

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 8, 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 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, and registration and Chromebook fees paid.

Lunch on Thursday, March 15

Next 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 meal, including salad, fruit, a roll and drink, at a cost of \$2.50. Order slips went home with all K-8 students today. Please return all orders by next Tuesday, March 13, so we know how much food to prepare.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F. March 9: nonperishable drive for parish pantry; confessions for students in grades 3-8
- **Sun. March 11: Open House 1-3pm**
- Th. March 15: no Chartwell's: everyone needs to bring a lunch & drink from home; no East China buses home
- **F. March 16: no East China buses; no Chartwell's: Lenten vegetable soup lunch**
- F March 23: end of quarter; volleyball tournament begins
- **W March 28: report cards go home; last day of school before Easter break**
- M April 9: classes resume

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/>

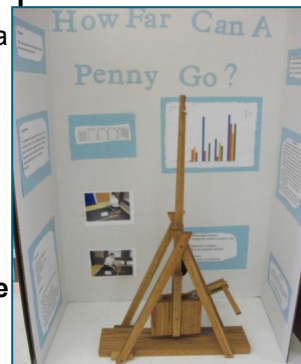
Online application through FACTS is required.

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.)

FACTS Accounts for 2018-19

As it's our first re-enrollment time with FACTS, we've been working to understand the FACTS system to make dealing with it as easy as possible for you.

Families with FACTS accounts for 2017-18 will NOT need to create new accounts for 2018-19: FACTS will automatically re-enroll you for the same plan you used this year. If you would like to make any changes to your payment plan, please notify Mrs Steinmetz in the school office no later than May 1st.



Science Fair!

The hallways are lined with our young scientists' work! Projects will be on display during the Open House on Sunday. Here are a few examples of our students' projects:



Volleyball / Tournament

The girls played Tuesday at St Mary McCormick. Tonight, they host St Augustine's team. Then, next week, our last two games of regular season play will be at home on Tuesday & Thursday, 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 it 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 c/o school to let her know how you can help!

Restocking the Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly drive to restock 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.

Yearbooks

It's time to order your 2017-18 Holy Cross School yearbook! The cost remains \$15 per book, and we expect the books to be delivered in mid-May. They must be pre-ordered, though: there is an order form below. Orders and payment need to be in the school office **by next Friday, March 16.**

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). Dinners are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12 (6 and under: free!), and \$9 for carryouts.

Open House

...is this Sunday, March 11 (1-3pm). We've been "sprucing up" to welcome our guests, and student and parent volunteers are ready to show our visitors around the campus. 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 few days? Please call the office tomorrow morning. Thank you!

Many thanks to all the generous families who have volunteered to donate refreshments for the Open House: **Margaret Path, Miranda Wesch, LeeAnn Brennan, Janine Winne, Tiffany Mensen, Anna Scott, Amanda Lomasney and Theresa Kukawka.**

Visiting Author

On March 20, in honor of "March is Reading Month," author Clay Boura will visit Holy Cross. He will read and speak to our younger students in the morning, and the middle schoolers in the afternoon. We are looking forward to hearing what it takes to publish a book, and what it's like to be an author!

Tuition / Service Credits 2017-18

All tuition for this school year should be paid by now!

K-8 families: are you short on service credits? Your last chances to earn credits for this year are at the remaining fish frys and the Wednesday bingos through April. To see if help is needed at the fish frys call Sherrie c/o school; contact Tracy at hcwedbingo@gmail.com to schedule bingo shifts.

Service credit records were mailed this week so you can see where you stand. Unworked service credits will be billed after April 30 at \$45 each. (Service credits are included in the accounts that families need to clear away before they are eligible for the "early registration" discount.)

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.

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.

Student Highlights

...for February:

Rhiannon Salisbury is new to prekindergarten this year. Rhiannon is quiet and takes time to warm up, but once she is comfortable, she loves to play with friends and is eager to please her teachers. She takes pride in her work and has a kind disposition. Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen love Rhiannon's sweet smile and how she is always striving to improve on her strong academic skills!

