

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.

May 4, 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/>

The SCRIP office announced its summer hours: beginning on June 12, they will be open on Mondays from 8-10am and 5-7pm, Wednesdays 1-3pm, and Fridays 8-10am. Also, the SCRIP office will be closed July 3 for the July 4 holiday, and July 31-August 6 for vacation.

Re-Registration

After you register, you should receive a notice from the school office on registering with FACTS. If you registered but have not received that information, please call Mrs. Steinmetz. PLEASE register with FACTS as soon as possible to avoid late fees!

Fr. Bartone Scholarship

Applications for 2017-18 are now available at the school office. OLR parish families with students at Holy Cross are eligible to apply. (Remember: you need a copy of your Archdiocesan grant application to apply for a Bartone award!) Applications are due by May 25.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F May 5: last day of Boaters' Safety classes for 6-8th graders; Field Day forms due; First Communion practice 5:30pm at Holy Cross
- Th May 18: all sports awards ceremony and dinner
- Tu-Th, May 23-25: 8th graders go to Chicago!
- W May 24: K-4 field trip on Huron Lady
- Th May 25: Field Day
- F-M, May 26-29: NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day weekend)
- Tu. May 30: back to class
- Wed. May 31: 8th graders graduate at 9am mass
- F June 2: last day of school for PK-7; NJHS pizza lunch; awards at noon in the gym

Track

The team's first meet was last Friday. **Sofia Neagos** came in 1st place in both the 800m run and the mile, and 2nd in the 100. **Matthew Zammit** came in 1st in both the 800 and mile. **Isaac Zammit** came in 2nd in the mile and 3 in the 800. **Bryce Schocker** came in 3rd in the 400 and 4th in the 100. **Sophia Goulette** and **Joey Fajardo** each took 1st in shot, while **Nicole Zawadzinski** and **Rebecca Goulette** each came in 3rd. **Gemma Downey** came in 4th in the 400, and **Chris Winne** was 2nd. **Devin Allam** was 3rd and **Allison Kuzera** came in 4th in long jump. The 4x400 relay team of **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Matt & Isaac Zammit** came in 3rd; the 4x100 relay team of **Joey Fajardo, Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera and Devin Allam** came in 4th. The 4x100 relay team of **Julia DuVall, Charlotte Fajardo, Ron Schulte and Luke Chadra** came in 2nd, and the 4x400 team of **Ron Schulte, Abbie Cullen, Nicole Zawadzinski and Luke Chadra** came in 4th place. **Julia DuVall** was first in the 100 m run, 2nd in the 200, and 2nd in long jump.

Their next meet is tomorrow afternoon at the Ward Street track next to Marine City High School. Athletes: please be there by 4:30.

Bingo Concessions

...is looking for someone to help on the Wednesday evenings in May. If you can help, please contact Sherrie DuVall c/o school. Thank you!

Field Day 2017

Field Day will be held Thursday, May 25, beginning with lunch. (Morning classes will run as usual on that day.)

Attached is a Field Day form for all K-8 students. The \$10 fee includes lunch and prizes as well as a T-shirt. Please return your child's completed form **no later than TOMORROW, May 5.**

Teacher Appreciation Week

The teachers extend a big thank you to the PTO for remembering them this week! Thank you also to **Mrs. Theresa Kukawka** for organizing the Teacher Appreciation lunch on Wednesday, and to those who helped by providing food for the meal: **Mrs. Kukawka, Ms. Pam Deszi, Mrs. Tiffany Mensen, Mrs. Julie Isrow, Ms. Kendra Rosemeck, Mrs. Marilyn Wagner, Mrs. Stacy Goulette and Mrs. Marisol Zammit.**

PTO's Flower Sale

Thanks to all who ordered! Items will be available for pickup in the parking lot next Friday, May 12, after school.

Sports Awards Dinner

...is scheduled for **Thursday, May 18, with dinner about 5:15 in the cafeteria. ALL ATHLETES (all sports) and their parents and siblings are invited.** (Doors will open at 5.) Families are asked to bring a dessert to share—everything else will be provided by the Booster Club. (Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for chairing!)

We have a guest speaker this year! Mr. Dick Groch, Special Assistant to the General Manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, will join us for the evening.

To be sure there's enough food for everyone, the Boosters need a head count: please call or email the school office (school@holycrossonline.net or 810.765.3591) with your family's number of attendees **by Thursday, May 11.**

We've Got Talent!

