



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 26, 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 at 9am mass; 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 (dress down day)**
- **F-M May 25-28: Memorial Day weekend--no school**
- **Tu May 29: back to class; PK graduation; talent show**
- **W. May 30: 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.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. **Application forms and instructions are available at the school office-. Completed applications are due May 31.** (Please call the school office if you have any questions.)

OOPS!

Goofed in last week's "mark your calendar" column. Eighth grade graduation will be on Wednesday, May 30, at the school's last mass, 9am.

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, Chartwells will not be serving lunch. Instead, we will have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Lunch includes large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pizza), salad, fruit and drink for \$2.50; students may order extra slices of pizza for \$1 each. Order slips were distributed to all K-8 students today. Please return your orders ASAP so we have enough food for you! (As always, if you have to call your student in sick that day, his lunch order will be pulled and your money returned to you.)

National Junior Honor Society

Tomorrow, during our regular Friday morning mass, eight Holy Cross middle schoolers will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations to these students: sixth graders **Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldemon, Evan Isrow, Allison Kuzera, Bryce Schocker** and **Isaac Zammit** and seventh graders **Maggie Bartholomew** and **Cole Tite.**

Track

The team's first meet will be tomorrow, April 27, beginning at 5pm at the track on Ward Street (between the Lions Hall and Marine City High School). All Crusader fans are welcome!

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!

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 c/o school or by email at hcwedingo@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/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit.

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.

Bowling League

We hear of a local summer bowling league "under construction" for students in the Marysville, St Clair and Marine City areas. It is not a school sponsored program; however, if you are interested in checking it out for your child, you may contact Robert Tylan at 810.326.0594 or rmt123@hotmail.com. His flyer says St Clair River Lanes (525 S Riverside, St Clair) will be the site.

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.

VG's Receipts

We have received our first check for \$1,000--great job, everyone! We are about 1/3 of the way to our second redemption. Please keep sending in those receipts--entire receipts, please, with the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph--thanks!

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!

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. You have just a couple days left those tasks handled on time (and getting the "early registration" discount and available help with tuition: see page 1 of this newsletter)!!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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.

"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.

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.



Book Fair

Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for chairing this year's book fair (again!)!! Thank you, too, to **Mrs. Allam, Mrs. Kuzera, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. DeVeny and Mrs. Bailey** for helping, and to **Mrs. Davenport** for sharing her room! Our \$2350 in sales will earn \$987 in "Scholastic dollars" for teachers to use for classroom books and teaching tools while fuelling our students' excitement for reading! Thank you, everyone, for your support. (Below: the 5th & 6th graders visit the fair:)



Congratulations!!

...to third grader **Naylee Verellen**, who will make her First Communion, and to first grader **Andrew Earl** and Kindergartner **Vanessa Kuzera** who will be baptized, in the presence of their schoolmates at mass on May 4!

May-June 2018

Holy Cross Catholic School

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------|--------------------------|--|--|---------|---|--|
| Apr 29 | Apr 30 | MAY 1 | MAY 2 | MAY 3 | MAY 4 | MAY 5 |
| | | | | | Vanessa Kuzera & Andrew Earl baptisms and Naylee Verellen First Communion at 9am mass | |
| | | | | | Pizza lunch | |
| | | | | | 2nd track meet 5pm | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | Accreditation site visit | Accreditation site visit | | | Nonperishable food drive | |
| | | | | | Last track meet | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | All sports awards dinner 5:30 cafeteria (all athletes, all sports, and their families) | Field day (after lunch) | | "OK2SAY" presentation | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | 8 th graders go to | Chicago & return | tonight | No school | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | JUNE 1 | June 2 |
| | Memorial Day—no school | PK graduation 10am | 8 th grade graduation at 9am mass | | Last day of school | |
| | | Talent show at noon | | | Honors assembly after lunch; report cards go home | Have a wonderful summer—see you in August! |

Farewell....

This week brought the sad news that Fr. Rooney has been reassigned and will be moving to Trenton this summer. We have been grateful for his wise (and often humorous!) leadership; we wish him all the best in his new assignment. Fr Rooney--wherever you go, please know that you will always remain in our hearts and prayers.

