

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 19, 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.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F April 27: NJHS induction; 1st track meet**
- **F May 4: pizza lunch; 2nd track meet**
- **F. May 11: last track meet**
- **T. May 15: all sports awards dinner 5:30-8pm**
- **W May 16: "field day" after lunch**
- **F-M May 25-28: Memorial Day weekend--no school**
- **Tu May 29: back to class; PK graduation; talent show**
- **Th. May 31: 8th grade graduation at 9am mass**
- **F June 1: last day of school for students in grades K-7; honors assembly after pizza 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 **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.)

Service Credits

Service credits need to be finished by the end of April; unworked credits will be billed at \$45 each in May. If you are still short, you may be able to pick up a credit or two in April via bingo: please contact

Mrs. Tracy Wilson (see the next article for her contact information!).

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 by 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.

Track

The team added a day to its practice schedule: they will be practicing Mondays through Thursdays, 3-4pm. The first meet will be next 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).

Talent Show?

Attention all talented Holy Cross students! We're getting close to our annual talent show. If you plan on being in this year's talent show, please stop by Mrs Rock's room to pick up your talent show permission slip.

Our show is all set for May 29 at noon. So mark your calendars and get practicing! Beginning on May 9 Mrs. Rock will be previewing your acts during lunch recess.

All Sports Awards Dinner

On Tuesday, **May 15**, the Booster Club invites athletes from all Holy Cross sports this year and their families to the annual sports awards dinner. The Booster Club will provide everything needed for the meal, but asks each family to bring a dessert to pass.

Well known local volleyball coach John Knuth will speak during the dinner, and student athletes will be recognized.

Families: please RSVP to Mrs Steinmetz in the office before Thursday, May 10 and let her know how many in your family will be attending, so the Boosters know how much food to prepare. We hope each athlete and his/her family will be able to come to the dinner to enjoy their moment in the spotlight!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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.

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.

Congratulations!

...to the following Holy Cross alumni receiving honors at Cardinal Mooney for the third quarter:

Principal's List--All As: **Sophia Goulette, Luke Schulte**

First Honors--Minimum of 3As and nothing lower than B: **Caitlin Downey, Ricky Goulette, Shanna Kowalewski, Hannah Lee, Ron Schulte, Thomia Tomlanovich**

Second Honors--As and Bs: **Jacklyn Smith**

Field Day 2018

...is quickly approaching: it will be

Wednesday, May 16. Volunteers are needed --please contact Becky Bryson c/o school to volunteer, or for more info.

Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

SCRIP and PTO have joined together for a Hungry Howie's fundraiser. 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). If you send in \$10/card, we can send the cards home with your student that afternoon.

There are prizes, too: every student who sells 5 or more cards earns 5 free junior pizzas!

BOOK FAIR STAYING OPEN

***til 5:30 today!**

Thank you to **Mrs. Goulette, Mrs. Allam, Mrs. Kuzera, Mrs. DeVeney and Mrs. Bailey** for making this available for us!

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...Fr Rooney and his family on the recent death of his brother-in-law. Father: you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Springtime Duties....

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 (and getting the "early registration" discount and available help with tuition: see page 1 of this newsletter)!!



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



Technology and Data Drive Learning at Holy Cross Catholic School

Parents, did you know about our advanced technology?



Students in grades one-through-eight all have a Chromebook loaded with Google-for-Education apps which they are allowed to bring back and forth to and from school. Students can share their writing using Google Docs, advance in math and science using Google Excell, collaborate with each other or even with students in other places, maybe even abroad using Google Hangouts, create ePortfolios to collect evidence of their mastery learning with Google Sites and so much more. Just with the apps available on each students Chromebook now, students can potentially form a partnership with a classroom in another country.



Students in our kindergarten class have access in school to a set of iPads which can enable them to access many programs for mastering the alphabet, phonetic sounds, spelling, site words, arithmetic and even explore science and geography with age-appropriate links.



Every classroom at Holy Cross Catholic School is equipped with a Smartboard allowing teachers to access inter-active learning programs, create real-time feedback on assessments and help learners understand graphical presentations of testing data.



With the "fund-a-need" raised this year through our Auction and the Annual Alumni campaign for the Fr. Sadler Fund, we plan to purchase a Google Virtual Reality Kit that is a classroom set of googles with access to over 500 virtual field trips.

Technology empowers students and teachers to PERSONALIZE learning experiences reaching out to a world beyond the borders of Our Lady on the River parish. One of the unique applications of technology this year relates to our religion units. Students set up an ePortfolio in Google Sites to collect evidence to prove that they are LIVING THE GOSPEL VALUES.

Parents, did you know about our use of data to drive individualized learning?



My Data Manager

Every year in early October, all students in the Archdiocese of Detroit take the Iowa assessments for English, Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. These nationally-normed assessments provide scores for each student along with the comparison score for all of the students at our school, all of the students in our region, and all of the students nationally. Students have a report that lets them and their parents know exactly what proficiencies they have mastered and what they still need to master and where they are in comparison with other learners in the diocese, state, and nation. At Holy Cross, our teachers also give the DRA and Gates MacGinitie assessments to provide even more data to inform students regarding what each one's unique mastery is and what each one's learning needs are.

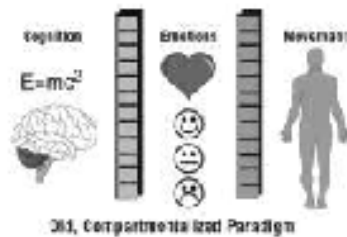


Using a software called IXL on the student Chromebooks, students can align their own needs with learning activities that are specific to their own PERSONALIZED data about the mastery of learning.



In 2018-2019, we will add another program option called RAZ KIDS which is a computer-based reading program with 29 different levels of reading proficiencies from grade one to four. Students in the same classroom could be as widely varied in mastering their reading skills as five or six different levels in a class of nine or ten students. Each one can use his or her Chromebook to access the specific reading level and books written at that reading level to progress in the PERSONALIZED mastery of all twenty-nine reading levels of elementary schooling.

Parents, did you know about the findings in brain research that prove that physical movement enhances brain growth.



Elementary school children love to “be on the move.” According to Marwa Abdelbary’s studies on brain-rich learning, “... studies show that children who are more active exhibit better focus, faster cognitive processing, and more successful memory retention than kids who spend the day sitting still. Keeping the body active **promotes mental clarity** by increasing blood flow to the brain, making activity vital to both learning and physical and neurological health.



At Holy Cross School, our desire is to purchase MP3 players with headphones that allow students to move either walking, running, skipping, or even just pedaling while listening to specifically designed lessons. For example, vocabulary, foreign language, mathematics, memory skills all can be enhanced by moving and listening and saying out loud what one is hearing. For students who want to learn this way, lunch hour recess could involve taking a walk to learning some Spanish vocabulary or jogging the perimeter of the gym while learning the multiplication tables. The motion enhances the brains retention of the drills.