



# 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 20, 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.

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

## "Special Persons' Day"

We will celebrate "Special Persons' Day" tomorrow. Students will meet up with their special persons that morning in the activity center about 8:45am; their time with their special friends will continue after mass in the classroom and conclude at 10:30am. We look forward to meeting everyone's special friend!

## Among Today's "Special Persons"...

... is regional Bishop Fisher, visiting the students and staff of Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney. Welcome to Marine City, Bishop Fisher!

## Cross Country

Our cross country team runs its first meet tonight at Columbus Park in Columbus Township (1670 Bauman Road; runners received maps at practice on Monday). Athletes need to be at the park at 5:30pm; the race will start at 6pm. Best wishes to our fleet-footed Crusaders!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **tonight: first cross country meet**
- F Sep 21: "Special Persons" day
- **Sat. Sep 22: PTO "Mother-Son Bowling"**
- M Oct 1: Iowa testing begins; no CMC for dual-enrolled students; "Catholic High Schools Night" from 6-7:30pm at IC
- **W Oct 10: "Walk to School Day:" meet at the beach at 7pm to walk in; "Early Release" dismissal at 12:50pm**
- Sunday Oct 14: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner noon-6pm
- **W Oct 17: picture retakes**
- W Oct 24: no CMC for dual-enrolled students
- **Th. Oct 25: no CMC for dual-enrolled students; no afternoon East China buses**
- F Oct 26: end of first quarter; no CMC; no Chartwell's: pizza lunch; "Trunk or Treat" in the evening

## Volleyball

The Lady Crusaders won their first two games of the season! On Monday night they hosted IC and took all five sets. Last night they traveled to Memphis to take on St. Augustine School, and won 4 of 5. Their next game will be at home on Monday, the 24th, as they host McCormick. The game starts at 6:30: all Crusader fans are welcome!

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

## Calendar Revision

Attached is a revised 2018-19 school calendar. With the addition of the "Early Release" Wednesdays, an extra day off at Thanksgiving, and the change in our winter camp dates, we are republishing the calendar in the hope of minimizing confusion. Please replace your old copy of our 2018-19 calendar with this new one (marked "REVISED 09.2018). Thank you!

## League of Catholic Women

### Scholarship Contest Winners

Many thanks to the League of Catholic Women for funding this scholarship essay contest! **\$500 prizes** were earmarked for two students in grades K-4 and two students in grades 5-8.

Based on their applications (answering the question "What Can I Do to be a Joyful Disciple of Christ?"), the following students have been selected as scholarship winners: 7th grader **Allison Kuzera**, 6th grader **Ava DeVeny**, 3rd grader **Dominic DeVeny** and 1st grader **Preston Davenport**.

Preston says when other people see him doing good things, "they want to do those things. That shares Jesus' love." Dominic remembers a time he helped a fellow soccer player get up after he fell: "I think he saw Christ in me by the way I treated him." Ava talks about her challenges with three younger siblings, and prays for God's help in controlling anger when they "...push (my) buttons." Allison's essay focused on helping others and being kind, encouraging people to slow down ask themselves: "is this the right thing to do or say?"

Congratulations to these four students for their thoughtful work, and thank you to all who entered.

## Iowa Tests

Students throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit's schools will be taking the Iowa tests of Basic Skills in early October. Results of these tests help us gauge each individual child's progress, as well as our curriculum.

All students in grades 1-8 will be taking the Iowa Complete Battery of tests. Students in even numbered grades also take cognitive abilities tests. The testing is spread out over three weeks; students will have only one test on each testing day.

Classes will take practice tests next, so that everyone knows how to "bubble" answers and becomes more comfortable with the idea of testing.

Students: to do your best on any test, be sure you're eating properly (including a good, nutritious breakfast before school) and get a good night's sleep.

## Magazine and Cookie Dough Sale

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Booster's fundraiser! Cookie dough will be coming in early October, and prizes will arrive in a few weeks as well.

Magazines are a great gift, and finding them in their mailbox is a fun way to encourage reading with little ones. As Christmastime, birthdays or other special occasions roll around, perhaps you'll find that a magazine would be the perfect gift. We can take orders all year long for new subscriptions or renewals--contact Mrs Steinmetz in the office to find out how.

