



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.

September 10, 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.

Mrs. Davenport is sending instructions for taking the class online.

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!

Service Credits

Don't forget that K-8 school families have until September 15 to sign up for credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. As bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow, Sep 11: first school mass at 9am in Holy Cross church: church dress code**
- **F Oct 16: NO SCHOOL-- teachers' professional development**

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to the folks who have answered the call already--we are still looking for a couple lunch supervisors! You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: four shifts worked will equal one credit. We are in need of help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days, by the day of the week (e.g., you might choose to work Wednesdays). Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check. If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

Lunch Time

Please be advised that, due to COVID concerns, **we NO LONGER have microwaves in the lunchroom.** All lunches from home will have to be **ready -to-eat.** Also, **be sure to include any utensils your child will need** to eat his/her lunch with.

East China Bus Riders:

Busing is available for residents of East China School District (beginning Sep 8). Call the District's Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about stops and times.

Substitute Teachers

We're looking for substitute teachers to add to our list. If you know of anyone interested (a retired teacher, perhaps, or other person with a bachelor's degree) please ask them to contact Mrs. Davenport.

"Specials" Classes

Just a reminder: art classes will be on Mondays; tech on Tuesdays; music on Wednesdays, gym on Thursdays, and library on Fridays.

Lunch Recess

Little by little we're working out the "quirks" in our "COVID" schedule!

We do still need help with lunch supervisors (earn service credits!): please contact school if you're interested in helping on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

In addition to supervision, keeping the kiddos occupied is proving to be a challenge. In order to be able to take breaks from wearing their masks, the classes are having their recess time grouped with only their own "classroom-mates." Each group has its own balls to play with outdoors, as well as sidewalk chalk and jump ropes.

It is proving a challenge finding fun play for the students that fit within "COVID-safe" parameters! We have begun putting together bags of play things for indoor recess for each child--things like crayons, paper, and small toys. These items will not be shared, but will be used only by the owner of the bag.

We will gladly accept donations of such things! We are imagining things like small coloring books, small reading books or comic books, jacks, yoyos,... If you have little things like these that you can part with, we would love to have them.

Dress Code

...is available on the school's website: www.holycrossonline.net/uniform.

A reminder that **neither sweatshirts nor school logo'd T-shirts is approved as uniform wear.**

Spirit Wear

Approved school logo'd spirit wear may be viewed and ordered at: <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>

First School Mass

...is at 9am tomorrow morning in Holy Cross church. Students should follow the mass day dress code that day: dress shirt/blouse, skirt/jumper for girls, conservative tie for boys.

Calendar Change: Extra Day Off!

Attached is a revised year-long calendar. Please note that **there will be NO SCHOOL Oct. 16** (teachers' training).

“SchoolSpeak”

Our “student information system” for such info as assignments and grades is called “SchoolSpeak.” We use it to give parents access to such things as students’ homework assignments, grades, and other communication between home and school..

Every family should have received an email from the system either asking you to update your family information. Please take a minute to make sure we have your info entered correctly so that you and your child(ren)’s teacher(s) have this valuable and convenient avenue of communication in place.

Altar Server Training / Refresher

...for students in grades 4-8 who currently are altar servers or who are interested in becoming a server. The session will be at 3pm tomorrow, September 11. Meet Fr Lapeyre in church (remember masks & social distancing!).

Parents’ Meetings on Using “SeeSaw” and “Google Classroom”

Mrs. Davenport hosted the training for “Google Classroom” (grades 4-8) last night. She will invite parents of students in grades TK-3 to another online meeting for “SeeSaw”--watch for her email invitation.

Clothes Hangers for “The Blue Room”

We have TONS of clothes: so much that we’ve run out of hangers. If you have any (especially the ones with clips) that you can part with, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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/newbtfe>

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.

Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong! PTO also has a few “vintage” t-shirts (old logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5 each.

“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>

VG’s Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG’s receipts, including the “Direct Your Dollars” paragraph. (“E-receipts” are not accepted.) We are almost 90% of the way to our next \$1000 award, and will continue to collect those 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.

When You Call Your “Dual Enrolled” Student in Sick at Holy Cross....

Please call Cardinal Mooney as well, to let them know your child won’t be attending their CMC class as well. Thank you!

Please complete a “review” on our Holy Cross School Facebook page:

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

You can follow us on Instagram: #mcholycross

A New Teacher!

Welcome to **Mrs. Lisa Kiger**, who will begin on Monday as our new second grade teacher! Many students will remember Mrs. Kiger as a substitute, and she was also a long-term sub in our upper grades a few years ago. Mrs. Kiger will visit tomorrow afternoon, and she and Ms. Tersgini will begin the transition to separated second and third grade classrooms.

Live Streamed School Mass

Tomorrow morning’s school mass (9am) will be livestreamed to Our Lady on the River’s facebook page. If you’d like to see the live stream, go to: [facebook.com/ourladyontheriverparish](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyontheriverparish)

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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/>

PTO Particulars: September 2020, Part B

The Holy Cross family has been growing by leaps and bounds and we here at the PTO would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families! We hope you find our school community rewarding. Coming home soon with your eldest Crusader will be a **Gifts and Talents Survey**-we hope you will consider filling it out. You may be surprised at the many ways your talents can be harnessed! Also, be sure to check out our calendar which is available as a hard copy (in the lobby of the school on the PTO board) and electronically (as an attachment to this newsletter).

