



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.

October 1, 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. 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!

Calendar Reminder: Day Off!

A reminder to all that **there will be NO SCHOOL on Oct. 16** (another day for teachers' inservices).

Phoning In Student Absences

Parents are reminded to **call the school office (810.765.3591)** any morning their child will not be coming to school.

Finally Resuming Bingo!

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac) will soon be able to do so! The bingo is scheduled to reopen next Wednesday. To schedule work shifts: please contact **Paul Burger at 734.837.5807.**

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Oct 9: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry; advanced altar server training 3pm at church
- **W Oct. 14: school picture re-takes**
- F Oct 16: NO SCHOOL-- teachers' professional development
- **"STAR" testing: Sep 29-Oct 9**

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to the folks who have answered the call already--and to those who have been filling in those empty spots! We are still looking for lunch supervisors. You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: four shifts worked will equal one credit. We are most in need of help (10:30-11:30am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

NEW SCHEDULING OPTION--by the day! The schedule is at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1>

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

Cross Country

First meet was last Thursday. It was a beautiful late summer afternoon! The Crusaders arrived in good spirits--for many, this was their first-ever meet. They ran with great attitude and cheered each other on. Eighth grader **Ava DeVeny** came in first place in the varsity girls' division, followed by seventh grader **Lylah Schaening** in second place. Eighth grader **Conor Guyor** placed fourth in his division, and sixth grader **Micah Arlow** placed 4 among JV boys.

The team's second meet is this afternoon: go, Crusaders!

Third Grade Engineers

Ms Tersigni's third graders worked on barge designs last week!

Their job was to create something to carry marbles on water. Ms T said a couple "boats" held 33 marbles-- WOW!



"Assistant Principal for a Day"

Seventh grader **Lylah Schaening** spent Tuesday as Mrs. Davenport's right-hand person, as she was finally able to redeem her (pre-COVID) "Assistant Principal for a Day" gift certificate from last year's Auction.

Ms. Schaening's first act was to declare the day a dress down day, which everyone loved! She worked on projects such as Mrs. Davenport's "Chromebook Check," and spent part of lunch supervising the students at recess. She learned about how administrators have to think on their feet, helping Mrs. Davenport deal with an hour-long power out around lunch time that day. After the students all had their lunch and recess, the two school administrators finally sat down and shared lunch together.



Masks for ALL Students

The Governor has issued another executive order regarding masks on children. **Beginning next Monday, October 5, ALL STUDENTS, including those in grades K-4, are required to wear masks all day in school, whether or not they are with only their own cohort classmates.** We will comply with that directive, but we are actively participating in discussions regarding the science and data driving these decisions.

Food Drive at Mass

Next Friday (October 9) will be the second Friday of October. 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!

"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>

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 (old logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5 each.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Funding for the current "free lunch" program WILL end at some point. Families are encouraged to apply for continued free/reduced cost lunch benefits. The application form was included in your "first day" folder (and can be found at

<https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/07/2020-21-Free-and-Reduced-Price-Lunch-Application.pdf>

(Go to ecsd.us, select "departments"--"food service"--then scroll down for the application and other information.)

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.

VG's Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are almost 90% of the way to our next \$1000 award, and 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.

Volleyball!

Mrs. Colleen Kowalewski will be our coach--her team includes fifth graders Vivian Gray, Mila Mkrtychyan, and Bella Smalley; sixth grader Abigail Westrick; seventh grader Katie Kowalewski; and eighth graders Ava DeVeney, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden and Angie Winne.

Advanced Altar Server Training

We put the wrong date in last week! Fr. Lapeyre invites those who would like to serve at weddings, funerals and other special events to a training next Friday, **October 9**, at 3pm in the church.

Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

Spirit Wear

Watch your email within the next few days for ordering information!

Water

A reminder that water bottles need to be clear and contain only water (we've had some sticky messes from spills that made it obvious it was something other than water!).

Lunches

A reminder, also, that students' lunches need to contain a drink and (when needed) eating utensils--thanks!

"STAR" Testing

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit has chosen to use "STAR" as its standardized testing, replacing the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills that we have used for years.

The testing "window" is September 29-October 9. Testing helps us identify individual students' strengths and weaknesses, and class trends help us "tweak" our curriculum to be sure we are presenting lessons appropriately and effectively.

