



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.

April 12, 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
Patty Smith

Registration for 2018-19

Registration is open for next year.

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 paperwork in and registration/Chromebook fees paid by Apr. 30.

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. (You do, of course, need to return your registration paperwork to school!) 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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F April 13: volunteer appreciation celebration; nonperishable food drive for parish pantry**
- Tu April 17: 7-8th graders go to Henry Ford Museum
- **F April 27: NJHS induction; 1st track meet**
- F May 4: pizza lunch; 2nd track meet
- **F. May 11: last track meet**

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.factsmgmt.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 in April.

We are fortunate in having some other, local scholarship resources as well. We've recently received a bequest from a deceased parishioner with the stipulation 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.)

Track

The team is practicing Tuesdays through Fridays, 3-4pm, in preparation for its first meet on Friday, April 27. The meets will begin at 5pm and be held at the track on Ward Street (between the Lions Hall and Marine City High School).

Needed for an Art Project

Do you have cardboard boxes or other kinds of cardboard scraps at home that you could part with? Mrs. Brennan is planning lessons about Picasso and creating masks and sculptures, and would love to have your cardboard scraps! Please send in to school and we'll get them to her.

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 always welcomed by the pantry. Our needy neighbors thank you.

Help Pay For Camp 2019: 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.

VG's Receipts

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

Field Day 2018

...is approaching! It will be Wednesday, May 16. Volunteers are needed--please contact Becky Bryson c/o school to volunteer, or for more info.

Now Scheduling Bingo Workers For 2018-19

Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Wilson for her dedication to Holy Cross's bingo program! Tracy has begun scheduling workers for May 2018-April 2019; please feel free to contact her (via email at hcwdbingo@gmail.com)--OR--if you prefer, you can see what days and shifts are available by going to this webpage: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit.

Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

SCRIP and PTO have joined together for a Hungry Howie's fundraiser. We would like each family to buy/sell 10 cards. Cards are available at the SCRIP desk for \$10 each: 10% of the purchase price will go to your SCRIP account, and the remaining profit will help PTO. Each card has \$45 in savings (including a free large pizza). An information sheet / order form was sent home before Easter with all "oldest" students. If you send in \$10/ card, we can send the cards home with your student that afternoon.



"Miss Maritime Days"

Marine City girls between grades K-5 and between grades 6-10 this school year are eligible to enter this summer's "Little Miss Maritime Days" and "Junior Miss Maritime Days" contests. For info contact the school office.

Student Highlights

...for March:

Bailey Steward is a returning prekindergarten student. While she is quiet and reserved in demeanor, she has warmed up to school greatly this year and really blossomed socially! Bailey is conscientious and takes pride in her work. Ms Betsy and Ms Jen love Bailey's sweet smile and her kindness towards her classmates. Bailey loves to play with the doll house and kitchen set at school, along with painting and coloring.

Vanessa Kuzera is new to Holy Cross this year. She is one of two girls in our Kindergarten class of six. She very much enjoys doing arts and crafts during her free time. Playing "tag" with her classmates is her favorite game at lunch recess. Vanessa is very social, and is well liked by her peers. Some of her favorites are the movie "Frozen," the color pink, and dogs. In fact, her family has a dog named Nellie who often comes with Mrs. Kuzera to greet Vanessa after school!

First grader **Alex Path's** favorite food is grilled cheese. His favorite color is gold. He enjoys playing Minecraft on his Wii U. When he grows up, he wants to be a professional gamer. AJ is our resident train expert. He is a math master, and he is always able to make us laugh!

Isabella Smalley is always kind and loves to learn about our Catholic faith in religion class. When Bella is not in school you might see her riding her bike and playing with her friends in the neighborhood. Keep up the good work Bella.

Niamh Brennan is a curious third grader who has an obvious love for God, animals, and creativity. Niamh is very interested in learning about animals and her favorite is the fox. One day she would like to become a zookeeper so she can help and care for all the animals. She comes from a large and loving family as well. Her faith was obvious in her daily prayer requests for restored health in her mother. In school she enjoys using her Chromebook to explore new concepts, complete spelling assignments, and create videos on the Classroom Dojo.