Kindergarten Inventors

Our Kindergartners worked on both recycling and inventing this week. Here they are, with the things they created out of recyclable items:





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



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**

Catholics Personalize Learning:

EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN



JUST NOT IN THE SAME WAY

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in his sight. Before God made you, he knew you. There is no one else like you.

The marquee in front of Holy Cross Catholic School has promoted our school for several weeks for the fact that we believe learning should be personalized for each learner. This has prompted many comments both favorably and unfavorably or ambiguity about what it might mean

As a Catholic School our core purpose for even existing is based on the acceptance of the Truth that God create each child in his image and likeness; however, he also created each one as a unique human person. Even identical twins are each unique with his or her own personality, interests, habits, goals and weaknesses. That is the way God made us.

While this does not and cannot contradict the fact of life that our government has legislated mandates for high school graduation, colleges have established pre-requisites for admission, and trade unions have defined very clear prerequisites for entering the trades, this does not mandate that every unique creature must get there at the same time, on the same page, on the same date nor in the same way. God made each person unique in how he or she learns and what is learned and even why it is loved or ignored. Catholics personalize learning because Catholics believe every single child is unique, different, individual and a beautiful creation of God.

While the Archdiocese and the National Council for Catholic Education have established standards and guidelines and assessments to ensure that students in our Catholic school achieve academic excellence which they define in terms of what one should know and be able to do by a given date or grade and level of proficiency. Catholics personalize these learning experiences, however, based on the UNIQUENESS for each child that was intentionally created by Almighty God. This means that learning needs to be "personalized" to the interests, modalities, differentiated skills sets, goals and values unique to each of God's creations.

In our public school system over the last hundred and fifty years in Western Culture, schools leaders and legislatures and colleges and even trade organizations have moved more and more to try to define a set of standards which is a positive thing; however, too often these standards have been mandated

under such uniformity and consistency and focus on absolute compliance by a certain time and with a rubric for identical assessment of results treating everyone as if each is the same as the others.

Of course the real world does exist with these mandates for compliance for Catholic children as much as for public school children. This is the very reason why schools of any domain use identical standards to assess COMPLIANCE. America is proud of our "Schools of Compliance."

In "Schools of Learning" by contrast, God's design in creating each human person as a unique, individual identical to no other person in the very soul that God endowed each with there is a priority on PERSONALIZING the learning experiences reflective of God's plan for his unique creations. Each one develops very different interests, tastes, values, preferences, modalities, learning styles, and passions.

The more teachers and parents can collaborate with each unique learner to develop a PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLAN to foster the full potential and design that God has gifted each child with as one of His creations, the more likely it will be that each one will become successful and develop a self-motivated, self-enforced, self-monitored, self-assessed passion for learning what and when and how and why he or she most naturally is created by God to strive for. Learning in our Catholic Personalized Learning Schools like we want to make out of Holy Cross Catholic School is our challenge in our drive to UNLEASH THE GOSPEL by feeding the JOY of our learners as youngsters on a mission for their Creator to move forward toward a joyful life and an eternal paradise with God.

Stop the Bleed and CPR Training for Teens



**Come join the St. Clair County Youth
Readiness Council for life-saving
training!**

When: Friday, May 11th from 6pm- 9pm

Location: SC4 campus in the ATC building, room 145

Ages: Anyone in Grades 8th through 12th

Cost: FREE

Sponsored by: St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council

Instructor: Roger T. McClelland, MS, EMT-PI/C, Program Director
Emergency Services at St. Clair County Community College

Outcome: Certificate of Completion for Friends and Family CPR and a
Certification of Completion for Stop the Bleed. As well as, the ability to
possibly save someone's life!

Spots are Limited!!! Register Early!!!!

To Register: Email YRC Member Hannah Schultz at:
hschultz202@gmail.com with the following information... Name, Grade,
School, Phone number, and Email.

Visit our website: youthreadinesscouncil.org