

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.

February 22, 2018

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. (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

If school is closed for inclement weather, so is the SCRIP office!

Patty Smith

Registration for 2018-19

Registration is open for next year: packets were sent home on Tuesday to families who didn't pick theirs up at the "Town House" meeting on the 15th.

There is a \$50 discount in the registration fee for students completely registered by April 30. To register, all obligations from the current school year must be complete—tuition paid up, service credits complete or scheduled and being completed on time.

Tuition

Families' last tuition payment for the 2017-18 school year is due next week: at the end of February.

Science Fair!

Students in grades 5-8 should be working on their projects at home (down to the last couple weeks!). Projects are due in school **the morning of March 7.**

Science Fair Display Boards

...are available in the office: \$4 each.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F March 2: "OK2SAY" presentations; stations of the cross 2pm (all school Fridays in Lent) and fish fry at St. Catherine activity center (4-7pm all Fridays in Lent except Good Friday)**
- **M March 5: School Comm. meets 5pm**
- **Tu March 6: Strategic Plan comm. meets 5pm**
- **F. March 9: nonperishable drive for parish pantry**
- **Sun. March 11: Open House 1-3pm**
- **Tu & W March 12&13: accreditation site visit**
- **Th. March 15: no East China buses home; no Chartwell's: everyone needs to bring a lunch & drink from home**
- **F. March 16: no East China buses; no Chartwell's: Lenten vegetable soup lunch**

Financial Aid for 2018-19

The first step for anyone wanting to apply for tuition assistance is to submit an application for help through the Archdiocese of Detroit. Application is made at www.online.factsmgt.com/aid.

The application, instructions ("Parent Letter") and "Pastor Signature Sheet" may be found at:

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/new-aod-tuition-assistance-process/>

Online application through FACTS is required.

We are fortunate in having some other, local scholarship resources as well; however, a copy of your application for the Archdiocese's grant is required to apply for any other assistance.

Volleyball

The girls travel to IC tonight. Next Monday, they travel to St Mary St Clair.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

OLR Appreciation Dinner

OLR parish loves its volunteers! Save the date: the parish is planning an appreciation dinner for all volunteers on Friday, April 13 at the St. Catherine activity center. Anyone and everyone who volunteers for parish work is invited! The parish does ask you to RSVP so they have an accurate head count for the caterer. Contact the parish office (810.765.3568) to make your reservation or for more info.

Keeping the Foster Grandparent Program Funded

Our local Council on Aging has informed us that the federal government is looking at a budget proposal eliminating funding for programs such as Foster Grandparents. As we have been fortunate enough to have several foster grandparents here this year, this budget cut would impact us directly.

Voters not in favor of such cuts may wish to let their elected officials know their opinions. Our federal representatives are Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Suite 731) and Sen. Gary Peters (Suite 724), both at Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; and Congressman Paul Mitchell at 211 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515.

Open House

...is Sunday, March 11 (1-3pm). Parents and student ambassadors will be sought to show prospective families through the school and answer their questions. Students' art and science fair projects will also be on display. Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our "family?"—invite them to the Open House!

Fish Frys

OLR parish's Lenten fish frys continue tomorrow and all Friday evenings in Lent except Good Friday at St. Catherine Activity Center in Algonac. There are several fish entrees and mac & cheese, as well as vegetables and dessert. Dinner will be served from 4-7pm (or until food runs out).

Bingo Concessions

Bingo concessions at the Wednesday bingo are back! But not for service credits: now bingo concessions will help you earn credit toward camp.

Earnings from concessions will be prorated among concessions workers (by the number of bingos worked) and applied to their camp bills at the end of December 2018.

One worker per Wednesday bingo will be needed beginning February 14. If you are interested or for more information please contact Tracy c/o school.

Drama Club

Practices for the spring production are beginning! Mrs. Rock invites all thespians to join her on Tuesdays from 3-4pm (right after school) to practice for "A Journey Beyond the Castle," which will be presented at the beginning of the Talent Show on May 29.

Students interested in joining the Club: please get a permission form from Mrs. Rock.

Eighth Graders' Baby Pictures

Every year in our yearbook, we play "match game" with our 8th graders, publishing baby pictures of them and trying to match each baby to his/her 8th grade self.

