

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.*

May 10, 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 until June 15:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am

Mondays; 5-7pm; and

Wednesdays 1-3pm

Summer hours after June 15:

Monday 5-7pm and Friday 8-10am

Patty Smith

Registration for 2018-19

Registration is open for next year.

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.

Financial Aid for 2018-19

We hope that families interested in requesting financial aid for next year completed their FACTS applications last week for the Archdiocese's grants (as that is the requisite first step in applying for any aid).

We are fortunate in having some other, local scholarship resources as well, so please consider applying for that as well. A copy of your application for the Archdiocese's grant is required to apply for this local assistance. **Application forms and instructions are available at the school office. Just one application is needed for consideration for all local grants, and completed applications are due May 31.** (Please call the school office if you have any questions.)

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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)**
- **Tu-Th, May 22-24: eighth graders' class trip to Chicago**
- **Th. May 24: grades K-6 Huron Lady field trip after lunch**
- **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; NJHS sponsored pizza lunch; honors assembly after lunch (approx. noon)**

Accreditation

Our re-accreditation site visit happened earlier this week. Our visiting team members were gracious and kind, and we thank them all for their help in maintaining and improving Holy Cross. Thanks to everyone who helped welcome the team, from meals, to paper shufflings, from self study investigation to interviews, to simple smiles--each kindness added to the visit's effectiveness.

Thank You!!

A big thank you to all the families who showed appreciation for our amazing Holy Cross teachers and staff this week. The delicious food, appreciation notes, relaxing massages and creative treats were well received. It was a great team effort greatly enjoyed by our staff. Thank you! --PTO President Suzy Deveny

"Thank you to our teacher appreciation lunch caterers: **Margaret Path, DeAnna Miotke, Anna Scott, Tiffany Mensen, Jennifer Kuzera, Janine Winne, Amanda Lomasney, LeeAnn Brenner, Suzy DeVeney and Miranda Wesch!**" --coordinator Theresa Kukawka

"Thank you all for spoiling us this week! The lunches were delicious and greatly appreciated, and each treat made us feel loved. Holy Cross parents are the best!" --from the staff at Holy Cross

Track

Last Friday's meet was canceled due to threat of bad weather. It was rescheduled to next Friday, May 18.

Tomorrow's meet will begin 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.

Families: please RSVP to Mrs Steinmetz in the office **BY THIS EVENING** 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!

Congratulations!!

...to third grader **Naylee Verellen**, who made her First Communion, and to first grader **Andrew Earl** and Kindergartner **Vanessa Kuzera** who were baptized (with their schoolmates present) Friday.

Congratulations, also, to our second graders who made their First Communion this past weekend. May you always know God's great love for you!

...and to 'Grandma Audrey'!

The Port Huron Council on Aging's Foster Grandparent Program recently honored their volunteers, and our own "Grandma Audrey" Stafford was one of the honorees. We are blessed to have Grandma Audrey here at Holy Cross as a Foster Grandparent. Mrs. G, Mrs. D, and Ms. Betsy attended the dinner and awards banquet to show our appreciation for all Grandma Audrey does for our school community. Grandma Audrey received a very special award for her kind and caring disposition with the children she works with. We are proud of her and thankful for all she does!



Middle School Science Classes-- Eighth Grade:

Our eighth graders have been studying volcanoes. Last week they made papier-mache models of volcanoes. After they were dried and painted, the students invited their schoolmates outside to "test" them, using mint candies and soda. Everyone got an idea of how a real volcano might look during an eruption.



...and 5th and 6th Grade

The younger middle schoolers have been learning about harnessing the sun's power by making solar cookers. They used shoeboxes, foil and tape, and discovered that the heat is retained better in the cooker if they cover openings with plastic wrap. They set their cookers out in the sun all day on Tuesday, and when they brought them in they were all over 120 degrees!



