



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 7, 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

Patty will be spending much of conference day in the SCRIP office! If you'd like her to explain the program, or to help you with the online programs, feel free to call/text her or stop by her desk on November 8.

Conferences

....TOMORROW, Friday, Nov. 8.

"Daddy-Daughter Dance"

...is tomorrow night, 6:30-8pm, in the cafeteria.

Volleyball Tournament

The league's volleyball tournament was this past Tuesday. The Holy Cross team came in third place during tournament play and second overall during the season. Well done, Coach Kuzera and team!!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Nov 8: NO SCHOOL--conferences; book fair (in Science Room); Daddy-Daughter Dance 6:30-8pm cafeteria**
- **W Nov 13: "PLC Early Release" at 12:50pm**
- **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 Shop all day at school; Christmas program 5:45pm in church**
- **F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch**

Book Fair!

Scholastic Book Fairs are back at Holy Cross! They'll be here through tomorrow evening, so you'll be able to browse at conferences. Thank you to Brigitte Pennington for chairing the fair! She is looking for helpers: for more info or to offer your help, please call/text or email her (c/o school).

Next "Early Release" Day

Next **Wednesday, November 13**, is our next "Early Release" day. **ALL STUDENTS (EXCEPT those who have classes at CMC in the afternoon) will be dismissed at 12:50pm;** East China buses will be here for their usual riders then. **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS** who still have classes at CMC may wait at Holy Cross for those classes; they will be expected in the music room. All other students should be on their way home. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Girls' Basketball!

Coaches **Mrs Colleen Kowalewski** and **Ms Jessica Smith** and assistant coach **Jessica Barr** introduce their team: 6th graders **Katie Kowalewski, Skye Moss** and **Lylah Schaening**; and 7th graders **Ava DeVeny, Angie Winne** and **Julia Curley**. Practices will begin soon.

Thanksgiving Feast

Every fall Holy Cross celebrates a traditional Thanksgiving feast, where students and staff prepare much of the meal (with a small army of parent helpers!), and then sit down together to share it. This year the feast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22: just two weeks away!

Each grade is assigned to prepare part of the feast. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to ask your help in supplying the class's needs. This year, the foods assigned for each class are:

Each Kindergartner: 1 gallon milk;
Grade 1: 1 pound of butter and 1 pound of margarine each;
Grade 2: 4 cans of corn each;
Grade 3: 2 large boxes orange Jello each;
Grade 4: 1 dozen rolls each;
Grades 5&6: ingredients as requested by Mrs. Wade for deviled eggs;
Grade 7: 2 boxes of turkey stuffing each; and

Grade 8: about \$3 each for desserts and raw vegetables as requested by Ms. Johnson.

Please send your class's items in by Nov. 20 (or the date your child's teacher specifies). We're also looking for one more volunteer to cook a 12-15 pound turkey and drop it off the morning of the feast, as well as six more adults to help with the meal. If you're able to help in either of those areas, please contact Trish Babel at 810.643.6085. Thanks for your help, and for everything you do for our school!

NO LEGGINGS!

A reminder: leggings are **NOT** approved as pants under our dress code. We have noticed a couple "offenders" recently and want to be sure everyone understands! To clarify: leggings **MAY** be worn under other clothing as stockings: they just aren't pants.

Auction 2020

All families' auction donations are due by the end of November.

Sometimes families wonder what they should give...the easy answer is: if you'd bid on it, so would someone else! At the "high end," vacation spots always prompt spirited bidding: a week at a place at the beach, or at a hunting retreat, or maybe at a time-share--these would all be "hot" bid items.

Baskets are popular: a collection of tools for the guys in the crowd, or perhaps a "pamper me" basket for the ladies; maybe a basket with "everything you need for your next camping trip" or "chocolates from around the world" is more your style. Everything works! The more variety, the better--use your imagination!

Gift certificates are always a good bet --everyone loves to eat out, or go to shows, or to sporting events. Sports paraphernalia is another really popular auction item category.

OR--if you prefer: 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!

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; the next is on its way! 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.

"Books are Fun!"

The traveling book display has returned! "Books are Fun" offers a nice selection of good quality items at reasonable prices, and the school earns a book for every ten sold.

The display is set up by the office--orders and payments need to be in by **Tuesday, Nov. 12**. Items will arrive on Wednesday, Nov. 13 and go home with your oldest Crusader (or, if you arrange it with Mrs. Steinmetz, your order can be held at the office for you).

Spelling Bee

Our local Knights of Columbus have scheduled their annual spelling bee for November 21. Information about the bee is attached to this newsletter; students in grades 4-6 are invited to compete!

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 c/o school.

Marine City Christmas Parade

...is 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/ziploc bags to the school office by Nov 25.

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 of Holy Cross church.

Jammie Time!

The third grade class is sponsoring a pajama collection for needy children. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details!

Shingles

One of our after-school maintenance people has been diagnosed with shingles. The person does not have contact with students and keeps the rash covered; the Health Department tells us the risk to students is very low.

Dress Down Day!

Next Monday, Nov. 11, is a dress down day for students who wear red/white/blue or military colors in honor of Veterans' Day.

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/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

"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/newbtfe>.

(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.)

"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>

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.

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!



