

# CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

*The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to provide a setting that ignites a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with families, staff, and the parish in personalizing our learning culture.*

**September 13, 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](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 this **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:**  
**Mondays and Fridays 7-9am**  
**Mondays; 5-7pm; and**  
**Wednesdays 1-3pm**  
Patty Smith

## League of Catholic Women Scholarship Contest!

The League of Catholic Women has provided us with prizes for a scholarship essay contest! **\$500 prizes** are earmarked for two students in grades K-4 and two students in grades 5-8.

Rules are attached. You'll notice this is the **final week** for applying! Applications and submissions are due in the school office **by the end of the school day tomorrow: Friday, September 14**. Awards will be announced in next week's newsletter.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- M Sep 17: first volleyball game--at home, 6:30pm
- **Th Sep 20: first cross country meet**
- F Sep 21: "Special Persons" day
- **Sat. Sep 22: PTO "Mother-Son Bowling"**
- M Oct 1: Iowa testing begins; "Catholic High Schools Night" from 6-7:30pm at IC
- **W Oct 10: "Early Release" dismissal at 12:50pm**
- W Oct 17: picture retakes
- **Th Oct 25: No CMC for dual-enrolled students; no afternoon East China buses**
- F Oct 24: end of first quarter; no Chartwell's: pizza lunch
- **W Oct 31: no afternoon East China buses; Hallowe'en class celebrations in the afternoon**

## "EARLY RELEASE" DAYS

Parents: thank you for your help in making yesterday's (first!) "early release" go smoothly! Our teachers really appreciated having the extra time for their meeting. Special thanks to music and art teachers **Mrs. Meldrum** and **Mrs. Arnold** for their flexibility in giving our dual-enrolled students a "study hall" place to wait for their last CMC classes of the day.

The remaining "early release" days are: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, March 13, April 10 and May 8. Our 2018-19 calendar was published saying "no East China afternoon buses" on those days; please mark it to read "early release: dismissal at 12:50pm" on those days, instead.

(East China has one additional "PLC early dismissal" day--Feb. 13. However, as half of our teachers will be away at camp and not available for a teachers' meeting, we will have a full day of school that day, with NO East China buses home.)

## Fall Sports

Coaches **Mrs. Marisol Zammit** and **Mrs. Amanda Lomasney** introduce their team members: 4th graders **Dylan Davenport, Gabriel Lomasney** and **Charles Zech**; 5th graders **Emma Lomasney** and **Lylah Schaening**; 6th graders **Brennen Demeulenaere** and **Olivia Ogden**; 7th graders **Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker** and **Isaac Zammit**; and 8th graders **Cole Tite** and **Matthew Zammit**. They started practicing this week, and their meets will be on Thursdays, September 20 & 27 and October 4 & 11. This year meets will be held at "Columbus Park" in Columbus Township (directions to follow).

Our volley team, with its coaching staff headed up by **Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera**, consists of 7th graders **Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldemon** and **Allison Kuzera** and 8th graders **Maggie Bartholomew, Claire Campbell, Rebecca Goulette, Taylor Marlatt, Scarlett Scott** and **Anna Winne**. Their first game will be at home on Monday, September 17: all Crusader fans are welcome!

Parents of all athletes are expected to help with gate and concessions at home events. Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for once again agreeing to coordinate concessions and workers! Please contact Stacy to offer to work a game or two.

## "Special Persons' Day"

We will celebrate "Special Persons' Day" next Friday, September 21. Students may each invite a special visitor to join them for mass and a visit to their classroom after. Students will meet up with their guests that morning in the activity center about 8:45am; their time with their special friends will conclude at 10:30am. Stay in touch with your child's teacher for more info--we look forward to "hosting" your special friends!

*Thank You!!*

...to the **League of Catholic Women** for providing funds for scholarships!

## Magazine and Cookie Dough Sale

Last week, **Ava, Dominic and Leo DeVeney** each turned in at least five orders by turn-in day, to score a draw each from the "cash box."

Tomorrow is the final prize-earning "turn in day" in the Booster Club's annual magazine and cookie dough sale: the number of items you've sold by the end of school on Friday, Sep. 14, will determine which prize you'll receive. (Prizes will take a few weeks to get here.)

Magazines are a great gift, and finding them in their mailbox is a fun way to encourage reading with little ones. You may order using the paper order forms with payment by cash or check (payable to "OLR")--new subscriptions, or renewals of existing ones.

You may also order magazines online by going to **gafundraising.com** and using Holy Cross School's code # **2709251**. Online orders the end of school tomorrow will count toward all prizes.

The sale also includes delicious and convenient, frozen cookie dough. Browse the flyer to see all the wonderful flavors they are offering!

In addition to the prizes listed on the sale package envelope, you may select a tub of cookie dough free if you purchase at least 10 items before next Friday--just list your cookie dough choice up in the "PRIZE" box at the top right of the order form.

The Booster Club buys the uniforms and cover all league, official, and coaching expenses to keep sports free for Holy Cross athletes, and this is their only fundraiser all year. Thank you for helping the Boosters keep league sports available and affordable for our 5-8th grade athletes!