Emma Lomasney is an inquisitive fourth grader, a caring friend, and a future baker. At school Emma works hard on math and has recently learned about prime and composite numbers. She puts forth great effort in her studies. Often, she is eager to help out other students

within the classroom as well. In her spare time, she hopes to take up dance lessons and she loves to bake. Over spring break she spent time at her Grandmother's house and baked cupcakes all by herself...and her teacher was blessed to get a sample!

Fifth grader **Skye Moss** is a wonderful young lady who always tries to do her best. While she may seem on the quiet side, Skye knows when to work and when to have fun with her friends. Her focus and dedication to her work help greatly when juggling school and dance. **Brennen DeMeulenaere** is an energetic, intelligent young man who exhibits many leadership skills. These skills make him the "go to" for many of his friends and give him the ability to influence the outcome of the class. Brennen has the ability to do well on anything he sets his mind on.

Even though **Elliott Zech** joined us halfway through the year, he fits right in with his class and seems to have made friends fast. He is kind and courteous to everyone and always tries to do his best. Elliott is a very intelligent young man who is willing to share his thoughts and ideas.

Seventh grader **Kyle Miotke** is an accomplished gymnast, and also plays basketball. Kyle's favorite food is mac-and-cheese. He's also an avid sports fan (Go Spartans!) and ESPN viewer. **Claire Campbell** is an outstanding student, and played on the HC volleyball team. She loves extra cheesy lasagna, animals, and the music group Pentatonix.

Nicole Zawadzinski is caring, thoughtful, courteous and hard working. Nicole enjoys reading Greek mythology and her favorite play is Hamilton. Nicole is looked up to by her fellow eighth graders and she brings a sense of light to the group. **Julia DuVall** has a wonderful sense of humor and is always willing to help out. She enjoys playing softball, listening to country music, four-wheeling and boating. Julia is an excellent creative writer and her narrative stories are intriguing! **Lauren Isrow** is extremely intelligent, especially in the subject of ELA. She is a hard working gymnast and practices daily, and often participates in competitions as well. Lauren also enjoys reading, especially mystery novels. Lauren is a great fit with her classmates!



Holy Cross Catholic School Family of staff, parents, and students of Our Lady on the River Parish anticipate your registration for the 2018-2019 school year. We expect to graduate ten students welcoming them as Holy Cross Alumni at the May 20th Alumni Mass and Breakfast.

Calling all parishioners of Our Lady on the River parish to enroll students for Pre-K through Grade 8 for the fall of 2018. All returning students and new families are eagerly welcomed to sign up for the new school year.

Currently Enrolled: Return the registration paperwork your child already took home.

Newly Enrolling: Call the the school office for a registration packet: 810-765-3591



Raffle Calendar Winners

...for this month: Joseph Brady and Mark Markel of Marine City and James Lesnau of Algonac. Congratulations!!

Springtime Work....

April is a busy month! On top of tax filing, other jobs due in April are re-registering at Holy Cross and applying for Archdiocesan financial aid. Don't let the month slip away before getting those tasks handled!!

Tuition Raffle

~ Holy Cross Catholic School ~

Serving children of our parish here in Marine City for 150 years!



Chance for one new or current student at Holy Cross Catholic School to win. The winner of the raffle will be rewarded with one year of tuition to attend Holy Cross Catholic School for 2018-2019!

Pre-K through 8th Grade—Reserve your ticket(s) now and support our school!



Reverts to 50/50 Drawing if Less Than 50 Tickets Sold
 \$100 per Ticket
 Drawing on May 20, 2018



St. Clair Community Singers

Spring Concert

**Sunday May 6, 2018
4pm**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
123 South Seventh Street
St Clair**

Free admission
(free will offerings accepted)

**Director: Jo-Anne Wilkie
Accompanist: Carole Lohr**