To Schedule Bingo 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 (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/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to fifth grader **Rebecca Shmina**, whose dance group "Coming Attractions" (from the Main Stage Studio in New Baltimore) received the honor of High Gold for their performance of "True Colors" at the Dance Master of Michigan in Novi. How exciting, Rebecca!

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.

Field Day 2018

...is next week! It will be the afternoon (after lunch) of Wednesday, May 16. Please contact Becky Bryson c/o school to volunteer or for info.

Attached are a letter from Mrs. Bryson and the permission form for students to participate in Field Day activities (hard copies went home with all students yesterday, as well). There is a small cost of \$5/student. If you haven't already turned your permission form(s) in--please download and sign a form for each student and return to teachers **by tomorrow morning**.

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 to tide the pantry through the summer months.

If you are able to help, staples such as peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned or dried fruit, 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!

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!

Talent Show?

Attention all Holy Cross students! It's time to start practicing our Talent Show acts. If you would like to participate in this year's show please see Mrs. Rock for an entry slip. The 2018 Talent Show is scheduled for May 29 at noon. God enjoys watching you use the talents and abilities He has given you. Please join us in celebrating our gifts and talents from God!

"Summer Study" Packets

On the last day of school, your oldest student will take home a blue folder prepared especially for your family. We hope you'll be able to use our "summer study" tips to help your children retain what they've learned this year--and even surge ahead to be ready for next year!

VG's Receipts

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

Thank You to the Knights!

Several members of the Marine City Knights of Columbus recently presented Dr Wagner with a check representing proceeds from the past year's bingos. We are grateful to the Knights for their continuing support!



Hungry Howie's
FLAVORED CRUST PIZZA

\$10 ONLY

FUNDRAISER CARD

OVER \$45 IN SAVINGS

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

<p>ABSOLUTELY FREE!</p> <p>FREE LARGE 12" PIZZA</p> <p>1650-3190 CAL.</p> <p>Pick-Up Only FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>50% OFF YOUR NEXT ORDER</p> <p>(\$10 MAX VALUE)</p> <p>*Restrictions apply</p> <p>Pick-Up Only FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>50% OFF YOUR NEXT ORDER</p> <p>(\$10 MAX VALUE)</p> <p>*Restrictions apply</p> <p>Pick-Up Only FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>50% OFF YOUR NEXT ORDER</p> <p>(\$10 MAX VALUE)</p> <p>*Restrictions apply</p> <p>Pick-Up Only FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>FREE HOWIE BREAD WITH ANY \$12 PURCHASE</p> <p>1130 CAL.</p> <p>Pick-Up Only FUNDRAISER</p>
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Student Highlights

...for April:

Avery Wood is new to PreK this year. She started out her school year as a quiet and shy student. Now she has formed great friendships, participates in class activities, and is giggly and chatty! Ms Betsy and Ms Jen love Avery's sweet smile and that she is a good friend to all of her classmates. Avery likes to play with the dollhouse and paint while at school. **Iris Lomasney** is a returning PreK student. Iris loves school and eagerly skips into school most days! Iris has grown up coming to Holy Cross to help her mom with lunch duty and classroom activities, so she is very comfortable here. Ms Betsy and Ms Jen loves Iris's excitement and her thoughtfulness. Iris loves to play with her friends at school and really enjoys to draw and color. **Nathan Pelz** is also a returning PreK student. Nate loves school and is usually the first one here, knocking at the door to come in. Like Iris, Nate has grown up coming to Holy Cross to help his mom with lunch duty and classroom activities, so he is very comfortable here and knows many of the kids in other grades. Ms Betsy and Ms Jen love Nate's quick willingness to help anyone with anything and his tender and kind heart. Nate loves to build with blocks at school, and he loves all academic activities.

