once a month (more, if they're working on a project), and will share ideas and solutions to support the mission and vision of Holy Cross.

They have met once so far. Mrs. Davenport asked for their help in refining morning prayer (tell them to "Go Make a Difference" and see what they say!). They have also put together a survey regarding what's needed in our library, which will be offered soon to all students to respond to.)

"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>

PTO Koeze Sale

The PTO is sponsoring this year's Koeze projects sale. Koeze's specialty is deluxe nuts in very elegant packaging: their products make wonderful Christmas gifts for friends and business associates. Profits from the same are earmarked for leveled learned items for our library.

For more info or a Koeze catalog, please contact Suzy DeVeny: csdeveny@gmail.com.

C.M.C. Honors

Congratulations to these Holy Cross alumni earning first quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List (All As): **Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Sophia Goulette, Dresden Scott, Cole Tite and Matthew Zammit;**

First Honors (minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than B): **Maggie Bartholomew, Ashton DeMeulenaere, Rebecca Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Ron Schulte and Scarlett Scott.**

Well done!!

"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.)

Camp 2020

We have been busily preparing for camp for our middle schoolers! The 5-8th graders will be away at winter camp the week of Feb. 10-13, 2020. Families: you should have received your first camp bill in mid-October and the second one last week. The second 25% payment is due at the end of the month: your camp bill must be half paid by November 30 to avoid late fees.

Attached is a list of equipment suggested for all campers.

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

The Wednesday night bingo at St Catherine's REALLY needs your help. 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 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/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6qNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards at the Office

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: \$5 each.

High School Placement Test Workshop and Test

Cardinal Mooney High School is offering the test (and workshop to prepare for it) for any 8th grader planning to go to a Catholic high school next year. The workshop was on Sat. Nov 16 and the test itself the next Saturday, Nov 23. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for costs, times, info on registering, and other de-

tails.

Santa Shoppe

PTO's "Santa Shoppe" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 (during the school day). Students will receive informational flyers on Tuesday, Dec. 10 so they can plan their shopping.

Mrs. Bryson is looking for some "elves" to help her with the Shop on the 17th. If you can give her a few hours (or the entire day), please contact her by email at beckybryson123@gmail.com or c/o school. "Santa Shoppe" promises to be a fun day for all--thank you for considering helping!

Christmas Program

...will be Tuesday, Dec. 17. (Attendance is mandatory for all students.) Wear your Christmas best! Meet your teacher in church by 5:45pm. More info to come!

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

Prepare for your black Friday shopping early!

The Scrip Office will be closed

Wednesday & Friday

November 27th & 29th

For the Thanksgiving Holiday

Enjoy your shopping!

Happy Thanksgiving

Our Class Is Having a Pajama Drive

Dear Families,

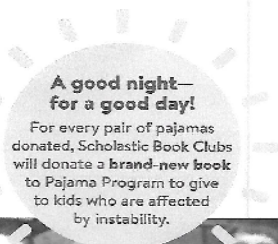
Please send in new pairs of pajamas to school by:

FILL IN THE DATE
Friday, November 22nd

WHAT TO DONATE:

- Brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be a complete set—either a top and bottom or onesie.
- Pajamas for all seasons!

 The Third Graders

 A good night—for a good day!
For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to give to kids who are affected by instability.



Pajama Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and supports a comforting bedtime routine for children facing challenges beyond their control.



St. Clair Community Singers

Terry Beasley, Director
Monica Lopiccolo, Accompanist

Christmas Concerts

→ **Sunday December 8, 2019 4PM**

at
First United Methodist Church
North Third Street at Vine Street
St Clair

and

→ **Sunday December 15, 2019 4PM**

at
Holy Cross Catholic Church
610 Water Street
Marine City

Free admission
(freewill offerings accepted)

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Basketball games start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted:	2 NO SCHOOL—AoD teachers' professional development IC @ HC	3	4 HC @ MCA	5	6	7
8	9 Mass at 9am with CMC Landmark @ HC	10 PTO meets 6:30pm at Brysons'	11 PLC "Early Release" at 12:50pm	12	13 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry	14
15	16 HC @ IC	17 "Santa Shoppe" in Fine Arts Building Christmas program—meet your teacher in church at 5:45pm	18 CMC dismisses at 10:50am	19 CMC dismisses at 10:50am	20 Last day of classes before Christmas break Hot dog lunch	21
22	23 No school 'til Jan. 6	24	25 A very merry Christmas to your family!	26	27	28
29	30	31	JAN 1 2020 New Year's Day	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4

Suggested Equipment Guide for Camp

Use this list as a guide when packing for camp. Make sure you have clothes to dress warmly and be able to change if you get wet. Also, pack in a **SMALL** space—NO large or hard-sided suitcases or huge duffel totes. We may have to go up stairs and large pieces are difficult to move (let alone store) in the dorms. We recommend you pack in something watertight—30 gallon "Steel-Sack" bags (with your name taped on them) or soft-sided luggage with your name in a prominent place work great. Bedding must be in one bag and clothing and essentials in another. Girls—no makeup needed! **WE MUST CONSERVE SPACE** as everything has to be packed under the bus. **Please label all items clearly with your name.**

WINTER CLOTHING

3 pairs pants	1 pair snow pants
3 warm shirts	1 pair long thermal underwear
1 sweatshirt or sweater	1 scarf or other face covering
1 warm winter coat	2 pairs waterproof tennis shoes or hard soled slippers
1 pair high, warm snow boots ESSENTIAL	1 pair pajamas
2 pairs gloves/mittens	1 warm hat (no headbands)
4 sets underwear	4-5 pairs socks

PERSONAL ARTICLES

comb/brush	toothbrush/toothpaste	wash cloth	bath towel
soap	shampoo	chap stick	tissues
deodorant			

BEDDING

2 sheets 1 pillow 1 comforter
We prefer no sleeping bags. However, if you bring one, use it as a comforter and bring one fitted sheet.

MISCELLANEOUS

pencils	laundry bag	sunglasses	writing paper
reading books	hand warmers	hand lotion	flashlight
playing cards	magnetic compass	crossword or search-a-word books	

1 small carry-on allowed to take on bus
disposable camera (cell phones are **NOT** allowed to be used as cameras)

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

Candy or food of any kind in the dorms (anything left over from the bus ride is disposed of). The snack bags for the way home will be stored in sealed containers.

LEAVE YOUR CHROMEBOOK HOME!

Knives, weapons, drugs, tobacco, etc. are not allowed.

For bus use only: iPods, iPhone watches, cell phones, DVD players, other devices—these items will be collected as we get off the bus and stored in an air-tight container, and will be returned as we get back on the bus on Friday.

No use of cameras in dorm areas unless an adult is present and gives approval.

FORGET YOUR FEARS AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!




Festival
OF
T R E E S
BENEFIT FOR
MCLAREN PORT HURON

Family Event

Sunday Morning, December 8

Seatings at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Bring your appetite, Christmas wish list, and holiday spirit because Santa would love to have breakfast with you!

Reservations are required to attend this event.

Your reservation to this family event also include general admission to the ***Festival of Trees***. You can easily register and pay online, or return the attached registration form to McLaren Port Huron Foundation. Reservations will be taken as space is available.

Your tickets will be held at the door.

Register & Pay Online: mclaren.org/phfestival

**For questions, please call
McLaren Port Huron Foundation
at 810-989-3776.**

**All proceeds benefit services
at McLaren Port Huron**



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