



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 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 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 Summer hours:
Monday 5-7pm and Friday 8-10am
CLOSED July 28-Aug 5
Patty Smith

SCRIP credits for the second quarter of the year were calculated at the end of June, and have been credited to your FACTS account. Congratulations to the 25 Holy Cross families sharing in nearly \$3000 in SCRIP credits!

School Office's Summer Hours

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.) Office hours beginning August 1 will be (at least) 8am-1pm.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F, Aug. 24: "Crusader day" 9am-3pm--school pictures!
- M Aug. 27: first day of K-8 school!!
- W Sep. 5: first day for preschool!

Thank You!

...to our maintenance and SCRIP workers, who have been diligently at work spiffing things up and keeping SCRIP available for our families while everyone else is on vacation!

...to **Mrs. Ann Guldmond** for volunteering to mentor a middle school robotics club this fall! (No doubt she will be looking for team members and other adult helpers: please leave your name and contact information at the school office!)

...to the **Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc.**, for its distribution of nearly **\$25,000** to Holy Cross School for the past school year! That donation translates to over **\$300/student!** The Educational Fund has given a total of almost **\$428,000** to Holy Cross since it was created in 1984--we are grateful to that caring group of Holy Cross supporters for planning for our future.

Lunch Supervisors

We will be looking for "lunch moms" (or "dads!") for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact the school office if you're interested! (Lunch supervision is a service credit opportunity: call school if you need more info.)

Family Directory

In August, we will prepare a directory of Holy Cross PK-8 families' names (parents and Holy Cross students), addresses, and phone numbers. The directory will be distributed to all participating families on "Crusader Day."

We can add your email address to your entry, if you like: **let Mrs Steinmetz know before August 16.** If you do not want your family's information to be included in directory let us know that, too, before Aug 16. (Families who opt not to be in the directory will not receive a copy of it.)

If You Are Waiting to Hear About Your Application for Fr. Bartone and Other "Local" Scholarship Awards....

As the Archdiocese has notified us they would have a second round of awards made in mid-July, finalizing local awards may not yet be complete. As soon as we hear from the Archdiocese about their final round awards, we will let you know.

Calendar Raffle

...winners: for June: Sarah Hutton of East China, Ron Willmowitz of Cottrellville Township and John Richards of Clay Township; and for July: Marybeth Schindler of Marine City, Bill Carver of Harsens Island and Theresa Kreusel of China Township. Congratulations to all of these folks--and thank you to them for supporting our raffle!

Students Entering Seventh Grade in the Fall--

The Health Department reassesses student immunizations at 7th grade entry. Summer is 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!).

Parents who opt not to immunize are required to contact the Health Department for the new certified waiver. The St. Clair County Health Department may be reached at 810.987.5300

School Sports for 2018-19

The league's annual schedule of sports will be different next year. As of right now, 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 were passed around among the eligible students before summer vacation. There are blank physical forms in your "Summer Study" folders--if you get your physical taken care of during the lazy days of summer, you'll be all set when your sports season starts.

SERVICE CREDITS--

To Schedule Bingo For 2018-19

Thank you to **Mrs. Tracy Wilson** for her dedication to Holy Cross's bingo program! Tracy is scheduling summer workers; please feel free to contact her (email hcwedbingo@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/1tHdtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

There are a lot of opportunities during July and August to work bingo shifts! Wouldn't it be great to start out the school year with most of your service credits already done?!

Substitute Teachers

We're looking for substitute teachers to add to our list. If you know of anyone interested (a retired teacher, perhaps, or other person with a bachelor's degree) please ask them to contact Dr Wagner. Thank you!

"Crusader Day"

Friday, August 24, will be "Crusader Day." From 9am to 3pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2018-19 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Monday, August 27), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete & leave forms that day, too, if you wish.

We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, and gear up for school--see you August 24th!

Help Pay For Camp 2019:

Bingo Concessions

Bingo concessions at the Wednesday bingo are back! But not for service credits: now β1γγ0 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

We are already almost 2/3 of the way 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. Thank you!

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We recommend you start "Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist"

School Clothes / Dress Code

You KNOW they're not going to fit into last year's uniforms! How would you like to check out an air-conditioned room full of FREE replacements? Contact the school office with a few times you're available to come in, and we'll work to find a time that's good for everyone. "The Blue Room" is full of school-appropriate clothing that is FREE to Holy Cross School families.

Also: please note this minor change to the 2018-19 dress code: **sweatshirts (Holy Cross or other) are NOT acceptable as mass day attire.**

Cafeteria Pricing 2018-19

We've just learned that meal costs will remain the same for the next school year. Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits on the first day of school, but will need to re-apply for those benefits within the first couple weeks of school (the application form will be in your family's "first day of school" packet, available at "Crusader Day").

New families: if you received free or reduced-cost lunches at your old school, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the office ASAP to see what needs to be done to continue those benefits at Holy Cross.

Auction 2019

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

The Auction will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!)

T Shirts for Sale

PTO still has a few Holy Cross T-shirts from its spring sale: contact the school office for pricing and to see what's available.

ΤΡΙΣ-ΚΑΙ-ΔΕΚΑ-ΦΟΒΙΑ (That's 'Tris-Kai-Deka-Phobia')

Did you walk under any ladders this morning? Watch out for black cats and broken mirrors, too....of course, if such "phobias" aren't a concern to you, then the "fear of the number 13 ("tris-kai-deka" in Greek) probably won't worry you, either! Happy Friday the 13th!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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icmc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

We hope you have been enjoying your break from school, and look forward to seeing everyone soon!