



# 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 10, 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](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.**

got SCRIP?

**SCRIP office hours:**  
Mondays 7-9am and 5-7pm,  
Wednesdays 1-3pm and  
Fridays 7-9am  
Patty Smith

One of the first questions new families ask is "how can we lower our tuition bill?" Well: SCRIP is one way EVERY family can lower its own tuition bill (while helping the school, too!)--at NO EXTRA COST beyond what the family was going to spend, anyway.

Not quite sure how SCRIP works?--please contact the school office, or Patty Smith (at the number above). Patty can also help you get going with online SCRIP purchasing, if that works better for you.

## Service Credits: Scheduling 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 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>

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Oct 11: food drive for parish pantry**
- Sun Oct 13: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner with open school
- **W Oct 16: school pictures re-takes; cross country and volleyball team photos; vision and hearing screenings**
- F Oct 18: no mass this week; NO EAST CHINA BUSES today
- **F Oct 25: end of first quarter!; "Trunk or Treat" 6-8pm**
- Sunday Oct 27: Open House 1-3pm
- **Tu Oct 29: 8th graders visit CMC**
- Th Oct 31: Hallowe'en--dress down in orange and black; NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME
- **F Nov 1: report cards go home**

## Food Drive for Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of October: time for our monthly food drive to replenish the parish's food pantry. If you are able, please bring (shelf stable) food items to help our less fortunate neighbors. (Items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, dish soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, and shampoo are appreciated, too!) Our needy neighbors thank you.

## Drama Club

Mrs. Ann Guldemon and Mrs. Davenport will be mentoring our thespians! Practices will be on Tuesdays during lunch. Students OR parents interested in being part of drama--please contact Mrs. Davenport.

## Volleyball

On Monday, Oct. 7, Holy Cross scored a victory over their visitors from St. Augustine / St. Peter Schools! Last night IC visited Holy Cross.

Next week's games are on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at home (hosting New Life Christian Academy in a non-league game; K Downey and C Kowalewski working) and on Wednesday at St. Augustine's (playing at St. Peter School). (Also, the makeup game against St. Augustine has been scheduled for Oct. 22.) The games start at 6:30pm: all Crusader fans are welcome!

## Cross Country

Last Thursday, the clouds parted long enough to have a semi-dry race! The course was soaked and the air had an "invigorating" fall chill. We're proud of all of our runners for persevering! Eighth grader **Isaac Zammit** came in second in his division: congratulations!, Isaac!

The next--and last--cross country meet is this afternoon at Columbus Park. Here is our team:



## Parents of Athletes:

Our Booster Club covers all the expenses of our extracurricular sports program. Parents of athletes are expected to do their part by helping with admissions and concessions at home games at least twice during their child's season, and at least once during the volleyball tournament, which Holy Cross hosts every year. A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her c/o school to offer your help.

## Iowa Tests

Just one more day!--we're all looking forward to returning to a regular school schedule!



Our volleyball team!

*Thank You!*

...to **Bill and Jamie Guyor** for hooking us up with "new-to-us" furniture in both the music and art rooms, and to the Guyors, **the DeMeulenaeres** and **the Davenport**s for helping move it all in!

### Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here next Wednesday, October 16 for annual vision and hearing screenings. The hearing of students in grades K, 2 and 4 will be tested; vision screenings are scheduled for students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7.

If you would like your child to receive a screening s/he isn't scheduled for, or if you do NOT want your student to receive his/her scheduled screening, please let Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office know.

**Notice Regarding Children with Digitally Programmable Shunts and Other Implanted Medical Devices That May Be Affected By Magnets:** screenings are performed with portable audiometers, and the headphones have magnets with large field gradients. If your child has a digitally programmable shunt or other implanted medical device, it is IMPERATIVE that they not be screened as the magnetic strength may change the device setting. (If your child has such a device, you can contact the Health Department for alternative screening.)

Students who already wear glasses (or contacts) will need to use them for the vision tests.

### "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.)

### From the Marine City Area Fire Authority.

Looking for something both fun and educational to do on Saturday, October 12? The MCAFA is hosting an open house from 1-5pm (at 200 South Parker)-tour the station, meet local firefighters, enjoy fire prevention / awareness activities.

### "Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! Go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

(We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City".)

### Holy Cross "Harvest Dinner"

Sunday, October 13, is the date of this year's "Harvest Dinner." A group of wonderful parish volunteers has been planning for the event all year! They are counting on each of us to help where we can: cooking, serving, bake sale, clean up.....Sign up sheets will be posted soon at the entrance of Holy Cross church.

We also plan to have our beautiful school open for visitors to walk through. Of course, we'll need to have a few school folks around to help any visitors find their way...are you available for an hour or two the afternoon of Oct 13? Please contact Mrs. Davenport.

### Student Workers Needed at "Harvest Dinner"

Students in grades 5-8: your help is needed, too, at the Harvest Dinner! On Saturday, Oct 12 (from 9am to about noon), harvest workers will be setting up and decorating the Activity Center. On Sunday, Oct 13, help will be needed with clearing tables, assisting diners, and rolling dessert and drink carts among the tables. Sign up with Cass at the OLR church office (810.765.3568) ASAP for shifts. (Wear your Holy Cross school uniform while you're working and earn a "personal dress down day"!)

### Make Up and Sports Pictures

--also next Wednesday, Oct. 16. If you missed school pictures on "Crusader Day," we'll get you this day! Students on the cross country and volleyball teams: please bring your uniforms for team (and individual) sports photos, too.

### 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. Thanks much!

### "Snack Store"

NJHS is pleased to announce that its "Snack Store" is open every morning until the first bell. Snacks and water prices are between 25-50¢.

