



# 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.

October 5, 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](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.)

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 810.434.9557

## Attention Photographers:

Mrs. Steinmetz will be looking for photos for the yearbook. If you've taken some great shots (at any student events!) and are willing to share, please email ([school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)). Thanks!

## Cookie Dough Delivery

...will be **next Wednesday, Oct. 11.** If your order will be too large for your student to carry it, please make arrangements to pick it up at school after 2:30pm. Thank you!

(The prizes have not yet arrived, but should be here within the next few weeks and will go home with students as soon as they're here.)

## Girls' Basketball

On Monday, we hosted St. Augustine, and Wednesday, St. Mary McCormick.

Next week the girls play at home against IC on Monday, and away at St. Augustine on Wednesday. (Parents: please remember that St. Augustine plays at the Holy Family parish hall near Memphis—see your map.) Monday's will be our last home game—please let Mrs. Goulette know (c/o school) how you can help. GO CRUSADERS!!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- Through Oct. 13: Iowa testing
- **This Sunday, Oct. 8: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner 12:30-6pm in the Activity Center and Open House in the school**
- F Oct. 13: food drive for parish pantry
- **W Oct. 18: school picture re-takes; fall sports team photos**
- W Oct. 25: no East China buses home
- **F. Oct. 27: end of first quarter of school!; pizza lunch; indoor "Trunk or Treat" 6-8pm**
- T Oct 31: Hallowe'en; no East China buses home
- **W. Nov 1: mass 9am (church dress code)**
- F. Nov. 3: mass 9 am as usual (church dress code)

## Keep It Moving...SAFELY!

When dropping students off in the morning: please keep the line moving. If you need to go into school, or to stop to talk to another parent, **please leave the line and pull into the parking lot.** That allows the other parents to drop their children off safely.

Please remember common-sense safety rules. During drop off and pick up there are a lot of children moving about near the street: please drive cautiously and be observant and considerate of the other drivers and children. Stay in the **single line** of cars parallel with the sidewalk so that children are not moving between cars. If you need to be out of your car, please park it in the lot. Thank you!

## Field Day

We are looking to form a small committee of people for Field Day, which is scheduled for May 16. Are you someone who likes to plan exciting events and make this day special for the Holy Cross community? If so, please contact PTO President Suzy DeVeny c/o school.



## Iowa Tests

All of our students in grades 1-8 started taking their (nationally-normed) Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and/or Cognitive Abilities Tests. These assessments help us develop and tweak our curricula, and each student's results will also help guide his/her personalized learning plan. (They're also good practice for similar important tests students face in high school, such as the ACT, SAT and PSAT tests for college admission and scholarships.) Testing will finish by Oct. 13.

The best test prep: a good night's sleep and good nutrition! Come rested and well fed: then, just do your best.

## Cross Country

The team's first meet was last Thursday. It was a beautiful evening to run!—Placing for Holy Cross were 6th grader **Isaac Zammit** (3rd place in 6th grade boys), **Matt Zammit** (1st place 7th grade boys) and **Michael Wilkinson** (2nd place 8th grade boys). Congratulations to all our runners on finishing a challenging race!



Many thanks to **the Davenport family (Steve and Betsy, Dylan and Preston)** for taking care of timing the runners and scoring the race!



The second meet is at 6pm this evening, at East China Park on River Road. (Last scheduled meet is on Oct. 12: same place—with "rain date" of Oct 19 if needed.) All Crusader fans are welcome!

## “Harvest Festival”

Holy Cross church’s 46th annual festival will be held **this Sunday, October 8**. It will feature a roast beef and chicken dinner, bake sale, farmers’ wagon and raffles from 12:30-6pm.

Sign up sheets are available near the river entrance of Holy Cross church. Please look them over by tomorrow afternoon and decide where you can help!

Holy Cross School will have an open house during the festival. Parent and middle school student guides are being scheduled from 12-2, 2-4 and 4-6pm to show prospective families our campus and answer questions. Are you and your children available to help with a shift? Please contact Dr. Wagner—thank you.

## Sports Photos

Cross country and girls’ basketball team members: the photographer will be here on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Athletes’ shots will be done after school, so they will have time to change into their uniforms.

## “Walk to School” Day

Yesterday was national “Walk to School Day.” Some Holy Cross families opted to lace up their hiking shoes and enjoyed a walk by the river to school:



## Service Credit

Your service credit record was mailed to you recently. Please let Mrs. Steinmetz know if we’ve missed anything!

