



# 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.

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## 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](http://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.

OLR parish will sponsor a session on Saturday, **September 15**, in the Activity Center, from 8:30-11am (with a light breakfast preceding class, from 8-8:30). Preregistration is required: go to [aod.org](http://aod.org) and look for "Protecting God's Children" to register. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help registering.) When you go to a "PGC" workshop, please be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow admittance to latecomers.

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  
**CLOSED July 28-Aug 5**  
Patty Smith 810.434.9557

## Registration for 2018-19

Registration is open for next year.

To register for next year 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.

## Next Week's Newsletter

...will NOT come out on Thursday: it will be on Friday, June 1, instead (and will be the last newsletter of the school year).

## Mark Your Calendar....

- 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; wear church attire for mass and dress down after; NJHS sponsored pizza lunch; honors assembly after lunch (approx. noon) and dismissal after**

## School Office's Summer Hours

...for the months of June and August: Monday-Friday, 8am-1pm. The office will be closed for the month of July (but we will check for messages/emails at least every few days during July). If you need something but can't make it during office hours, please call/email ahead of time and we'll find a time to meet with you. (If you just need to drop something off, it can be left for school at the OLR/Holy Cross church office, too.)

## 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.)

## Talent Show / Spring Play

The talent show is next Tuesday, at 12 noon. We are performing the spring Drama Club play, too. Actors: remember to bring your costumes to school on Tuesday!

Talent show performers: you will need to bring your costume, keyboard, ukulele, recorder, hula hoop, and whatever other props you will for your act on Tuesday, too.

Parents--you are invited to attend! We're all looking forward to seeing our talented students.

## Final Report Cards for 2017-18

...will go home with students on the last day of school. PLEASE NOTE that unpaid obligations from this year (tuition, service credits, library books, Chromebooks, sport team uniforms,.....) will result in report cards being withheld: please be sure your family's accounts are all up-to-date.

## Preschoolers' Graduation

Our preschoolers will be here on Tuesday, May 29, for their last day of class and their graduation from this year's program. We're glad you were here this year, and we invite you back in the fall for your second year of preschool or to begin your K-12 schooling at Holy Cross Kindergarten!

*Congratulations!*

...to graduating eighth graders **Dresden Scott** and **Michael Wilkinson** on each winning a \$500 scholarship toward their freshman year at Cardinal Mooney!

Dresden and Michael each wrote an essay on what their Catholic education has meant to them as part of their applications for the scholarship. Michael is grateful for being able to express his faith each day, for the higher academic expectations he has found in Catholic schools, and for their sense of community. Dresden says that her Catholic education has helped her become aware of others.... "I had never participated in donating food to the poor or doing anything that could help my community....collecting items for those affected by Hurricane Harvey, making blankets for children in Puerto Rico...(I have learned) I want to help those around me."

We are proud of both of these thoughtful young people, and wish them the best in their high school careers.

## To Schedule Bingo For 2018-19

Thank you to **Mrs. Tracy Wilson** for her dedication to Holy Cross's bingo program! Tracy is scheduling workers for May 2018-April 2019; please feel free to contact her (810.580.1805 or by email at [hcwedingo@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://docs.google.com/document/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit).

## Eighth Graders' Class Trip

Our eighth graders are in Chicago this morning, and will be homeward bound later this afternoon. Here is a picture of them from earlier this week:



The weather has been cooperating for a fun and memorable trip.

## 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 at 810.305.2016.

### Tuition Raffle Winner

Congratulations to former HC principal **Marilynn Pavlov**, who was the lucky winner of the tuition raffle! Ticket sales level caused the raffle to revert to a 50-50; she won approximately \$1500.

### VG's Receipts

We are already halfway to our second \$1000 reward! Please keep sending in those entire receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. During the summer, if you aren't heading to school, receipts may be left at church.

## "Summer Study" Packets

On June 1, your oldest "Crusader" 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 maybe even surge ahead to be ready for next year!

(The packets will also contain next year's calendar, SCRIP order form, and--for 5th-8th graders--blank sports physical forms.)

## Students Entering Seventh Grade in the Fall--

The Health Department reassesses student immunizations at 7th grade entry. Summer would be a great time to check with your health care provider to see if any immunizations are needed (as well as to get that sports physical, so you'll be ready for sports in the fall!).

## Last Math Placement Test for High School

Students in Holy Cross 6th or 7th grade this year are eligible to apply to take some classes next year at Cardinal Mooney. For the math classes, a placement test is required. That placement test will be held here at Holy Cross on May 30 during the school day. Please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office if you are interested in taking advantage of this "dual enrollment" in CMC math classes next year.