### 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.

### Open House

Our fall campus-wide open house will be held (in conjunction with Cardinal Mooney) from 1-3pm on Sunday, October 27. We are hoping for a few parents and students to serve as mentors and guides for guests--contact the school office if you may be able to help.

### Attention Students Dual-Enrolled at CMC:

NO CARDINAL MOONEY next Monday, October 14.

### "Daddy-Daughter Dance"

Dust off your boom boxes and come join us for a totally radical evening of dancing and entertainment at HC PTO's Daddy Daughter Dance! Our theme this year is....the '80's!! Friday, November 8, 6:30-8pm, School Cafe. See the attached flyer and registration form for more totally tubular details!

### 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, and let the Auction crew find something....

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!

### Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

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## Student Highlights

Each month, the teachers will introduce you to some of their students. Each student "highlighted" will receive (along with a write-up in the newsletter) a certificate and small treat. The first batch of students in the spotlight this year include:

**Isaac Arlow**, who is the third of the Arlow children to attend Holy Cross School. Isaac was in our preschool class last year and has returned for Kindergarten. Isaac is a very caring, fun-loving, sensitive child. He enjoys playing/interacting with his peers. Isaac's favorite things to play with are the dinosaurs and magnets. He also takes pleasure in making his classmates giggle. When doing his work, Isaac can be very detailed and methodical in his thinking. He will be an integral part of our Kindergarten classroom!

First grader **Lucas Babel** is a slow and careful worker who sticks to his task until he's done. Lucas is great at sharing and taking turns. When Lucas grows up he wants to be a baby doctor. In his free time, you might find Lucas playing outside or playing video games. Way to go Lucas...

**Pietro Billet** is new this year and loving Holy Cross. Petey is energetic and enjoys science and library class the best. When asked what his favorite thing about Holy Cross is, Petey's reply is "The Crusaders!" When Petey is not in school you might find him exploring the world discovering new things or drawing pictures of what he sees. Keep up the great work Petey!

Third grader **Blake Schocker** is always quick to lend a hand. He will go out of his way to help anyone, friend or teacher. Blake likes to go outside and run around, or play with his dog Rudy. He loves going up north to his family's cabin in the UP. Blake will make an outstanding police officer one day with his caring ways.

**Ava Mensen** comes to school prepared and ready to work. Ava enjoys school, crafts, board games, hula hooping, and has a special place in her heart for llamas. Within the classroom, Ava is an expert mathematician! She truly enjoys math and has nailed place value. Outside of the classroom, Ava enjoys going to the show, her cat, Sig, and dog, Hondo, as well as spending quality time with her parents, and sister, Emma. Keep up the good work in fourth grade Ava!

Fifth grader **Micah Arlow** is an easy-going, hardworking young man who knows when it's time to work and time to play. He is helpful and includes everyone when working in groups. You can count on Micah to be one of the first to volunteer when asked. He treats others with respect and dignity: traits of being a Christian.

**Kaden Remier** is a wonderful young man who is very helpful and polite. He goes out of his way to help others and shows a true Christian attitude. Kaden is a great addition to Holy Cross's sixth grade.

Seventh grader **Angela Winne** brightens any room she is in with her contagious smile and sense of humor. "Angie" is a Harry Potter fan, her favorite book in the series being *The Deathly Hallows*. Her favorite class at Holy Cross is history, and her ambition is to one day be a veterinarian.

**Gemma Downey** is a dynamic young lady with a charismatic personality that lightens up all of those in her presence. Gemma excels in ELA and literature. She has a brilliant sense of humor and a creative mind. Gemma attends Cardinal Mooney for Algebra and French II. Gemma's presence brightens and brings joy to the eighth grade classroom!

# Our Lady on the River Parish

## Holy Cross Church



Invites you to the  
48th Annual

# Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 13, 2019

12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

at the Holy Cross Activity Center & School  
610 S. Water Street, Marine City  
810-765-3568



Come by, Tour our School



The Farmer's Wagon &  
Bake Sale Will

Open at 9:30 a.m.



Complete  
Roast Beef &  
Chicken Dinner

(with all the trimmings)

*Our Lady ON THE River* PARISH Raffle  
Drawing Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.  
Holy Cross Activity Center

1st Prize	\$5,000.00
2nd Prize	\$3,000.00
3rd Prize	\$1,000.00

Adults	\$11.00
Children 4-10 yrs	\$6.00
Children 3 yrs & under	Free
Carry Outs Available	\$10.00

Tickets \$5.00 Each



HC PTO PRESENTS:

# Daddy-Daughter Dance 2019...Back to the '80s!

Dust off your boombox and join us for a totally tubular time!

#Madonna #Scrunchies #AquaNet  
#JellyShoes #MiamiVice

FOOD, DRINK, GAMES, PHOTO OPS AND DANCING ARE ALL INCLUDED! BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR BEST 80'S FASHION!!

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FRIDAY, NOV. 8<sup>TH</sup>

6:30-8pm School Café

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

All Father Figures Welcome!!

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Please RSVP by Monday, November 4. Form Attached or available at the office!

Proceeds from this event will enable the PTO to continue providing support for our school.

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson (757)334-9662

beckybryson123@gmail.com

# Daddy Daughter '80s Dance

## Reservation Form

11.8.19 6:30-8pm School Café

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by 11.4.19**

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson

757-334-9662 (call or text)

[Beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto: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!!!**

I.C. & HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

# *WHITE-OUT!*



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:30 PM – I.C. SCHOOL GYM

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD AND CASH DONATIONS FOR A LOCAL  
FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE WEAR WHITE TO THE GAME AND  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THE CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS

# Gregoriana



SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 20  
4 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERING ADMISSION

A collage of Gregorian chant with vocal and instrumental composition and improvisation.



Cathedral of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Avenue,  
Detroit 48202