You may also order magazines online by going to [gafundraising.com](http://gafundraising.com) and using Holy Cross School's code # **2709251**.

The Booster Club buys the uniforms and covers all league, officials, and coaching expenses, keeping sports free for Holy Cross athletes. Thank you for helping the Boosters keep league sports available and affordable for our 5-8th grade athletes!

## "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.

## 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!

## 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 23. (For more information please contact OLR DRE "Mr. K" at 810.765.8300.)

## Winter Camp in Leelanau

Students in grades 5-8 received information about camp last week. Please let us know ASAP if your student will be joining the campers at Leelanau Outdoor Center Feb 11-14.

## 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 who haven't yet selected their credits have been assigned to "Plan A" (which is to pay for the 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 workers; please feel free to contact her (email [hcwedbingo@gmail.com](mailto: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>

## 3D Printing

Mr. Michael Path and I have been talking about a project proposal involving elementary level 3D printing and renewable energy competitions. Our initial thoughts are to offer schools a chance to earn a 3D printer that is user-friendly for elementary school by submitting proposals to teach elementary age students how to use a 3D printer to design and produce model ships that can be powered by non-fossil fuels such as hydrogen, solar, wind, muscle, water, or other sources of energy that are not reliant solely on fossil fuel. If any of our Holy Cross families have connections or interests in the 3D printing, please let Mike Path or myself know.

On September 25, Boys and Girls Scout recruiters are coming to Holy Cross to visit classrooms and to recruit. Scouts can earn a STEM merit badge for 3D printing. We are considering possibly blending these two initiatives. Ms. Kelsey Klein, a student at Cardinal Mooney, has agreed to work with students interested in art with some opting to combine their art talents with this 3D printing initiative.

## 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](mailto:help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com)

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

## Request of Parents from Dr Wagner:

Already at close to one month of school at Holy Cross, we have ten Chromebooks that had to be turned in to be repaired. Please have a parent-to-student conversation about the importance of your child or children taking care of their Chromebooks. Although most of the service needed relates to problems that are not a result of misuse, some already relate to a cracked screen that results from dropping the Chromebook or slamming down the cover. The cost for a new screen is \$50. The cost of a destroyed charger is \$20.

Also we have already had a couple students either lose their charger or destroy it by using it like a toy to spin by the cord.

It will be enormously positive if parents would have a talk with their youngsters about this. Although we might have expected Chromebook damage more with the younger children, this is not really the issue. It is mostly with middle school and maybe fourth graders who get way too rough with how they handle their Chromebook. Your support is very much valued and appreciated .

## 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.

## Camp

Parents of 5-8th graders should have received a letter via their student about camp with dates, approximate cost, and other info. The letter requested a reply as to whether or not your eligible student would be attending camp. If you haven't already, please return that response to school ASAP.

## Student Absences

If your student is out sick, please call school before 8am (you can even call in the middle of the night!). If your student is dual-enrolled at CMC, please call them as well: 810.765.8825.

## 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	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Sep 21	Friday	Special persons' day
Oct 1-12	Monday-Friday	IOWA testing window
Oct 10	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Oct 26	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 9	Friday	No classes; student-led parent/teacher conferences
Nov 14	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Nov 21-23	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec 12	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Dec 24-Jan 2	Mon-Wed	Christmas recess
Jan 3	Thurs	Classes resume
Jan 7	Monday	East China buses resume
Jan 9	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Jan 18	Friday	End of second quarter
Jan 28	Monday	Report cards go home; 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual "Blue Water Vicariate Carnival" day
Feb 11-14	Mon-Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders go to camp
Feb 13	Wednesday	No afternoon East China buses
Feb 15-18	Fri- Mon	Mid-winter break
Feb 19	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 13	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
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	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
Apr 18-26	Thurs-Friday	Easter recess
April 29	Monday	Classes resume
May 8	Wednesday	PLC—EARLY RELEASE at 12:50 (East China buses will pick up then)
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 10:45-11:25am  
180 days / 1100 hours

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