**Wednesday night bingo is looking for two workers**, November to April, for its 2nd and 4th week teams. (Two couples could fulfill their service credit work requirements by taking these jobs!) They also need a few helpers on “5th weeks” Nov 29 and Jan 31. To see what’s available copy this URL into your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqIQT1cjurqrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## PTO NEXT MEETS

**Tu. Oct 10, 6:30pm**

**Teachers’ room**

**You’re invited!**

**Hope you can make it.**

## Student Highlights

Every month, the teachers will introduce a few of their students to you. The students receive a certificate and a small treat, and are celebrated in front of the whole school family. The students in the spotlight for September are:

**Ethan Barks** is a returning preschooler. Ethan loves ‘Thomas the Train’ and ‘Paw Patrol.’ Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen love to see the ways Ethan sorts and classifies things in the classroom, as he so often does! His favorite food is tacos and he’d eat them for every meal if he could! At school, Ethan likes to build with blocks, listen to books being read, and share stories about his family and friends.

First grader **Paige Arlow’s** favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite color is pink. She enjoys going to gymnastics and having mama paint her nails. When she grows up, she might be a teacher. Paige is a great role model in the classroom. She always tries her best, and she is kind to everyone.

**Maeve Brennan** is a new addition to our second grade class this year. She is a careful worker and reminds her classmates to do the same. When Maeve is not in school you might find her riding her bike or playing with her neighborhood friends. Some day Maeve wants to be a saint. Maybe we could all strive for becoming saints, like Maeve. **Charles Joseph Pennington-Clark** is another new second grader. C.J. is very interested in becoming an actor when he grows up. When he is not in school he likes playing on his new Chromebook. His favorite subject is gym class. Keep up the good work C.J.

Third grader **Naylee Verellen** always comes to school with a smile on her face. She is a wonderful friend and gets along well with her peers. In the classroom she is very respectful, and follows all the rules. At home, Naylee enjoys spending time with her family. She loves watching videos on YouTube

of Barbie, playing games on her Chromebook, jumping on her trampoline, practicing her cartwheels, and playing soccer.

**Zander Somma** is new to Holy Cross this year. He is very happy to have so many nice friends to play soccer with at recess. Zander’s favorite subjects are math and gym. When he grows up he might be a famous soccer player.

**Katie Kowalewski** is a wonderful fourth grade student. Each day she comes to class prepared and ready to learn. Katie is eager to learn gardening skills and enjoys garden club. She enjoys the programs through 4H as well. Katie loves her friends and family, and she has a special place in her heart for animals. Recently she spent time at the Renaissance Festival and had a wonderful time!

Fifth grader **Rebecca Shmina** is new to us this year, and has made a wonderful addition to our class. Her ready smile and bubbly personality make it very easy for her to make friends. Rebecca works hard to be the best she can in whatever she sets her mind to.

**Allison Kuzera** is a hard-working sixth grader with a friendly personality and a willingness to help others. Allison has many interests and talents, including her musical ability with the ukulele. She always strives to do her best.

Seventh grader **Lauren Rosemeck** is polite, respectful and shows genuine compassion for others. She is always eager to help out and quick to volunteer! Lauren enjoys singing and dancing, and collects rocks.

**Grace Govier-LaParl** loves to dance and perform gymnastics. Her favorite subjects in eighth grade are English language arts and religion. Looking toward the future, Grace would like to be an emergency room nurse in the trauma I unit. Grace is a very thoughtful, caring young lady with a brilliant smile!!

# Our Lady on the River Parish

## Holy Cross Church



Invites you to the  
46th Annual



# Harvest Dinner & Holy Cross Catholic School Open House



## Sunday, October 8, 2017

12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
at the Holy Cross Activity Center & School  
610 S. Water Street, Marine City  
810-765-3568



Come by, Tour our School & Enjoy  
the Farmer's Wagon and Bake Sale



*Our Lady ON THE RIVER* PARISH Raffle  
Drawing Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Cross Activity Center

1st Prize \$5,000.00  
2nd Prize \$3,000.00  
3rd Prize \$1,000.00

Tickets \$5.00 Each



Complete  
Roast Beef &  
Chicken Dinner  
(with all the trimmings)

Adults \$10.00  
Children 4-10 yrs \$6.00  
Children 3 yrs & under Free  
Carry Outs Available \$9.00