Student Highlights

...for October:

First grader **Arianna McCracken** is a hard worker and a good friend to her classmates. She does gymnastics in her free time and wants to join the jazz dance class, too. Arianna likes to go for golf cart rides and swim in the summer. Keep your positive attitude and keep smiling.

Second grader **Preston Davenport** works carefully and neatly in all his classes. Preston is patient and kind to everyone and likes to share. When Preston is not in school he might be playing video games, riding his bike, or playing with his friends. Some day Preston hopes to be an engineer like his dad when he grows up.

Paige Arlow is a quiet, hard-working student. She is a great role model for other third graders. Her favorite subject is handwriting, and she writes beautifully! Outside of school, Paige likes to go to dance class, especially tap dancing! She also enjoys going to Lexington with her cousins, and visiting the beach to collect sea glass. Paige isn't sure yet what she wants to do when she grows up, but she'd like to try photography.

Xavier Zammit is a fabulous soccer player, and a runner in training. At the end of the Cross Country season, younger siblings were allowed to run, and fourth grade Xavier took 1st place! He

loves to read and does very well in math. Xavier is kind, helpful, and has a great sense of humor.

Fifth grader **Matthew Bailey** is a kind-hearted young man with an infectious smile. He has the ability to have fun with his friends, yet get down to business when necessary. Matthew is helpful and has a true Christian attitude.

Lylah Schaening is a wonderful, fun-loving sixth grader with a great sense of humor. She shows caring and compassion for her classmates and always has good insight into class discussions. Lylah is an animal lover, winning Grand Champion at the 4H fair with "Larry" the duck.

Seventh grader **Cole Campbell** is a very funny young man who wants to be an electrician later in life. He enjoys jamming to some AC/DC and Imagine Dragons tunes while eating his favorite food, pepperoni pizza, and he's a big-time Star Wars fan who can't wait for episode 9 to come out next month.

Lauchlan McDonald is a genius when events in history are involved! He especially loves discussing wars, battles, and geography. Lauchlan has a great sense of humor and is very helpful. He is considerate and caring of those around him.


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 is on Sat. Nov 16 and the test itself the next Saturday, Nov 23. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for costs, times, information on registering, and other details.

Fall Fun!



Yesterday morning the students started their day (after prayer) with 4 minutes of jumping and playing in leaves!





2019

Spelling Bee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

November 21, 2019

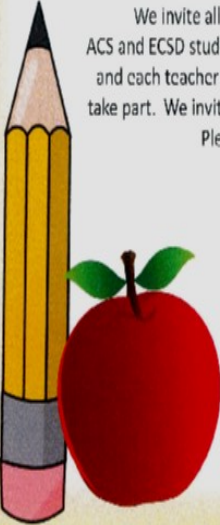
St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac
4th, 5th and 6th grade contest – Registration at 5:30pm Event start 6:00pm

We are excited to announce our fifth annual Knights of Columbus spelling Bee. We invite all students in the blue water area to take part in the competition. ACS and ECSD students will have copies of a spelling list available by their office/teachers, and each teacher and or school will be able to select as many students as would like to take part. We invite home school families to send as many students as would like to join. Please email GK7227@mikofc.org for registration details.

Prizes:

- Grade winners at each grade level 4th, 5th and 6th will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 2 runner ups for each level will win gift certificates.

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Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City
In service to one. In service to all.





**Holy Cross Catholic School
First Quarter Honors**

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Lydia Zammit.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Leo DeVeny, Gianna Ringeisen.**

Third Grade

All As: **Paige Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Katie Bryson.**

Perfect Attendance: **Paige Arlow, Alex Path.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Alex Ogden, Xavier Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **Dominic DeVeny.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dominic DeVeny, Gavin Remier, Bella Smalley, Xavier Zammit.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Gabriel Jacobs.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dylan Davenport, Naylee Verellen.**

Sixth Grade

Honor Roll: **Nolan Babel, Katie Kowalewski, Kaden Remier, Lylah Schaening.**

Perfect Attendance: **Kaden Remier.**

Seventh Grade

All As: **Ava DeVeny, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Angie Winne.**

Honor Roll: **John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs.**

Perfect Attendance: **Cole Campbell, Ava DeVeny, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Angie Winne.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker.**

Perfect Attendance: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.**

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



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

**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.



Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Council 7227 & Council 856

Entry Form

Name _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School/Home School _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
(if different)

Phone # () _____

I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the Knights of Columbus spelling bee and understand that their name and/or picture may appear in local newspapers, newsletters, or Knights of Columbus web pages.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

(You may keep the bottom portion)

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Please Email entries to GIC7227@nikofc.org

Questions contact:

Richard Goulette 586 855-9143

Daddy Daughter '80s Dance

Reservation Form

11.8.19 6:30-8pm School Café

\$10/pair, \$5 each additional daughter

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Total amount paid: _____

RSVP by 11.4.19

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson

757-334-9662 (call or text)

BeckyBryson123@gmail.com

****We are seeking donations of the following items:**

Bottled water, lemonade mix

Commercially prepared vegetable and fruit platters, cheese slices, crackers, cookies & fancy desserts (petit fours, etc)

Commercially prepared submarine sandwiches and condiments

Thank you!!!