



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 9, 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!

got SCRIP?

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!

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!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tomorrow: nonperishable food/paper/soap drive for parish pantry
- W Sep 15: "Curriculum Night" beginning 5pm in cafeteria (all K-8 families should be represented)

"Curriculum Night"

...starts at 5pm next Wednesday evening, Sep. 15, in the cafeteria. All K-8 families should have a parent in attendance. We will begin with school-wide information in the cafeteria, and move afterward into the classrooms.

XC and/or VB

The cross country team continues to prepare for its first meet on Thursday, September 23. The first volleyball game starts at 6:30 tonight at home!

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.

Help Wanted....

Holy Cross is looking for a part time preschool aide. Please contact Mrs. Davenport if interested.

NJHS SNACK STORE

Mrs. Wade and the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) are sponsoring a "Snack Store" every morning before school starts. The store will be open from 7:15am until the first bell rings. All snack packets (pretzels, Fruit Roll Ups, Fruit Gushers, CheezIts, animal crackers, Teddy Grahams, Goldfish) and water are 25¢ each.

PTO Fall Flower Sale

Orders are due TOMORROW: ordering information is attached.

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!

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--don't forget that you have until **September 15** (that's next week) to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A."

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 Wednesdays.

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/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/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 on Monday, September 20 in the Fine Arts Building. For more info contact her at 586.216.5101.

Auction 2022

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!

Auction time 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.)

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn your service credits. Hopefully, we'll be allowed to gather again for this year's event! We're also looking for people to help plan and work at Auction 2022.

Food Drive at Mass

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of 9-11:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died--the heroic first responders: firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them there on September 11, 2001.

We ask you to bring healing to those who suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all. - *Pope Benedict XVI*

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.



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, we helped fund the

Leveled Reading Library and **Start-up Funds for Teachers**.

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

- **Colors available**: White, Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Red
- **Order due date**: Friday, September 10th
- **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 17th, 2:30-5pm at Vandenbossche Farms, 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

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

