



# CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community.

September 15, 2016

## Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations. You will need this to do ANY classroom or lunchroom volunteering. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help registering.)

A session of the workshop will be held HERE, at Holy Cross, this Saturday, September 17. All participants must pre-register: go to [aod.org](http://aod.org), look for the blue box in the upper right hand corner and click on "Protecting God's Children." A new screen will pop up; look for the yellow box on the right about halfway down. Under "Register for Training," select "Protecting God's Children." Another screen will pop up to start the registration process.

Sign-in and a light breakfast will begin at 8am before the workshop starts at 8:30 on Sep. 17. All employees and volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

**Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.**

## got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours  
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am  
Mondays; 5-7pm; and  
Wednesdays 1-3pm  
"Peddlers."  
Patty Smith (St Clair)

## Thank You!!

...to **Coach Govier** and helpers 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Sophia Goulette** and (CMC student) **Jessie Barr**, who supervised students in the gym and on the playground last Thursday so their parents could pay attention to the "Curriculum Night" presentations!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **F. Sep 23: "Special Persons' Day"**
- **M. Sep. 26: East China half day: no buses home**
- **W. Oct. 19: school picture retakes and fall sports pictures**
- **F. Oct. 21: no East China buses home**
- **M. Oct. 24: no Chartwells--nachos**
- **F. Oct. 28: end of first quarter!**
- **Tu. Nov. 1: Holy Day of Obligation—church dress code**
- **F. Nov. 4: NO classes—parent/teacher conferences (parents can pick up report cards there)**

## Algonac KofC Scholarship Applications

...are available at the school office; they are due to be completed and turned in by **September 23**.

## Girls' Basketball

The team's first game was on Monday. While they didn't come out the victors, they've been continuing to practice and are eager to try again next week!

Next week, they travel to Lakeport to take on St Mary McCormick on Monday (Sep. 19) and host them on Wednesday (the 21<sup>st</sup>). All Crusader fans are welcome! All games will begin at 6:30pm.

Parents of athletes will be called on to help with concessions and admissions at home games--please call Stacy Goulette c/o school to let her know when you can help.

## School Pictures

Orders (and payments, made out to "HR Imaging") are due **Monday, September 19** if you want to order copies of your school portraits. (A make up day will be scheduled in October for those who missed "Crusader Day" or just want to try again.)

## Science Class

Mrs. Wade's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade "Future Engineers" worked on building towers last week. The assignment: make the tallest tower you can using uncooked spaghetti noodles and masking tape. This team's tower topped out at 30 inches!--



## Library Books

We're still missing a few books from last school year. Notices have been sent home with students (but we missed mailing them with September statements)—please look for lost books one last time and return either book or payment by the end of September--thanks.

## Chess Club and Yoga Club

We would love to be able to offer those activities for students interested! Are there any knowledgeable parents who'd be interested in helping mentor either group? Please contact Dr. Wagner (810.765.3591 or email [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)).

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

...for September: E. Wm Roland or Algonac, Charles & Jeanette Stahl of Clay Twp. and Katy Sharrow of Marine City, Congratulations, and thank you for supporting Holy Cross!

## Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale

Thanks to the Holy Cross Booster Club (which covers the costs of uniforms, coaches and officials), every student in grades 5-8 can have the opportunity to be part of a team at no cost to his family. To raise the funds to cover those costs, the Boosters sponsor a magazine / cookie dough sale in the fall of every year.

**Tomorrow** is the last turn in day to qualify for the prizes in the prize chart. Every student with at least one order will receive a Garfield keychain. Also, when calculating prize points, every magazine subscription counts as two points.

If a student turns in orders for 10 items, s/he may also select a free tub of cookie dough! Just mark your selection's name and item number in the "enter prizes" box on the upper right hand corner of your order form. (Also, a student turning in at least 4 orders will receive a dress down pass.) Cookie dough will arrive in mid-October: we'll let you know when the date is scheduled. Prizes will arrive a few weeks after the end of the sale, too.

**All orders and payments need to be in the office by Friday, September 16, to count for prizes.** (However, we can take new magazine orders and renewals all year long—just contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office to see how.) Magazines are a great way to encourage children to read (such fun to receive them in the mail!), and are full of information and fun ideas for adults as well. They also make great Christmas or birthday gifts. (And cookie dough is wonderful any time!) Every order will help our student athletes—thank you for your support!

## VG's "Direct Your Dollars"

SpartanNash stores (including VG's here in Marine City) have begun a new fundraising incentive for schools called "Direct Your Dollars." All you have to do is save your original store receipts and get them to the school office! You can also turn them in at church, in the box in the vestibule. (Please be advised that the **ENTIRE** receipt needs to be turned in—not just the section that addresses the "Direct Your Dollars" program.) Thank you!

## Assignment Books

...are required for students in grades 4-8. They are available at the school office for \$4 each.

## Iowa Tests

In the first half of October, students in grades 1-8 will be participating in the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and/or Cognitive Aptitude tests. These tests will help us see where each child is and aid us in directing our curriculum. To do their best on the tests, students should come well rested and fed—have a good night's sleep the night before, and a healthy breakfast the morning of the test (and all other mornings, too!).

## "Special Persons' Day"

...will be held next Friday, September 23. (Students have made invitations to give to their special guests.) The day will begin at 8:50am when students meet up with their special friends in the activity center. They will attend mass together, then return to their classrooms afterward for special activities. The event will conclude before lunch time. We're eager to shine for our Special Persons!!

## Holy Cross on Facebook

find us at

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

## Cross Country

The league is investigating the possibility of having boys' cross country during the girls' basketball season. The course would be approximately 1.5 miles long. If it happens, we would need a coach (or co-coaches): if you might be interested, please contact the school office.

## "Flashback Friday!"

Are you, or do you know, a Holy Cross alum who would be interested in having your/his bio featured on "Flashback Friday" on our Facebook page? Please contact Mrs. Leslie DeMeulenaere ([mrsl.dleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mrsl.dleslie@gmail.com)) for more info or to submit a bio.

## Help Your Child Get Organized for School Success

Children need organization skills to succeed in school. Without them, they lose school materials. They forget what they're supposed to do. And they don't turn in homework on time.

Parents play a key role in helping children learn the responsible behaviors they need to be successful students. Encourage your child to:

- **Create a "day at a glance."** Help her make a schedule of what she does in school and when. Tape it to the inside cover of her assignment book so she can take it to school.
- **Maintain an assignment book.** In his assignment book, have your child write down the subject, assignment, due date and days left until each assignment deadline. He should look at this log before he leaves school to make sure he has the books he needs.
- **Make "To Do" lists.** After school, your child should write down everything she has to do before bedtime. If she's too young, help her make the list, perhaps with pictures. Let her check off each task as she completes it.
- **Take care of hard tasks first.** Especially with homework, it's best to do the most difficult tasks when your child's energy is high.
- **Use different colors** for school subjects. For example, use a blue notebook for ELA and cover his English text in blue. He will be able to find what he needs at school quickly.

The image contains two promotional graphics. The top one is for Guinness World Records, featuring the Guinness logo and the text "BE PART OF GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HISTORY" and "October 15th & 16th". The bottom one is for "Pumpkins, Popcorn & Politics", featuring a logo with pumpkins and the text "Nautical Mile Park ~ Marine City", "Presented by the Mariner in cooperation with Vandebossche Farms & the Marine City Area Chamber of Commerce", and the website "www.pumpkinspopcornpolitics.com" with phone number "810-765-5155".

## "Pumpkins & Popcorns"

A group is attempting a world record on October 15&16 involving pumpkins and popcorn in Marine City! For more info call 810.765.5155.