## Help Pay For Camp 2019: Bingo Concessions

5-8th grade parents: selling concessions at the Wednesday bingo will help you pay your camp bill. 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.

## Youth Choir

Interested students in grades 2-8 are invited to the first practice on Monday, September 17 at 5pm in the music room. (Please contact Mrs. Wassenberg if you have questions: 810.765.3568.)

## "SchoolSpeak"

Parents can check their children's accounts for assignments and grades through our student information system, "SchoolSpeak." Not sure what your login and password are?--please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.

## Chromebook Issues

If your student ever has trouble with his/her school-issued Chromebook, please send a "help ticket" describing the problem to:

help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com

This early notice from you will alert our IT people to the problem, so repairs should come more quickly.

## VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We are already almost 3/4 of the way to our second \$1000 reward! Please keep sending in those entire receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Please note that "e-receipts" are not accepted.) Thank you!

We are also still collecting "Box Tops for Education"--thank you again!

## SERVICE CREDITS

The tuition contract spells out the service credit requirement of working 12 credits / family (for families with students in grades K-8). Families must select the credits they will work by September 15 of each year; if they don't, they are assigned to "Plan A" (which is to pay for the credits).

K-8 families should have received a copy of their service credit records earlier this week via the US mail.

September 15 is almost here! If you prefer to work your credits but haven't yet signed up them, please do that before the end of school tomorrow--otherwise, we'll assume you've chosen to pay for the credits.

For bingo: to see what shifts are available, go to

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

For fish fries in lent: sign up in the service credit book in the school office.

Auction: contact Tiffany Mensen (by email: [tiffany.mensen@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.mensen@gmail.com) or phone c/o school).

## Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

## Science is Everywhere!

In preparation for the 7th grade science unit on the circulatory system (where the students will dissect hearts), Mrs. Wade cut into the heart of the deer to show the students its internal structures:



Later, she invited K-2 classes to see her feed a tiny, injured bird she found:



She projected a close-up of her hands holding the bird--students could watch the bird take mealworms and drops of water from her.

## 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; please feel free to contact her (email [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/d/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

## Lunch Supervisors

Thank you to all the folks who have been coming in on schedule for their lunch aide shifts! Our lunch periods have been running smoothly because of you.

We could use one more person on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Are you interested and available for either? (Working all the Tuesdays all year would earn you two of your service credits--all the Wednesdays two more--and some people would say that being with the students is a lot more fun than working bingo!) Please contact the school office--810.765.3591.

## 8th Graders and Confirmation

Eighth grade OLR parishioners interested in being confirmed are invited to a meeting (with their parents) from 11:30-1pm in the Holy Cross Activity Center on Sunday, September 29. (For more information please contact OLR DRE "Mr. K" at 810.765.8300.)

**League of Catholic Women Scholarship**  
**Application**

The League of Catholic Women has provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships for current Holy Cross students. Two will be awarded to students in grades K-4 and two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What can I do to be a joyful disciple of Christ?" The work must be the student's own. Younger students may wish to include (a) hand-drawn picture(s) to help explain their ideas. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of their entry / application.

The bottom portion of this page must be completed and attached to student's entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office before 3pm on Friday, September 14.

Awards will be announced on Thursday, September 20.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

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I am applying for the League of Catholic Women Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin, or other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's printed name



**DUE by SEPT 14**

# Mother Son Bowling!

*HOSTED by Holy Cross PTO*

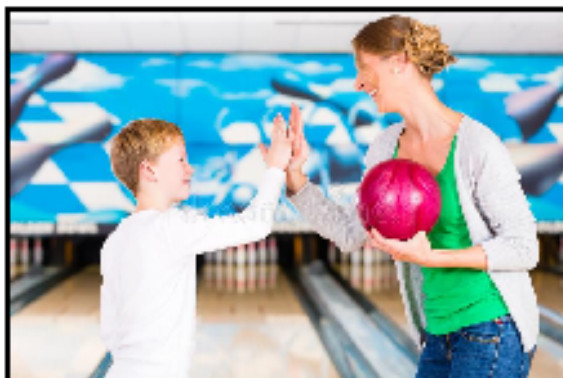
**Date:** Sat Sept 22, 2018

**Time:** 2:00-3:30pm

**Where:** Colony Bowl in Algonac  
4962 Pointe Tremble Rd

**Cost:** \$9 per person  
**Includes per person:**  
3 games bowling  
Shoe rental  
Pizza & Pop

**Ages:** 5-14



Please complete the bottom of this form & return with payment (checks to OLR) to:

Holy Cross School  
Attn: PTO  
618 South Water Street  
Marine City, MI 48039

OR just turn in to school office

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## Registration Form

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bumper Lane: Y N I'd like to bowl with: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to limited number of bowlers per lane, not all requests can be accommodated.

As a condition to participate in the event listed above, sponsored by the Holy Cross PTO, I knowingly and voluntarily assume any and all risks inherent in participation. I further waive any rights or claims against Holy Cross PTO, Holy Cross School, Our Lady on the River Parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit, its officials, officers and employees to include, but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, and/or loss, personal loss, sustained as a result of participation.

I have carefully read the participant waiver and understand that a signature is required in order to participate in this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For PTO Use Only: Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_