## Field Day 2018

We enjoyed spectacular weather for "Field Day" last week! Many thanks to **Mrs. Becky Bryson** and her PTO helpers: **Mrs. Laura Bailey, Mrs. Suzy DeVeny, Mrs. Margaret Path, Mrs. Amanda Lomasney, Mrs. Michelle Bartholomew, Mrs. Theresa Pelz, Mrs. Amanda Smalley, Mrs. Christine Schocker, Mrs. Patti Allam, Ms. Renee Shandor, Ms. Brigitte Pennington, Mrs. Colleen Kowalewski, Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Theresa Kukawka and Mrs. Rachel Arlow.**

Here are a few more photos of students having fun!--



## PTO Officers for 2018-19

The PTO announces its officers for next year:

President: Suzy Deveny  
Vice President: Becky Bryson  
Treasurer: Tiffany Mensen  
Secretary: Amanda Smalley

Thank you to these ladies for their dedication to Holy Cross. We look forward to working with you again.

## School Sports for 2018-19

The league's annual schedule of sports will be different next year. Things are not certain yet, but as of right now, it appears that the first sports in the fall will be cross country and girls' volleyball. Boys' and girls' basketball (and cheer) will run concurrently in the late fall-winter season. Last will be track in the spring.

Sign up sheets have been passed round among the eligible students (this year's 4-7th graders). There are blank physical forms in your "Summer Study" folders--if you get that taken care of during the lazy days of summer, you'll be all set when your sports season starts.

## "Books Are Fun!"

The traveling book display is here (for, obviously, the last time this year!). Orders need to be in the school office by Thursday morning, May 31; they promise that items will be here ready to go home with your oldest "Crusader" on the last day, June 1.

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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





## Last Day of School Activities and Pizza Lunch

On June 1, we will begin school as usual at 7:30am. NJHS will sponsor the day's fun activities, beginning with "mat ball" mid-morning. After the ball game, they will serve pizza lunch to everyone who orders it (you are welcome, of course, to bring your own lunch!). After lunch and recess (about 11:45am) we will head to the gym for the awards ceremony; then back to class to pick up report cards and students' other belongings--then summer begins!

Below, you'll find a form to order the last day pizza lunch--pizza orders must be in before the end of school today so NJHS knows how much food to have ready!

### "The Blue Room"

Please keep our "used clothing" room in mind when you get ready for "back to school" shopping! We have a LOT of used school clothes, free to Holy Cross students. Contact the school office to make the connection to check it all out.

### 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!

**Our 2018 "Graduates"**  
...the members of our eighth grade Class of 2018:



...and our pre-schoolers!

Our best wishes to all of you on the next steps of your journeys!



## Last Day Pizza Lunch Order Form

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lunches ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @\$2.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(lunch includes a slice of pizza (1/8 of a large Hungry Howie pepperoni pizza) with chips, cookies and a drink)

Plus \_\_\_\_\_ extra slices @\$1 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**—Orders due in school by 3pm TODAY—**

## Holy Cross Catholic School

### 2018-19 Calendar

Aug 24	Friday	"Crusader Day" 9am-3pm in school
Aug 27	Monday	First day of school-No East China buses until Sep. 4
Aug 31-Sep 3	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 4	Tuesday	Classes resume / East China buses start
Sep 5	Wednesday	First day of preschool
Sep 6	Thursday	Curriculum Night 5-7pm
Sep 12	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Sep 21	Friday	Special persons' day
Oct 1-12	Monday-Friday	IOWA testing window
Oct 10	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Oct 26	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 9	Friday	No classes; student-led parent/teacher conferences
Nov 14	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Nov 22-23	Thurs-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec 12	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Dec 24-Jan 2	Mon-Wed	Christmas recess
Jan 3	Thurs	Classes resume
Jan 7	Monday	East China buses resume
Jan 18	Friday	End of second quarter
Jan 21-25	Mon-Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders go to camp
Jan 28	Monday	Report cards go home; 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual "Blue Water Vicariate Carnival" day
Feb 13	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Feb 15-18	Fri- Mon	Mid-winter break
Feb 19	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 13	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
March 22	Friday	End of third quarter
March 25-29	Mon-Friday	No East China buses all week
March 29	Friday	Report cards go home
April 10	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Apr 18-26	Thurs-Friday	Easter recess
April 29	Monday	Classes resume
May 8	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
May 24-27	Fri-Monday	Memorial Day weekend: no classes
May 28	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 7	Friday	Last day of school / honors assembly / report cards

School day 7:30am-2:50pm

Lunch 10:45-11:40am

181 days / 1116 hours

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