



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 16, 2021

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. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

We've just learned that **Immaculate Conception** in **Ira Township** is hosting the PGC workshop on **Sep. 28**, and **OLR** is planning to host one on **Sat. Oct. 16**. Follow the above directions to register.

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!

OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

got SCRIP?

SCRIP credits will next be calculated after the end of September: so there's still time for you to earn tuition credit before then! For all of your shopping--THINK SCRIP!

Students With Food Allergies

If your child has food allergies, **please send acceptable "emergency" snacks** and treats that s/he can have in the event a classmate's birthday treat may contain the offending food. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Oct 6: Walk to School day**
- **Sunday Oct 10: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner**
- **W Oct 13: school picture re-takes; fall sports photos**

Congratulations!!

...to **the Walker family** on the birth last week of baby Ella Suzanne! Mom and baby are fine.

Volleyball

The girls have already played three volleyball games! Their next game is Saturday morning (away); then they'll be at home on Monday, the 20th. (Parents: please contact LeeAnn Brennan to offer your help with concessions and gate. And thank you to **Andrew Taravella**, who donated his 50-50 winnings back to the sports program at Tuesday's game!) All Crusader fans welcome!

Cross Country

The teams continues to practice: their first contest is next Thursday, Sep 23, at Columbus Park.

East China Buses

Students who live in the East China School District and are interested in free busing should contact ECSD's transportation department at 810.676.1100; or email Janet Robbins: jrobbins@ecsd.us.

PTO Fall Flower Sale

Thanks to all who participated! Your flowers will be available for pick up between 2:30 and 5pm tomorrow at Vandebossche Farm on Meisner Road.

Attention All Photographers:

If you are able to get some good pictures at any student event (sports? after school club?) and you'd be willing to share them for use in the school yearbook: WE'D LOVE to have them! Please email any such photos to Mrs Steinmetz: school@holycrossonline.net. Thank you!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Accessing Students' Grades and Assignments through FACTS Student Information System

Some parents have been trying to retrieve information through SchoolSpeak. Please be advised that your old SchoolSpeak logins NO LONGER WORK as we have begun to use the FACTS system (as mandated by the Archdiocese). We've all been learning the new system!

To obtain online access to your 3-8th graders' school work :

- 1) go to FACTSMGT.COM and click "Parent Login" (our "district code" is **HC-MI**);
- 2) select "FACTS Family Portal" from the drop down and choose "create new family portal account;"
- 3) follow the directions, using the email address at which you received this newsletter (as that's the one in the FACTS system, and identifies you).

Service Credits

K-8 families: your service credit record is on its way to your mailbox. It will be mailed periodically: when you get it, please check to be sure we've recorded all your work shifts.

To schedule bingo shifts: call "Paul" as described in the next article--please note that it is up to YOU to contact him to schedule your bingo shifts. To work lunch supervisor shifts, you can schedule yourself by the shift at the online sign-up page (URL given elsewhere in this newsletter)--but remember you have to have attended the Protecting God's Children workshop as well as submitted to a background check (ask at the office).

Fish fries won't be scheduled until it's a lot closer to Lent. If you are interested in being an auction organizer, please contact the school office. Watch for book fair worker solicitations sponsored by the PTO in the newsletter in a month or so! (The PTO has been given the names of everyone who indicated their interest in working at the book fairs, as well.)

Please be advised that you most likely will NOT be able to complete all of your service credits by working only at the book fairs or the auction: the surest way to sign up for all of your credits is with the weekly bingos and/or lunch supervision shifts.

Service Credits: Lunch Supervisors

Families can earn one service credit by working as a lunchtime aide 4 times. Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days. Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

The online signup page is ready, for returning lunch supervisors--go to

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWYOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

Parish Youth Choir

2nd-8th graders interested in joining a choir: meet OLR music minister Bea Wassenberg at 6pm next Monday, September 20 in the Fine Arts Building. For more info contact her at 586.216.5101.

Scholarship Opportunity!

Attached to this newsletter are info and rules for a scholarship contest!

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**. Help is needed many or most Wednesdays.

Walk to School Day

Parents and students are invited to this nationwide fun, health initiative! We will meet Wednesday, October 6th at 7 am at Marine City beach, begin with brief prayer, take a group picture, then walk down the street together to Holy Cross School, arriving by 7:25am or so. Parents can then walk back to get their cars. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately. Any questions please contact Suzy DeVeney 810-434-3454.

STAR Testing

"STAR" testing happens three times a year at Holy Cross. The first set of tests for this year is scheduled to take place within the next few weeks.

The testing helps us recognize each student's strengths and weaknesses, and also helps us modify our curriculum in general by identifying trends. You will receive your student's test results, too.

Students have already begun testing. The best preparation for any test is a good night's sleep and a good breakfast!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for September: Karen Healy and Evelyn Rees of Algonac and Roseann Clements of East China. Congratulations!

Calling In Student Absences

Please call in all student absences to the school office (810.765.3591). Mrs Steinmetz will let the teachers know. Thank you!

Protecting God's Children Workshop

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



Attendance is required for anyone who may interact with minors, the elderly, or the handicapped. This free three-hour workshop is mandated through the Archdiocese of Detroit and is for persons 18 years of age and older. This workshop builds awareness and empowers attendees to intervene and prevent potentially harmful situations or behavior. Participants are taught to identify situations that could leave a child, the elderly or the handicapped vulnerable.

All participants must register online at www.virtusonline.org. Be sure to select the Diocese of Detroit and the location that you will be attending- Our Lady on the River Parish-Marine City.

Seating is limited so register now! No late arrivals will be admitted.

Saturday, October 16th, 2021

9:30AM Refreshments

Workshop 10:00AM-1:00PM

Holy Cross Activity Center

610 South Water Street

Marine City MI 48039

All participants must register online at www.virtusonline.org Be sure to select the Diocese of Detroit and the location that you will be attending is Our Lady on the River Parish-Marine City.

If you do not have online access, please contact Cassidy Johnson at 810-765-8300.

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. Up to two scholarships will be awarded to students in grades K-4, and up to two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students will create an original essay on the following topic: "How My Holy Cross Education Is Changing My Life." The work must be the student's own and may include both text and illustrations of some kind. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application. (Only one entry per student, please.)

Students: please do NOT put your name on the front of your essay. Please complete and attach the bottom portion of this page to the back of your entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office by the end of the school day on Friday, September 24.

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, September 30 school newsletter.

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, and the other awards will be increased, equally, accordingly.

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, and I understand that it will not be returned. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin or newspapers, displayed at the school, or shared via other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

Parent / guardian's signature

Date signed

Parent's printed name