Attention all talented Holy Cross students—we're making plans for our annual talent show, to be held on June 1. If you are interested in being in the show, please stop by Mrs. Rock's room for information. Then you can start practicing! Beginning on May 9 Mrs. Rock will be previewing your acts during lunch recess.

Holy Cross Alumni Association

...is planning its annual brunch for Sunday, May 21, after the 9:30 mass at Holy Cross. Our graduating 8th graders will be the Association's newest members, and are invited to attend the brunch as honored guests. Each of the eighth graders should already have received the Association's bulletin in the mail, with instructions on how to make reservations. (If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office.)

Last Day Pizza Lunch

On the last day of school, National Junior Honor Society will sponsor a pizza lunch. For \$2.50 you can order a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pizza) with chips, cookies and drink (\$1 each for extra slices) for each of your family members who would like to come. (For your convenience, you can order for all under your family name on one order form, which is attached to this newsletter.) Orders and payment must be in NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 25 (Field Day) so that we have time to get enough food for all.

2017/18 Bingo 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. To see the schedule go to

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqIQ1CjurqrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

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

First Communion Reminders:

At 5:30pm on Friday, May 5, there will be a practice at Holy Cross church. First Communions will be celebrated during masses on the weekend of May 6&7.



St. Clair Community Singers **Spring Concert**

Sunday May 7, 2017
4pm

First Congregational Church

300 Adams Street
St Clair

Free admission
(free will offerings accepted)

Director: Jo-Anne Wilkie
Accompanist: Carole Lohr



"Color Run"

Holy Cross is sponsoring a "color run" on May 6. Featuring 1K and 5K walk/runs, events start at 9am. You can still register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-cross-catholic-schoolour-lady-on-the-river-color-run-registration-31760542638?aff=es2>

A few adult helpers are needed: please contact Mrs. DeMeulenaere if you can—
mrsd.leslie@gmail.com.

Last Day Pizza Lunch Order Form

Family name _____

Number of lunches ordered _____ @\$2.50 each = \$ _____

(lunch includes a slice of pizza (1/8 of a large Hungry Howie pepperoni pizza) with chips, cookies and a drink)

Plus _____ extra slices @\$1 each = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

—Orders due in school by Thursday, May 25 (before Memorial Day weekend)—

Student Highlights

...for April:

Grace Kuecken and **Annabell Wetzel** are “returnees” to our prekindergarten program this year, while **Grace Carlson**, **Jack Wilson** and **Lilah Wanket** are new to our 3&4-year-old program. Annabell’s favorite activity is playing with the doll house. Lilah is very smiley and is our expert “colorer.” Grace K is our room “crafter.” Playing with his peers is Jack’s favorite activity, and Grace C enjoys playing with the blocks and building. All these students have unique personalities and talents which make every day an adventure in the world of pre-kindergarten.

Emma Mensen’s favorite food is grapes. Her favorite colors are purple and pink. She enjoys playing games with her family. Something special about Emma is that she has nice neighbors. She has a kind heart, and she is always willing to stand up for what’s right. First grader **Xavier Zammit**’s favorite food is pizza. His favorite colors are green, yellow, and “camouflage.” He likes to play games on his dad’s iPad. When Xavier grows up, he wants to be a mechanic. He is loving, and a friend to all the boys in his class. He is also very curious and observant.

Nikolai Wilson is a thoughtful second grader with a fun-loving personality. He is a responsible student and is capable of exemplary work. Nikolai hopes to be a police officer or a Ninja when he grows up, and when he’s not in school you could find him playing video games. Keep up the excellent work, Nik, and remember to keep reading. **Naylee Verellen** is new to Holy Cross this year. Naylee is shy and quiet, but when she has a connection to make or a story to share she is not afraid to speak her mind. Naylee has become more self-confident in her abilities and was able to make friends easily. Way to go Naylee! **Ava Mensen** is also new to Holy Cross this year and is a wonderful addition to our “mostly boys” second grade class. Ava has a special way of making others smile. With her kind heart and caring attitude, she is always ready to help her classmates. Keep up the great job, Ava!

