



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 22, 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!

End of First Quarter

...is next Friday, Oct. 30! Report cards will go home with students on Nov. 6.

*League of Catholic Women
Scholarship Contest*

The Bluewater League of Catholic Women has provided funding for a scholarship for us! Entry/application information is on page 3 of this newsletter. Entries need to be **in the school office by next Friday, October 30**. Every student in school is eligible to enter!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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 (costume or dress down)**
- **Th.&F. Nov 12-13: no classes--parent-teacher conferences**

Hallowe'en Half Day

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.

We will go to mass next week on Thursday instead of Friday.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13. Both inperson and virtual conferences will be available. Mrs. Davenport will be sending out a survey asking how you would prefer to schedule your conference(s); please watch for it and respond promptly. Thank you!

Volleyball

The team went to IC last night. Tonight's game is early (5pm) at Landmark.

Next week brings home games on Oct 26 and 29 (and the last game as well, on Nov. 2).

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

Remember Your Charged Chromebook Every Day!

Students: you need your Chromebook EVERY DAY at school--charge it every night and bring it every day. We don't often have spare ChromeBooks to loan out!

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides! (A reminder to sign up for shifts in advance to be sure you receive the credit: if you just show up and we have enough workers already, we can't offer the extra credits.) The online schedule is online 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**.

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 fundraiser 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 athletes benefit 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>

Thank you from our student athletes!

Basketball and Cheerleading

As soon as volleyball season is over, basketball and cheer begin. Parents of 5-8th graders interested in being on one of these teams: you are reminded to get your child's sports physical taken care of now, so that s/he doesn't miss any practice time.

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.

"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>

Next Thursday at Cardinal Mooney-

On Thursday, October 29, CMC is doing testing. Holy Cross dually-enrolled students will NOT attend CMC classes that day.

Also--CMC will dismiss at 12:15 that day: **HC students who ride the CMC bus will need to leave then if they don't have another way home.**

Tardiness!

Our morning dropoff routine is working smoothly--thank you for your help! Students enter (and go directly to their classrooms) beginning at 7:15am. The first bell rings at 7:28am, and the "tardy" bell, at 7:30.

Students arriving after the second bell are tardy. We had been a little lax on enforcing that rule while we learned the new routine. However, our entry policy is comfortably in place and working well. Students arriving late will now ring the bell to be allowed into the building, and will stop at the office to check in on their way to class.

VG's Receipts

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

School Photo Orders

Students who had their pictures taken last week received proof sheets today. Families may order online any time, or through the school office by returning their request with payment (made out to "HR Imaging Partners") no later than next Friday, October 30.

School Closings

Time to start thinking about "snow days"! Holy Cross will make every attempt to be included in the TV and radio school closing lists, but remember that if East China School District closes its schools for bad weather, Holy Cross will close along with them. (Cardinal Mooney may or may not with East China and Holy Cross; as their students come from more diverse areas, Cardinal Mooney may close on days when East China and Holy Cross remain open.)

School families will also receive email notification of closings.

"Remember Your Mask!"

We seem to be getting more forgetful, and it's expensive for the school to keep buying masks. As long as it's the law, think of your mask as part of your uniform. Lay it out with your school clothes, or with your book bag or your lunch box: something you know you won't leave home without! You might even keep a disposable mask in your homework binder, just in case. Parents: please help your kids remember their masks when they leave home in the morning. Perhaps you could carry a few extras in your glove box, or purse: you know you'll need them everywhere you go.

Also: we received a donation of white, reusable fabric masks. Please call if you'd like us to send one home with your student so you will have an extra.

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/>

**League of Catholic Women Scholarship
Contest and Application**

The Bluewater League of Catholic Women has provided funding for a total of four \$500 scholarships* for current Holy Cross students. Two will be awarded to students in grades K-4 and two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What Is God Asking Of Me In School?" The work must be the student's own. Younger students may wish to include (a) hand-drawn picture(s) to help explain their ideas. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application.

The bottom portion of this page must be completed and attached to student's entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office on Friday, October 30.

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, November 5 school newsletter.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$200, and the other awards will be increased, equally, accordingly.

I am applying for the League of Catholic Women Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

Student signature

grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin, or other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

Parent / guardian's signature

Date signed

Parent's printed name

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 _____

Child's Age _____ Child's Grade _____ Child's School _____

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