



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

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

March 30, 2017

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 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.)

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 and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

The SCRIP order form is available now on the Holy Cross website: copy & paste this address into your browser—<http://www.holycrossonline.net/school/scríp-order-form-nov-2016/>

NEW PROCEDURE— FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2017-18

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a NEW application process this year! It must be done online, and will be processed through FACTS tuition management company. Here is the URL for the 2017-18 financial aid application and directions (copy and paste into your browser):

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/new-archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-process/>

Remember: to be eligible for any other aid at Holy Cross, you MUST (if you are eligible) have first applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance. Print off your completed application because you will need to submit a copy of it with other grant and scholarship applications.

The deadline for applying for the AoD grant is next week—by April 7.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow: report cards go home**
- F. April 7: pizza lunch
- **Th. April 13: last day before Easter break**
- Sat. April 22: 8th graders' "Thrift Sale" 9am-3pm in school
- **M. April 24: back to class after Easter break**
- Th. April 27: 7th & 8th graders visit St. Augustine School for "Save Sex" workshop

Re-Registration Packets

...went home with your "oldest Crusader" some time ago. (Please ask your child for the big white envelope with your name on it!) You'll notice many similarities to the details of this past year, and maybe a few changes. We will be going with FACTS tuition management company this year.

Registrations that are completed, returned and accepted by the end of April will qualify for a discount in the registration fee. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to return.

Fr. Bartone Scholarship

Applications for 2017-18 are now available at the school office.

Boater Safety

The 7-8th graders' water safety class was rescheduled to the week of May 1-5. Thank you to the St Clair County Sheriff Department for providing this opportunity for our students!

Volleyball

Congratulations to the team on a good season—they learned a lot about the game and teamwork, and had a lot of fun doing it! Congratulations, also, on their third place finishes in both regular season play and the tournament.

The team and school offer many thanks to Coach Sam for the hours and love she invested in our girls, and to her helpers, Mary Eves and Caitlin Downey. Thank you, also, to **Mrs. Goulette** for running a great concession stand and making sure it and the gate were manned during both days of the tournament!

Track Season

...will soon be upon us, with the first meet scheduled for Friday, April 28. Mr. Matthew Zammit and Mr. Craig Chadra have offered to help coach; we need to have one more coach with some experience in track and field events.

Practices in the past few years have been several days a week, for an hour or so after school. This practice time seems to work well for most of our athletes, since they need to be able to run outdoors as often as possible.

If you are interested in coaching (or can offer the name of someone who might be), please call school ASAP (810.765.3591). Thank you!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is scheduled for next week! Students will preview books on Tue., April 4 and will be able to purchase on Wed., April 5.

In conjunction with the book fair, we are offering a **Dress Down for Books day** on Tuesday, the 4th. For a donation of \$1 (or more), students may dress down on that day. All money collected will go to purchase books for their classrooms (or for the library).

THRIFT SALE

The ever-popular "Thrift Sale" (to benefit the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago) is returning! The sale is scheduled for the school hallways on Saturday, April 22 (from 9am-3pm).

They're looking for treasures and baked goodies to sell! Do you have a basement full of stuff you don't need, and just don't want to bother with your own yard sale? You may drop items off at the school office any school day (between 7am-3m). (Sorry, but they can't accept clothing, shoes, or stuffed animals.) If items are large or donors need someone to pick up their things, they can contact the school office (810.765.3591) to be put in touch with someone who can help. Baked items of all sorts are being sought for the bake sale, as well.

Bingo Concessions

...is looking for someone to help in April: all Wednesdays, of course—the 12, 19th and 26th. If you can help, please contact school or Sherrie DuVall. Thank you!

Congratulations, Evan!

Fifth grader **Evan Isrow** and his hockey team, "the 06 Mavericks," competed in the LCAHL Championship last weekend in Trenton. They **WON**—placing first in their division in the entire state of Michigan! Kind of a "David and Goliath" story: the team didn't have the greatest regular season record. But with hard work (and maybe some luck), they've shown that anything is possible!!

"Students in the News"

Soccer, Scouts, geography bee, dance / music recital or other live performance—does your child have an accomplishment outside of school to share with the rest of our readers? We'd love to be able to let all of his/her friends and classmates know! Please submit to Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net with a photo, if you have one).

Fish Fry

OLR sponsors fish fries on all of the Fridays of lent (with the exception of Good Friday). Many thanks to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall** for chairing!