Gavin Isrow is a leader in the fourth grade classroom! He enjoys reading and has done very well in math this year. Gavin loves to create games for he and his friends to play at recess, and in his spare time, he is a star hockey player. This year his team, the Mavericks, were LCAHL regular season Champions! When he’s not playing hockey, you can find him at a Wings game, at a movie, or playing with one of his many dogs. **Lily O’Conner** is a wonderful student who brings great vibrance to our classroom! Each day she enters with a smile. She loves her friends, and especially her cats. Lily is a wonderful reader and this year she has been very successful in the area of math. I’m very proud of her. In her spare time, Lily enjoys playing with her friend Amelia. Lily recently traveled to

Arizona and really enjoyed sightseeing with her family. She was kind enough to send us tons of pictures during her trip. **Olivia Ogden** loves school! She especially enjoys reading and math. She is friendly and loves to help others. In her spare time, Olivia enjoys playing travel soccer, hunting wild turkeys, archery, and spending time with her family. Olivia is really good at using technology in the classroom and has helped out, not only in our classroom but in other classrooms as well. **Angela Winne** loves math and science. In the future she plans on being a veterinarian. She absolutely loves dogs. At home Angie helps care for her dogs. If you have ever gone to a fish fry at St. Catherine’s, Angie has probably served you dessert. In her spare time, Angie loves being a part of the school plays, attending volleyball games, and spending time with her family. Next year she hopes to be a part of the school volleyball team.

Fifth grader **Sofia Neagos** is. A wonderful young lady with a bubbly personality and a contagious smile. Sofia strives to do her best and takes responsibility for her efforts. Her Christian attitude and willingness to help others are great qualities that will help her achieve her goals.

Matthew Zammit is a hard-working young man who shows great leadership qualities in his sixth grade classroom. He always tries to do his best, and is willing to help others when needed. Both academically and athletically Matt is well-rounded, and he will go far in the future. **Scarlett Scott** is a quiet young lady who works hard and does well. Scarlett never backs down from an academic challenge, and she takes the time to think through all options. She is a wonderful writer and loves to read. **Joseph Morelli** is an outgoing student who shows leadership skills and interest in others. He is always willing to share his opinion on a subject and adds many interesting thoughts to class discussions. If determined, Joe has the ability to do great things.

Lydia Kukawka is a kind hearted seventh grader who enjoys reading. She has a dog, Dilbert, who was adopted. She finds comfort with her friends and hanging out with them. Her hobbies include tubing or swimming on the bay off Harsens Island. Lydia’s summer job is to help pass out the Harsens Island Flyer (which provides weekly news about the island). Keep up the good work, Lydia! **Lauren Isrow** is a very intelligent young lady who works hard to do her best. Lauren is very athletic. She participates in gymnastics, cheerleading, and track. She is a great helper in the classroom and is always willing to help others. Nice work, Lauren, keep up the great work! **Matthew Shmina** joined our seventh grade class last month. We are happy to have him our class! Matthew enjoys writing poems. He is also creative and artistic, Matthew’s favorite subject is history. He runs track and plays basketball. Nice work Matthew, keep up the great work!

Marine City Rotary Visits Holy Cross

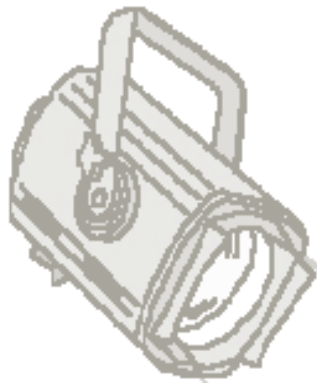
On Tuesday, Mrs. Rock and the second and third grade classes hosted members of the Marine City Rotary Club. The Rotarians brought gifts of dictionaries for their host students, and explained how important literacy is:

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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Lights! Camera! Action!

Holy Cross Field Day 2017

**THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO
HOLY CROSS ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
2017 TO GET PARTICIPANT T SHIRTS
ORDERED!**

Lights! Camera! Action! Casting call for all students of Holy Cross School will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in the Holy Cross Gym! It will be a FIELD DAY filled with fun and games with an awesome movie-theme, and a five-star lunch to start the day out!

As usual, this event will need: directors, producers, cinematographers, set designers, actors and actresses, to help pull this awesome event off!

So, if you can volunteer your time, please contact Head Director, Julie Isrow at: HCFIELDDay2011@aol.com and let her know!

The cost for this year's FIELD DAY event is \$10.00 per participant, includes a t-shirt and lunch!

★ THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 5TH TO GET A PARTICIPANT SHIRT ★

Lights! Camera! Action!

Holy Cross Field Day 2017

STUDENT NAME & GRADE _____

SHIRT SIZE – CIRCLE ONE

YOUTH SM 6-8	YOUTH MED 8-10	YOUTH LARGE 12-14	YOUTH XL 16-18
ADULT SM	ADULT MED	ADULT LARGE	ADULT XL
ADULT XXL OR XXXL (+2.00)			

AMOUNT ENCLOSED : _____ \$10.00 per person DONATIONS APPRECIATED