

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.

March 1, 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 last week 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: all obligations from the current school year must be complete—tuition paid up, service credits complete or scheduled and being completed on time, and new registration and Chromebook insurance fees paid by that date.

Tuition

Families' last tuition payment for the 2017-18 school year was due yesterday.

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** (next Wednesday) **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 and instructions 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. We've just received a bequest from a recently deceased parishioner who stipulated that it be used for tuition assistance, so we have a little extra this year. However, a copy of your application for the Archdiocese's grant is required to apply for any other assistance. (Please call the school office if you have any questions.)

Academic Olympics

The students shone at the 'Olympics!'

In Forensics—at the 8th grade level: **Nicole Zawadzinski** came in 1st place, and **Michael Wilkinson**, in 2nd; for 7th grade: **Claire Campbell** earned 3rd; for 6th grade: **Allison Kuzera** came in 1st, **Audrina Guldemon**, in 3rd and **Gemma Downey**, in 4th; and for 5th grade: **Olivia Ogden** came in 4th.

In Religion competitions—8th grade level: **Nicole Z** came in 4th; for 6th grade: **Allison K** and **Gemma D** came in 4th

In Math—6th graders **Allison K** and **Gemma D** came in 3rd place.

In Problem Solving—the 8th grade team of **Nicole Z, Michael W** and **Ashton DeMeulenaere** came in 4th; 7th grade team **Anna Winne, Rebecca Goulette** and **Claire C** came in 2nd; 6th grade team **Aiden Schocker, Gemma D, Allison K** and **Audrina G** came in 4th place; and the 5th grade team of **John Bailey, Angie Winne, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Rebecca Shmina** and **Olivia O** came in 2nd place.

Congratulations to all the students who spent Saturday morning stretching their brains—we're proud of you!



Above: a team w/ dry pasta tower;
right: showing off spoon catapult.

Thank You!!!

...to **the Isrow family** for purchasing cameras for our school doors!

...to **the Lomasney family** for donating bright paper to school!

VG's Receipts

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

Volleyball / Tournament

The girls went to St Mary St Clair Monday. No games now until next Tuesday, when they'll be on the road to St Mary McCormick. Then on Thursday, March 8, the girls host St Augustine's team. (Our last two games of regular season play will be at home on March 13 & 15.) Games start at 6:30 and all Crusader fans are welcome!

We will be hosting the league's volleyball tournament on March 23-24. This is the only tournament Holy Cross hosts, and provides an opportunity for us to earn money to help maintain a "no-cost" sports program for our 5-8th graders. So we ask all families with athletes in ANY sport (not just volleyball) to help work the tournament. We will offer concessions, and will also need admissions and hall monitor help. **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** will be coordinating workers. Please contact her to let her know how you can help!

Restocking the Pantry

Next week brings the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly drive to re-stock the parish's pantry. Nonperishable food items, paper products, soaps and hygiene projects are needed.

If you are able to help, pantry staples like peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned tuna, and things like toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, and hand, laundry and dish soaps are needed for our collection for the pantry during mass on March 9. Our needy neighbors thank you.

Lunch on Thursday, March 15

On Thursday, March 15, the cafeteria (and lunch service) will not be available to us. EVERYONE will need to bring a lunch and drink from home on that day.

Lenten Vegetable Soup Lunch

On Friday, March 16, Chartwell's will not be serving lunch. Instead, Mrs. Isrow will serve a vegetable soup lunch. Along with the soup, the meal will include salad, fruit, a roll and drink, and the cost remains \$2.50. Order slips will go home next week.

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).

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.

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. If you are interested or for more information please contact Jennifer c/o school..

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 interested in joining our "family?"—invite them to the Open House!

We have a number of 3'x4' yard signs advertising the Open House—do you live near a busy corner or in a well-populated area? Would you have a corner of your yard near the street that you could put up a sign for us for the next 10 days?

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.

"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 via email at shepherdoftheflock@gmail.com OR c/o school. Thank you!

Yearbooks

It's time to order your 2017-18 Holy Cross School yearbook! The cost remains \$15 per book, and we expect books to be delivered in mid-May.

You'll find an order form on page 3 of this newsletter. Orders and payment need to be in the school office by Friday, March 16.

"OK2SAY" and "CSI" Presentations

Tomorrow, a representative from the Michigan Attorney General's office will be here to offer our students presentations on cyber safety. Presentations are geared to students at different age levels. Information was emailed to you on Tuesday for you to preview. Parents may choose not to take advantage of this program by contacting their child's teacher or the school office by early tomorrow morning to opt out. We have in the past found the programs to be valuable, and are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity again this year.

Congratulations, Kyle!!

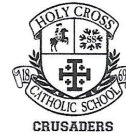
Seventh grader **Kyle Miotke** and his family just returned from the 30th annual Florida Beach Gymnastics Invitational at Tropicana Field (home of the Tampa Bay Rays) in St Petersburg, Florida. One of the largest such meets in the US, it drew gymnasts from 25 countries. Kyle placed in the top 3 in all 6 men's events (pommel horse, rings, vault, floor, and parallel and horizontal bars), and in 2nd place overall in his age group! Way to go, Kyle!!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Tuition Raffle

**150th Year Anniversary
2018 & 2019**



*Chance for One Holy
Cross Catholic School
Student to win!*

**Tickets available at the
Open House on March 11!**



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

\$100 per Ticket

Drawing on May 20, 2018

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.***