Melanie Schmid is new to our Kindergarten classroom: she came to Holy Cross from California. Melanie is a six year old who enjoys horseback riding. She lives with her parents and little sister, Nina. Some of Melanie's favorite things are the color blue, chocolate milk, horses and Easter. She has been a welcomed addition to our Holy Cross family! **Leo DeVeny** is six years old. His birthday is very special in that he is a "leap year baby"! His favorite animal is a lion. Leo very much enjoys playing "Connect Four" with his classmates and teacher. He is very good at it and wins most of the time! Leo also enjoys reading and math. He is one of four children in his family. Leo and his older siblings will be returning to Holy Cross in the fall.

Boyd Wilson is curious about many things. He loves learning with his ChromeBook during "Free Choice" time and has become the second grade's expert on dinosaurs. He loves hearing about different careers and thinks he will be a chemist some day like Mrs. Rock's brother. When Boyd is not in school he likes to play on the swings outside or play board games with his family. **Xavier Zammit** loves learning about our country's history and does well during his "free learning choice" time each day. He never has to ask what he should learn about. When Xavier is not in school you might find him playing on his dad's iPad or playing with his brothers and his sister.

Third grader **Charles Zech** is new to our school this year and comes to us from Florida. We are happy to count Charles as a Crusader! He is a joy to teach and wonderful addition to our class. Charles is always eager to help a younger classmate with their studies and will include others in his free time activities. Keep up the great work!

Dylan Davenport has an enthusiastic personality and contagious smile! By trade he's an actor, so during class he's quite entertaining. He joined our class in December and easily became accustomed to our daily

routines. Dylan enjoys to read and has really stepped up his game in math and within his writing. Continue to work hard Dyl, you've had a great year!

Cole Campbell is an enthusiastic fifth grader with many friends. He has great skills with the computer and the ability to focus and succeed with anything that grasps his attention. Cole's easy smile and energy add an upbeat tone to the classroom atmosphere. **Gavin Isrow** is a wonderful young man who tries his best at many things. Although on the quiet side, Gavin is very observant, and he is capable of accomplishing great things when he sets his mind to it. He can be very focused and is always willing to help his friends. **Evan Jacobs** is a very energetic and intuitive young man with a lot of potential. When his interest is piqued, he has great insight and asks wonderful questions. Evan is a hands on learner and does well when working in groups.

Audrina Guldemon is a wonderful young lady with a lot of ability to succeed, even if she isn't aware of it. She has a ready smile and laugh that brighten the room. Audrina's writing abilities and singing are just a few of her many talents. When she sets a goal, she will push herself to attain it. **Evan Isrow** is one of the leaders in the sixth grade class who has the ability to influence the atmosphere of the lesson. He is helpful to others and is willing to provide assistance when needed. Evan has a determination to do his best at whatever he sets his mind on.

David Marshall is a highly creative guy. He's quite funny, and his favorite class is PE. He's also a music lover whose favorite group is Linkin Park. **Taylor Marlatt** is a funny, smart young lady. She is very active in sports here at Holy Cross, and especially enjoys basketball. Her favorite weekend activity is hanging out with her friends. **Joe Fajardo** is an eclectic young man who considers himself a "foodie." His favorite? London broil! He enjoys tennis, swimming, and his favorite class is math. **Jimmy Downey** is a very intelligent and respectful young man. He enjoys playing and watching basketball. His favorite classes are history and French. **Cole Tite** is an outstanding student who is committed to always doing his best. He enjoys math class the most. He isn't a big music fan, but he does like movies. His favorite is "Braveheart." **Joe Morelli** is a whimsical seventh grader. He doesn't really have a hobbies or interests--except food and sleep. He especially likes steak: filet mignon, to be precise! **Anna Winne** is a quiet young lady with fantastic manners. She's a cat person; she has 6 of them! She also enjoys chowing down on some fresh, juicy strawberries--her favorite food. **Matthew Zammit** is a very bright young man with excellent manners. His favorite class is history, and his favorite thing to eat is pepperoni and olive pizza. Matthew is always quick to volunteer when something needs to be done. **Maggie Bartholomew** is a very bright, very polite, almost always smiling seventh grader. She enjoys swimming, volleyball, and cheering for HC! She likes to listen to Beyonce and chow down on a big bowl of spaghetti.