The best test preparation is to ensure that your child is well rested and well fed: get to bed early and have a good breakfast to perform your best!

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A Plea On Behalf of your Parish:

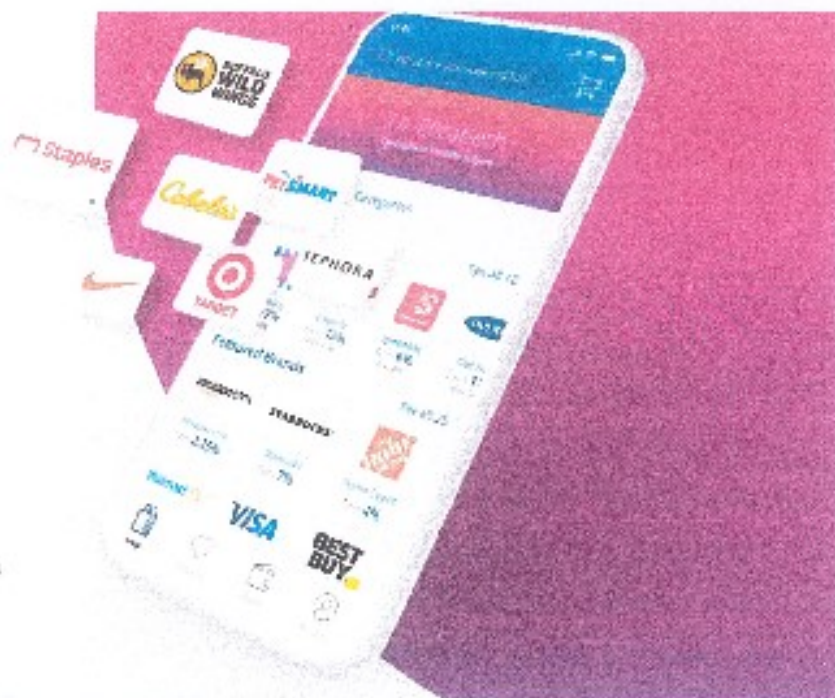
Your parish needs you now more than ever. Please keep your pastor and his staff in your prayers during this pandemic crisis. You are invited to join in Our Lady on the River's daily and weekend services. However, if you prefer not to venture out into crowds just yet, please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations, as you are able. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of Governors' orders, your parish, also, has such needs, and no other way to meet them than its parishioners and other donors.

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<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>

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Have questions text **Patty Smith 810-434-9557** **Mon-Fri 9-4**

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What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: October FREE LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>5 Pepperoni Pizza Golden Corn Cucumber Slices Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>6 Beef Hot Dog on a WG Bun Potato Rounds Baby Carrots Crisped Peas Choice of Milk</p>	<p>7 Classic Cheese Burger Baked Beans Flower Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>8 Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>9 Grilled Cheese Seasoned Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>12 French Toast Slices w/Sausage Hash Brown Baby Carrots Mac Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<p>13 Meat & Cheese Nachos Eggroll & Cranberry Salad Fresh Celery Sticks Crisped Peas Choice of Milk</p>	<p>14 Chicken Nuggets Toasted Tuna Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>15 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Carrot Fries Flower Peas Crisped Peas Choice of Milk <i>Lucky Lunch Day</i></p>	<p>16</p>
<p>19 Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Baked Beans Flower Peas Baby Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>20 Pepperoni Pizza Cucumber Slices Baby Carrots Sweet Peas Choice of Milk</p>	<p>21 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Steamed Carrots Crisped Peas Fresh Apples Choice of Milk</p>	<p>22 Popcorn Chicken Crisped Potato Baked Beans Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>23 Corn Dog on a Stick Baked Potato Rounds Baby Carrots Fresh Apples Choice of Milk</p>
<p>26 Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>27 Walking Taco Refried Beans Baby Carrots Flourapple Chunks Choice of Milk</p>	<p>28 Chicken Nuggets Crispy Fries Romaine & Spinach Salad Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>29 Meatballs w/ Pasta Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Sweet Peas Choice of Milk</p>	<p>30 Chicken Patty w/Bun Baked Potato Rounds Baby Carrots Fresh Apples Choice of Milk <i>Lucky Lunch Day</i></p>

Questions or
Comments?
Please contact
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Lunch: A full student lunch includes a choice of entree supplying grain and/or protein, two (2) side dishes and choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and 1% chocolate.

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