Kindergartner **Joshua Jacobs** was one of our preschoolers last year. Josh is five years old and has two older brothers. His favorite place to be is at home. He enjoys eating pizza and playing at the beach in the summer. Joshua gets along well with his classmates and is very helpful. When he grows up he wants to be a police officer. If Josh had one wish, he said he would want his own TV in his room. Josh's academic strengths are math and science.

First grader **Blake Schocker's** favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is red. Blake enjoys playing outside, especially riding bikes and chasing his brothers. When he grows up, he wants to be a police officer. Blake is a kindhearted boy with an infectious smile. He is a great helper in the classroom, and he always tries his best.

Daniel Pelz is a hard worker who wants to make the adults in his life proud of him. He strives to do his best in all areas of his schooling. His favorite subjects are math and gym. When Dan isn't learning at school he likes hunting and fishing with his family members. Keep the positive attitude, Daniel!

Third grader **Owen Isrow** is a great student who loves being challenged. He loves math and puts forth his very best in all he does. Owen has a love for learning and it shows! Outside of school he enjoys equestrian club. Often times, Owen expresses his love for riding horses in his school work! It's easy to see how much he admires his time at the stables. Owen is such a well rounded young man.

Lylah Schaening loves math and enjoys helping others. Lylah is an artist too! Not only is she an exceptional artist, she is also an actress. She is an active participant in drama club at school, and always has a big role in the talent show. Outside of school Lylah loves to garden and participates in the local 4H club. Lylah is a wonderful role model for her fourth grade peers. **Renton Gadzinski** is most

notably one of our most kind-hearted, caring, supportive students always ready to help someone who needs a friend or a helping hand. Sometimes students who might be differently-abled or unable to perform a task are able to get help from Renton who is able to keep very calm and talk softly while assisting his classmate. To a huge extent, this is exactly what we hope to see in every Holy Cross Catholic School student because this is so much what our school mission means when we recite "educating tomorrow's Christian leaders." If all of our students could follow the example of Renton Gadzinski in reaching out to help others and to be a Christ-like friend even for some who are marginalized, we would truly become a school of "joyful missionary disciples" like Renton.

Fifth grader **Angela Winne** is a very considerate young lady who works hard to do her best. Angie may seem quiet and reserved, but she has a great sense of humor and does an excellent job fulfilling her roles in drama. Her Christian attitude and willingness to help others make her a great friend to have. **Conor Guyor** is a very intelligent young man who stands up for what he knows is right and is helpful to others. He has great insight and is willing to share in class Discussions. Conor has many friends and is always willing to include everyone.

Sixth grader **Isaac Zammit** is one of the leaders in his class. He has the ability to set the tone for the day. Isaac knows when to focus and get his work done, and when it's time to relax and have fun. He has a Christian attitude and is willing to step up when needed.

Kierstyn West is a seventh grader who enjoys boating during the summer months. She also really enjoys a juicy steak (cooked medium rare), and her favorite color is blue. Kierstyn is funny and shows respect to her teachers and classmates.

Lydia Kukawka enjoys ELA and reading mythology, She lives on Harsens Island and there she enjoys swimming, tubing and volleyball. Lydia enjoys music, especially the oldies. Lydia is very intuitive and has been a main component to many great memories in the eighth grade class. **Matthew Shmina** enjoys working on the computer: he is quite creative when designing slides. Matthew enjoys swimming, boating, tubing, and playing video games. Matthew is very intelligent and can be funny at appropriate times.

Cardinal Mooney/Holy Cross Alumni Association Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Sunday March 25th after 9:30 AM Mass
(hunt will start approximately 11:00)



The Cardinal Mooney/Holy Cross Alumni Association is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. Doughnuts, bagels, juice and coffee will be served after the hunt and tours of Cardinal Mooney will also be available.

WHEN: Sunday, March 25th after 9:30 AM Mass at Holy Cross Church. Hunt will start at approximately 11:00 AM.

WHERE: Cardinal Mooney Campus. The Easter egg hunt will be outside weather permitting. If weather does not cooperate we will move it inside.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to your child's teacher by March 16, 2018. You must return this to participate in the hunt.

Family Name: _____

Number of children Participating: _____

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