



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 12, 2019

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. OLR will host a "PGC" workshop on **Saturday, September 21**, from 8:30am-noon in the Holy Cross activity center.

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.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays 7-9am and 5-7pm,
Wednesdays 1-3pm and
Fridays 7-9am
Patty Smith

Service Credits

Remember: families have until September 15 to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to all of our lunch time helpers! We could really use one more "lunch mom" (or DAD!) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: if you work, say, Mondays all year, that will give you two credits; if you opt to do ALL days, you will have earned all of your credits (and had lots of quality time with your children and their friends!).

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. For more info, please contact the school office--thank you!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Sep 20: "Special Persons' Day"
- **F Sep 27: no school**
- Sat. Sep 28: PTO's "Mom and Son" Bowling
- **M-F Sep 30-Oct 11: Iowa Test window**
- W Oct 2: "Walk to School" day
- **W Oct 9: the next "early release" day**
- Sun Oct 13: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner with open school
- **W Oct 16: school pictures re-takes; cross country and volleyball team photos; vision and hearing screenings**

Service Credits: Scheduling 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**. Help is needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

Volleyball

The team's first game is Monday, Sep. 16, as they host St. Augustine School. The game will start at 6:30pm in our gym, and all Crusader fans are welcome!

After Monday's game, the team "rests" until their next games the week of Sep. 23.

Cross Country

The first cross country meet is scheduled for next Thursday, September 19, at 5:30pm at Columbus Park.

Parents of Athletes:

Our Booster Club pays all the expenses of our extracurricular sports program. Parents of athletes are expected to do their part by helping with admissions and concessions at home games at least twice during their child's season, and at least once during the volleyball tournament, which Holy Cross hosts. A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her to offer your help.

Booster Club Magazine Sale

The Booster Club's magazine drive runs one more week: **all orders are due next Friday, Sep. 20**, to be eligible for prizes.

The magazine drive runs through Friday, September 20--although we can accept new orders or renewals throughout the year. You can send in paper orders, or order online at **<http://www.gaschoolstore.com/landing.aspx?SID=2709251>**

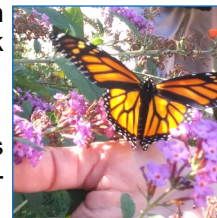
Magazines are a wonderful incentive for little ones learning to read, and great gifts for family and friends. You can order new subscriptions, or let us process your renewals, for print or digital editions of your favorite magazines.

Students who bring in 3 orders before the 20th earn a personal dress down day; more orders add up to other prizes as outlined on the letter in the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office. The Boosters thank you for helping to keep competitive sports available for Holy Cross students!

Monarch Hatchings

Last week, Mrs Wade's science classes got to watch caterpillars morph into chrysalises, and then hatch into monarch butterflies. On Thursday last week, Mrs Wade and her classes released the butterflies near the butterfly bush outside Mrs Davenport's office:



DTO News--T Shirts and Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

...are available at the school office. The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong!

PTO also has a few "vintage" t-shirts (last year's logo) and caps available for \$5 each. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

Iowa Tests

You may have seen "Iowa test window" on our calendar. Students throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit will be taking the Iowa tests then. Kind of like the ACT test to go to college, the Iowa test helps identify what each student already knows, and knowing how each grade performs helps drive our curriculum planning.

Students will NOT be testing continuously for those two weeks! They may have a test one day, then nothing the next. Testing in all subject areas will happen over the two week "window."

The best test preparation is a good night's sleep the night before the test, and a good breakfast before leaving home in the morning.

VG's Receipts

Please keep sending in those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We 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 of Holy Cross church. Thanks much!

"Box Tops for Education"

The "Box Tops for Education" program is changing! For years we've been asking you to clip the little "Box Tops for Education" tab on product packaging; the program has finally gone digital!

Instead of having to snip all those plastic or cardboard boxes, from now on you'll be able to scan your register receipt to submit all the "Box Tops" in that purchase. You just need to download the app to your smart phone.

(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.)

For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbtf>.

Auction 2020

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

The Auction will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!)

Substitute Teachers

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

"Special Persons' Day"

...will be September 20. Each student will be able to invite a special person to join him/her for the morning, beginning with mass. Guests will be able to meet up with their student friend at 8:50 in the Activity Center and attend mass together. After that, students will escort their special folks to their classrooms for goodies and to show them "the sights." At 10:30, guests will be dismissed as students get ready for lunch.

Eighth Graders and Confirmation

Eighth graders who are members of OLR parish are invited to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The two-year preparation will meet on select Sundays; the first class was rescheduled to Sep. 29.

Eighth graders from another Catholic parish may be able to do the prep at OLR, but they would need to check with the DRE at their home parish to make sure all the requirements for their preparation program are met. They are also welcome to receive the sacrament here at OLR, but they need to talk to their home parish pastor first.

Holy Cross eighth graders will be receiving information and registration forms in their Holy Cross religion classes--please ask your student for that info!

Holy Cross "Harvest Dinner"

Sunday, October 13, is the date of this year's "Harvest Dinner." A group of wonderful parish volunteers has been planning for the event all year! They are counting on each of us to help where we can: cooking, serving, bake sale, clean up....Sign up sheets will be posted soon at the entrance of Holy Cross church.

We also plan to have our beautiful school open for visitors to walk through. Of course, we'll need to have a few school folks around to help any visitors find their way...are you available for an hour or two the afternoon of Oct 13? Please contact Mrs Davenport.

"Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! Go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

(We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City.")

League of Catholic Women Scholarship Contest!

Details are attached to this newsletter. Entries are **due in the school office before 3pm TOMORROW**, September 13. Awards will be announced the next week, and the scholarship prizes will be credited to those families' FACTS accounts shortly thereafter.

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Tomorrow be the second Friday of the month. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to give to the parish's pantry.

After a long summer without our help, the pantry needs just about everything. Breakfast items are always needed, as are canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, paper towels and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

Mass With Bishop Fisher

On Friday, October 4, Bishop Fisher will be at Holy Cross to celebrate 9am mass with the school. We look forward to showing off our lovely little school to him and welcoming him to Marine City!

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here on Wednesday, October 16 for annual vision and hearing screenings. If you do NOT want your student to receive his/her scheduled screening, please let Mrs Steinmetz in the school office know. If you would like your child to receive a screening s/he isn't scheduled for, let Mrs Steinmetz know that, as well.

Students who already wear glasses will need to use them for the vision tests. More information will follow next week.

ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΦΟΒΙΑ!
(or **τρискайдеκαφοβια**, if you prefer lower case letters...)

Tomorrow is a special day for the superstitious: FRIDAY THE 13th!! The word meaning "fear of the number 13" is written in Greek, above; in English, it's "tris-kai-deka-phobia" ("three-and-ten fear"). There's a word you can use to impress your friends!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

**League of Catholic Women Scholarship
Contest and Application**

The League of Catholic Women has provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships* for current Holy Cross students. Two will be awarded to students in grades K-4 and two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What can I do to make my school a joyful Christian place?" The work must be the student's own. Younger students may wish to include (a) hand-drawn picture(s) to help explain their ideas. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application.

The bottom portion of this page must be completed and attached to student's entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office before 3pm on Friday, September 13.

Awards will be announced on Thursday, September 19.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$200.

I am applying for the League of Catholic Women Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

Student signature

grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin, or other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

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