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!

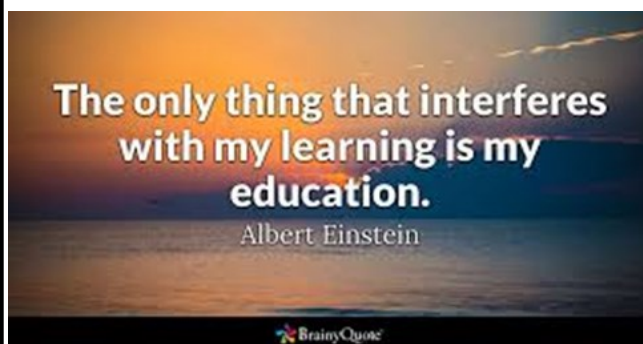


Reverts to 50/50 Drawing if Less Than 50 Tickets Sold

\$100 per Ticket

Drawing on May 20, 2018

According to Barbara Bray's and Kathleen McClaskey's book, Make Learning Person: The What, Who, WOW, Where and Why, these authors show how improved learning results not from compulsion, but from engagement with issues that make a difference to learners. Managing freedom, rather than compliance, drives growth .



Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Holy Cross Field Day 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Holy Cross Field Day 2018!! Hopefully this letter will supply you with all the details necessary to make this year's Field Day tons of fun!

- **Date:** Wednesday 5/16/18
- **Time:** At 11:45am we will begin splitting the kids into teams. At 12pm we will officially begin Field Day.
- **Food:** Field Day begins after lunch, so your normal lunch protocol should be followed. For Pre-K, please pack a bag lunch that will be consumed at the school. Kona Ice (shaved, flavored ice) will be on site as a cool treat for the kids during Field Day. We also have sweet treats as prizes and lovely cookies to go home with everyone.
- **Clothing:** Field Day is a dress down day. Weather dependent, we shall hold Field Day outside so please dress for the weather and in sturdy play shoes. We would like to encourage the students to wear their Carnival Day shirts or a shirt that can be signed.
- **Donations:** We are seeking the following items to complete our Field Day activities. Please contact me if you would like to donate (contact info listed below).
 - (150) Dixie cups
 - (100) Paper bracelets (the disposable type found at festivals, etc.)
 - (2 new) Large sponges
 - (75) Full size candy bars
 - Eggs
 - (2) Large plastic or metal serving spoons-for egg race
 - (15) Child size gardening gloves
 - Cash donations for PTO/Field Day

It's also not too late to volunteer! Feel free to text me or I have placed a volunteer sign-up sheet on the PTO board in the school's entry way. Thank you for your support and allowing your child(ren) to participate in this year's event!

Becky Bryson

(757) 334-9662

Beckybryson123@yahoo.com

PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school/parish-sponsored activity on the school premises. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from Holy Cross Catholic School. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: Holy Cross 2018 Field day

Destination: Holy Cross School campus / Our Lady on the River parish property (610-618 S. Water, Marine City)

Designated Supervisor of Activity: Dr. Warner, teachers, members of Holy Cross PTO

Date and Time of Event: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 after lunch until regular dismissal time

Method of Transportation: none: will take place on the HC/OLR campus

Student Cost: \$5

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for the actions and conduct of your child.

*****STATEMENT OF CONSENT*****

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place on the school/parish grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school/parish employee on the stated date. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this field trip, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release Holy Cross School and/or parish, the Roman Catholic (Arch)Diocese of Detroit, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. This release of indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

Please return this entire form by: Friday, May 11 to your child's teacher.
(Date) (Person)

Parents: you may cut off and keep this portion for your records, if you like:

Name of event and date: Holy Cross 2018 Field Day Cost: \$5/student

Method of transportation: None needed Regular school lunch

Dress code: dress down—please wear your "Carnival Day" T-shirt if you still have it!