Of course, we don't have baby pictures of your kids! So this is a plea to parents of this year's eighth graders: please send Mrs. Steinmetz a digital copy of a baby picture of your child that we may publish in our yearbook. We'll need the photos before March 1. Thanks so much for your help!

"Academic Olympics"

Every year, 5-8th graders from all the Blue Water Vicariate Catholic schools join up at St. Augustine School in Richmond for a morning of "friendly" competition in the areas of forensics, math, problem solving and religion. This year, the "Academic Olympics" will be held this Saturday, February 24, with the first competitions beginning at 9am.

Students have been practicing for their selected competition areas, and are eager to take on their friends at the other schools! We are proud of all of our entrants for challenging themselves in this way.

VG's Receipts

Please keep sending in those receipts—entire receipts, please, with the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph—thanks!

"How to Care for Chromebooks"

A reminder about next year's Chromebook insurance restrictions regarding neglect and misuse (see your tuition contract, Appendix 5). The following clips may be useful to you and your favorite Chromebook users on its care:

Video clips on How to Respect Your Chromebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBFEfluPgmA> 4.20 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czXax6UKNwQ> 2.07 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1mg6xslJwA> 4.29 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIL4Qn4XgU4> 1.30 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czXax6UKNwQ&t=35s> 2.07 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5-NP-v2KVU> 2.21 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-lqT8YdbMQ> 1.57 minutes

Hospitality Needs

Looking for donations of food and drink for our upcoming Open House on March 11, and to feed the visiting accreditation team on March 11 & 12.

If you are able to donate a package of juice boxes; a couple dozen cookies or brownies; a veggie or fruit tray; or a lettuce salad or pasta dish: please contact Theresa Kukawka c/o the school office. Thank you!

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). Thanks!



Studio 1219 & Blue Water Catholic Schools invite you to Blue Water Catholic Schools' Student Art Reception & Show

Reception: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

Where: Studio 1219, 1219 Military, Port Huron - Upstairs Classroom

Show Dates: February 10th – February 28th, 2018

**Please join us to celebrate the uniquely talented
and creative students in our Catholic Schools.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Studio 1219 Hours:

Tues. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

***PLEASE PARK IN THE STUDIO 1219 LOT-**

-NOT ALONG THE BUILDING. (This is not our parking). *

THANK YOU!

810-984-2787 or www.studio1219.com

March 2018							Holy Cross Catholic School						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	MAR 1	MAR 2	MAR 3							
					"OK2SAY" presentations Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry (at St Catherine) 4-7pm								
4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
Volleyball games start at 6:30pm--	School Comm 6pm (no volleyball game today)	Strat. Plan Comm. 5pm HC @ MCA Soup/talk 6:30pm		"Hoops for Hearts" assembly St A @ HC	Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry (at St Catherine) 4-7pm								
11	12	13	14	15	16	17							
				No E. China buses home	No East China buses								
Open House with CMC 1-3pm	Accreditation site visit	Accreditation site visit Soup/talk 6:30pm		CMC "Top 10 lunch:" NO CHARTWELL'S—everyone needs to bring a lunch and drink from home	Vegetable soup lunch Stations of the cross 2pm								
		IC @ HC		St M @ HC	Fish fry (at St Catherine) 4-7pm								
18	19	20	21	22	23	24							
		Strat. Plan Comm. 5pm Soup/talk 6:30pm			End of third quarter Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry (at St Catherine) 4-7pm								
					Volleyball tournament at Holy Cross	Volleyball tourn't							
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
Palm Sunday		Soup/talk 6:30pm	Report cards go home	Holy Thursday--first day of Easter break	Good Friday								

ORDER YOUR 2017-18 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books are expected to be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students' names _____

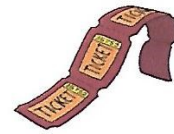
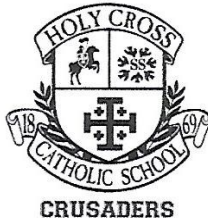
of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

*Orders need to be in the school office **by Friday, March 16.***

Tuition Raffle

150th Year Anniversary
2018 & 2019



Chance for One Holy
Cross Catholic School
Student to win!

Tickets available soon!



Reverts to 50/50 Drawing if Less Than 50 Tickets Sold

****\$100 per Ticket****

*****Drawing on May 20, 2018*****