



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 15, 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!

Are you wondering how to use your everyday purchasing to help pay your tuition bill? Call Patty, or the school office, to find out how!

Calendar Reminder: Days Off!

A reminder to all that **there will be NO SCHOOL** Friday-Monday, **Oct. 16-19** (more teachers' inservices).

Also, Friday, October 30 will be a half day, with dismissal at 11am Classrooms will have their Hallowe'en celebrations that day, and students may wear their costumes to school that day (or dress down, if their class isn't wearing costumes). Teachers will let students know what else is happening in their rooms.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F-M Oct 16-19: NO SCHOOL--teachers' professional development
- **Th. Oct 29: mass 9am--church dress code**
- F Oct 30: end of first quarter of the school year; **half day** (dismissal at 11am); classroom Hallowe'en celebrations
- **Th.&F. Nov 12-13: no classes--parent-teacher conferences**

Thank You!!!

...to **the Guyor family** for the donation of new basketballs for each class! Recess is so much more fun now!!

Cross Country

The team's final meet was last Thursday. Eighth grader **Ava DeVeny** came in first among Varsity girls, and **Brennen Toupin, Dominic DeVeny** and **Brennen DeMeulenaere** were Holy Cross's top 4 finishers. Coach Zammit said the team members all showed grit, team spirit, and good sportsmanship all season, and he was especially impressed with **Angie Winne, Dylan Davenport, Conor Guyor** and **Lylah Schaening's** personal improvement over the course of the season.....

Congratulations to the team on finishing strong in a difficult year--and many thanks to Coach Zammit and his helper, Grandpa DeVeny.

Volleyball

Their first game was Monday, Oct. 12. Though they had only a few practices under their belts, our girls had fun taking on IC (and we had fun watching them). They traveled to St. Augustine last night, where they took 2 or 5 matches!

Next week takes the Lady Crusaders to IC on Wednesday, Oct 21, and to Landmark (early: 5pm) the next night. After those, home games on Oct 26, 29 and Nov. 2.

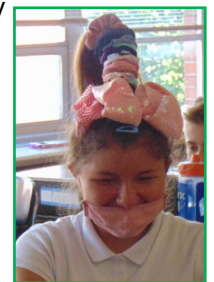
With COVID restrictions, we are not yet allowed to invite the public to watch games: each athlete is allowed two spectators--but will certainly let you know if/when that changes. Side out, Lady Crusaders!

Spirit Week!

We have all been having a lot of fun with Spirit Week activities! Monday was "Hat Day:"



Tuesday was "Crazy Hair" day:



On Wednesday we showed our "Spirit:"



Today is "Mismatch" day:



Spirit week is always a lot of fun!

"STAR" Testing

Testing is complete! We expect to receive scores in a few weeks. Your student's scores will be shared with you, and teachers will use individual and aggregate scores to help guide class and individual curriculum needs.

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

The online 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.

We Can Finally Resume Bingo!

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac) are now able to do so! To schedule work shifts: please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**.

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.)

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY or MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 or 19!

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>

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for October are Larry & Helen Iminski of Algonac, Kelly Zichi of East China, and Gary Tremberta of Clay Township. Congratulations!

VG's Receipts

Hooray for Holy Cross! We just turned in \$150,000 worth of receipts at VG's to claim our next reward!

Please keep saving the entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We have started compiling them for our next reward, and will continue to collect 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.

Please complete a "review" on our Holy Cross School Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mcholycross

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.

Sports Program Fundraiser

So that our families do not have to "pay to play," the Holy Cross Booster Club funds our junior high sports program, from the costs of uniforms through league, tournament, and referee fees. Athletes' parents are asked to help with admissions and concessions at home games to help generate income to cover all those costs.

The Boosters also sponsor a magazine sale every year. This year the program is entirely virtual, and continues all year! You'll find many popular magazines, as well as gift items (think: holiday time?). Renewals and digital subscriptions can also be processed through this program, so that Holy Cross athletics benefits from items you're buying, anyway. To see what's available, follow this link (or copy and paste into your browser URL line):

<http://www.gaschoolstore.com/landing.aspx?SID=2709251>

On behalf of all of our student athletes: thank you!

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.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:
<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>

**Learn the ABC's of SHOTGUN SAFETY and
HANDLING**

(with an introduction to trap shooting)

If you would like your child (ages 9-17) to learn shooting skills and gun safety, come out and join us for an afternoon of family fun at: **OCT 25**

**Pine River Sportsman's Club
2589 Carriage Lane
St. Clair, MI**

One Round and 1 box of shells provided for each new shooter. Additional rounds are \$3.00 per round, plus shells.

Experienced NRA instructors will be there to help your child.

Parents must remain with their children during the entire session.

Youth winter league will begin **OCT 25**

**For more information and registration contact
John D'Antoni at (810) 794-3332**

WEEKEND HUNGER 2020 Program Enrollment Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The **Weekend Hunger Program (called Backpack Program)** is in partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The Backpack program will provide a bag of non-perishable food to your child each Friday afternoon for the weekend. The food will be sent home in a plastic store bag. The program will begin in October 2020 and will continue throughout the school year. The program has been made possible in the East China School District thanks to donations from the church and community.

We will need contact information. Personal information will never be shared outside the Program. Contact will be made for Backpack purposes only. **Children, kindergarten - 12th grade, may participate with parental/guardian approval. We are unable to accommodate food allergies. Spaces are limited.**

Please return form to your child's school office as soon as possible. If you list children from more than one school, only one form needs to be returned.

Enrollment or program questions, contact Betty Babel through Holy Cross – 765-3588

Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Yes, please enroll my child/children in the Weekend Hunger Program!

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please print clearly, use other side off sheet if necessary. List other children in the house Kindergarten through 12th grade under the age of 18 years.

Child's Name _____

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