The **Mum Sale** is off and running! A hard copy of our informational flier and order form should have come home with your eldest Crusader last week, but more copies are available on the PTO board in the lobby of the school and attached to this newsletter. Please include your family, friends and neighbors in the sale! **Orders and payment are due this coming Monday, September 14th**. Proceeds from our fundraisers benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school.

Our **Family Bike Ride** is coming up Saturday, September 26 from 2-3pm at East China Park. We will meet at the playground parking lot starting at 1:30pm for an enjoyable ride through the park. If the weather does not cooperate, we hope everyone snuggles up with a warm cup of cocoa or a good book!

Mark your calendar for **Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 7th** at 7:00am. We are proud to be a part of this national event that has been running since 1997! Distance Learning? No problem-join us "virtually" by walking around the neighborhood!

We hope you will join our next meeting!! Please contact Becky at:

beckybryson123@gmail.com or 757-334-9662 with your email address so we can get the Zoom meeting codes to you!

Warmest regards,

HC PTO



Holy Cross PTO's Mum Sale Fundraiser

It's Fall Y'all! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our [Mum Sale Fundraiser](#)! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs. For example, last year we helped fund the **Leveled Reading Library**.

We are partnering with local **Vandenbossche Farms** to bring you a lovely pop of color for your fall garden!

- **Size**: "9x5", 9" inches around, 5" deep
- **Colors available**: White, Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Orange, Red
- **Order due date**: Monday, September 14th
- **Cost**: \$8 per plant, cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Mum Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment**: Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?**: Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available**: Friday, September 18th, 2:30-5pm. You may **pick up** your order from Vandenbossche Farms at 5225 Meisner Road in China Township. If you would like your mums **delivered**, please indicate this on your order form and we will deliver to your porch.


Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want mums-family, neighbors, etc!

Holy Cross Mum Sale!! Name, Address and Phone Number:	White	Yellow	Purple	Bronze	Orange	Red	Delivery or Pick Up

Holy Cross PTO thanks you for your support! Orders due Monday 9/14. Pick up Friday 9/18. ***Checks made out to OLR***

What's on the Menu?

East China Holy Cross Lunch Menu: September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Paid Lunch \$2.40</p> <p>Reduced \$0.40</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Golden Corn Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Corn Dog on a Stick</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Tenders w/Mini Biscuit</p> <p>Tater Tots Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Bun</p> <p>Seasoned Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Golden Corn Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Beef Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p>Seasoned Wedges Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Classic Cheese Burger</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/Mini Biscuit</p> <p>Tater Tots Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Seasoned Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage</p> <p>Hash Brown Baby Carrots Red Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Meat & Cheese Nachos</p> <p>Spinach & Cranberry Salad Fresh Celery Sticks Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll</p> <p>Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Lasagna Roll Up w/Garlic Bread</p> <p><i>Lucky Lunch Day</i></p> <p>Roasted Carrot Fries Power Peas Banana Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick</p> <p>Savory Fresh Green Beans Baby Carrots Apple Choice of Milk</p>
	<p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Tomato & Cucumber Salad Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Baked Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Tater Tots Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick</p> <p>Garlic Mashed Potato Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Strawberry Yogurt Parfait</p> <p> <i>World Smile Day</i> Potato Smiles Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Choice of Milk</p>

Questions or Comments?

Please contact
Julie Humphrey @
810.676.1112 or
jhumphrey@ecsd.us



Vegetarian



Locally Grown

Lunch: A full student lunch includes a choice of entree supplying grain and/or protein, two (2) side dishes and choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

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2020-21 Calendar

Aug 21	Friday	"Crusader Day" 9am-3pm in school
Aug 27	Thursday	First day of school-No East China buses until Sep. 8
Sep 4-7	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 8	Tuesday	Classes resume / East China buses start
Sep 9	Wednesday	First day of preschool
Sep 16	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Sep 28	Monday	No school: professional development
Oct 7	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Oct 16	Friday	NO SCHOOL: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS
Oct 30	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 6	Friday	Report cards go home
Nov 11	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Nov 13	Friday	No classes: parent/teacher conferences
Nov 25-7	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec 9	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Dec 18	Friday	No East China buses home
Dec 21-Jan 1	Mon-Friday	Christmas recess
Jan 4	Monday	Classes resume (East China buses run today)
Jan 15	Friday	No East China buses home
Jan 18	Monday	No East China buses (am or pm)
Jan 20	Wednesday	End of second quarter
Jan 28	Thursday	Report cards go home
Jan 29	Friday	No school: professional development
Feb 8-11	Mon-Thurs	5 th -8 th graders go to camp
Feb 12-15	Fri- Mon	No school: mid-winter break
Feb 16	Tuesday	Classes resume
Feb 17	Wednesday	No East China buses home
March 8	Monday	No school: professional development
March 10	Wednesday	No East China buses home
March 26	Friday	End of third quarter
Mar 29-31	Mon-Wed	No East China buses (am or pm)
March 31	Wednesday	Report cards go home
Apr 1-9	Thurs-Friday	Easter break
April 12	Monday	Classes resume
April 14	Wednesday	No East China buses home
May 12	Wednesday	No East China buses home
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day: no school
June 1	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 10	Thursday	No East China buses home
June 11	Friday	Last day of school; honors assembly, report cards; no East China buses home

School day 7:30am-2:50pm
Lunch 10:45-11:25am
176 days / 1126.4 hours

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