Do you need a few service credits?—shifts (10am-3pm and 4-8pm) for adult workers at the remaining fish fries are still available: call Sherrie c/o school.

A few 6th-8th grade student helpers are welcome each week—please call Sherrie ahead of time to schedule your child's shifts (please do not just drop your child off without having spoken with Sherrie first, to be sure there are not too many students already scheduled).

PK-K Open House / Lenten Family Night

Holy Cross PTO invites parish families to our Lenten Family Night / Preschool and Kindergarten Open House tonight 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center. This event will offer family centered Lenten activities to help parents and children to grow in their faith during Lent.

7&8th Graders "Save Sex" workshop

On April 27, our 7th & 8th graders will be joining their counterparts at St Augustine School. This program is aimed at empowering young people to make healthy choices through for an abstinence-based curriculum that discusses God's plan and purpose for sex in marriage. Lunch will be included.

Owing to the sensitive nature of this topic, their parents are invited to meet on Wednesday, April 12 from 6:30-8pm in the library for an overview of the program and a chance to ask questions.

Found: a Phone

A phone was recently found and turned in at the school office. Have you lost one??

Good Luck, Jimmy!

Sixth grader **Jimmy Downey** is heading to Lansing tomorrow, as our school champion, to compete in the Michigan state level of the National Geographic Geography Bee! Best wishes, Jimmy!!

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, April 7, Chartwell's will not be serving. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's cheese pizza. Order slips were given today to students in grades K, 1, 5, 6 and 8 (as the other classes will be gone to Lansing and CMC!). Please have your order in the school office by Wednesday so we get enough food for everyone—thank you.

READ IN DAY

Yesterday we enjoyed our annual "Read In" day. Mrs. Wade's room looked like a tent city:



Students everywhere enjoyed a day in jammies, snuggled up with their favorite books:



2017/18 Bingo Service Credit schedule now available online!

Avoid the \$540 service credit fee for the 2017-18 school year. Whether you want to fulfill all 12 of your service credits or you just need a few, the 2017-18 bingo service credit schedule is up and running, and filling up quickly. If you work just 1 bingo a month you satisfy your 12 credit obligation for the school year. The 2017-18 service credit year begins in May and runs through April 2018.

"Control" and "click" to follow this link (or copy and paste this URL into your browser—and then, maybe, you'll want to bookmark it):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqIQTLcjrgrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at hcwedbingo@gmail.com.

Reserve your spots before they're all gone!

Ecumenical Lenten Services

On the Wednesdays during Lent Marine City churches will gather at 6:00 pm for a soup supper and 7:00 pm for a prayer service; this year the theme will be a reflection on the Ten Commandments.

The last service will be held on April 5 here at Holy Cross / Our Lady on the River. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Lenten Soup and Talk Series

All are invited to all or any of the gatherings in this series, moderated by Frs. Rooney and Bechill and Deacon Oldani. The series will take place on the Tuesdays in Lent, at 6:30 in the Holy Cross cafeteria.



Holy Cross Catholic School

Open House for

Kindergarten & Pre - Kindergarten

Thursday March 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- Meet Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teachers
- Childcare available while parents talk with teachers
- One-on-one cost and tuition assistance Q&A
- Lenten Family Night – Craft stations for children of all ages.
- State Certified Teachers
- Small Class Sizes / Individual Attention
- Christian Morals & Family Focused Values
- Creative Curriculum
- Music & Movement

618 South Water Street Marine City 48039

For more information or to schedule a shadowing day please call 810 765-3591



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Book Fair is coming! School Committee meets 6pm	4 Book Fair browsing Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	5 Book Fair shopping Ecumenical prayer service & soup dinner at Holy Cross church 6pm	6 End of Book Fair	7 Grades 2-4 go to Lansing 7 th graders visit CMC 11am Pizza lunch Stations of the cross 2pm	8
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9	10 PTO meets 6pm	11 Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	12	13	14 Good Friday No school: Easter recess	15
16 Easter	17 (No school this week)	18	19	20	21	22 8 th graders' Thrift Sale in school 9am-3pm (bake sale, too)
23	24 Back to class!	25	26 7 th & 8 th graders attend "Save Sex" workshop at St. Augustine School	27	28 1 st track meet 4pm at the Ward Street track Volunteer appreciation dinner 6pm at St Catherine	29

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