

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 6, 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.

OLR parish will sponsor a session next **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 office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

"SchoolSpeak"

Returning families are probably all familiar with our student information system, "SchoolSpeak." Parents can check their children's accounts for assignments and grades.

Not sure what your login and password are?--please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office.

Curriculum Night Tonight 5-7pm

Parents of students in grades K-8 are encouraged to attend this evening's "Curriculum Night" for updates on school policies. We will begin at 5pm in the cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tonight: "Curriculum Night": 5-7pm (meet in the cafeteria)
- **Wed. Sep 12: FIRST EARLY RELEASE of students for teachers' meetings; the school day will end (and East China buses will pick riders up) at 12:50pm**
- F Sep 21: "Special Persons" day
- **Sat. Sep 22: PTO "Mother-Son Bowling"**
- M Oct 1: Iowa testing begins

NEW "EARLY RELEASE" DAYS

East China Schools have instituted a once-a-month "early release" day (marked "PLC" on their calendar) to facilitate teacher meetings. We have decided to mesh our schedule with theirs in that regard, and Holy Cross teachers will also use that time for faculty meetings and professional development. East China's "PLC early release" days are the second Wednesday of each month. **The first "PLC early release" day is next Wednesday, Sep. 12:** on that day, East China buses will be here for the "early release" end of day at 12:50pm.

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 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.)

Children's Choir

Mrs. Wassenberg is starting up a children's 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 her c/o the church office if you have questions)

Sports Physicals

Students planning to participate in volleyball, cross country, or any other sports are reminded that they'll need a sports physical before they may attend practices. You can find the blank form at <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/health%20safety/physical4page.pdf>.

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinic"s or "Prompt Care"s. "Community First" (555 St Clair River Drive, Algonac) offers them: 810.794.4917. Also, St. Clair County Health Department's Teen Health Center also offers sports physicals: call 810.987.1311 for more info.

School Sports for 2018-19

Thank you to **Mrs. Marisol Zammit** and **Mrs. Amanda Lomasney**, who will co-coach our 2018 cross country team! Students interested in running: practices are scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, right after school 'til 4pm; the first practice will be **Tuesday, Sep. 11.** (Remember to get that physical done first!)

More thanks to **Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera**, who (with backup from longtime coach Sam Duncan and a number of other friends) will coach our volleyball team! With their first game coming up on Monday, September 17, every minute of practice will count! Again: girls--remember to get those physicals!

Parents of all athletes are asked 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.

Calendar Raffle 2019

One person (or a husband/wife team?) is needed to chair next year's calendar raffle. The raffle brings in a substantial profit, which helps us curb tuition increases; and the family that chairs the raffle earns all its service credits for the year. For more info please call the school office--810.765.3591.

Substitute Teachers

We're always 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!

School Pictures

Students took home their "proofs" on Tuesday. You may order online, or by sending your order information and payment in the envelope provided before September 6. (Makes checks payable to "HR Imaging Partners.")

The photographer will be back on October 17 to take photos of everyone who missed having theirs done on "Crusader Day."

Magazine and Cookie Dough Sale

Tomorrow is the first prize-earning "turn in day" in the Booster Club's annual magazine and cookie dough sale: students will earn 1 draw from the cash box for every 5 orders they turn in that day:, and will receive \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20 at each drawing.

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 (placed by next Friday) will count toward all prizes. (Prizes will arrive a few weeks after the sale concludes.)

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!

Thank You!!

...to all the parents who weighed, brainstormed and offered their time to make sure volleyball and cross country would be available this season for our students!

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!

Middle School Athletes:

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

Extended Recess Day

Holy Cross is hoping to offer, one day a week, an extended lunch recess time dedicated to special interest activities. We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as mentors for small groups of students for these special interest activity periods once a week.

Possible activities include:

- ⇒ Elected Catholic youth student council leadership
- ⇒ God's Squad (for performing Christian service in our community)
- ⇒ Podcasting (linking school news to our school website with video)
- ⇒ Young chefs' food preparation of various cultures
- ⇒ Governor's physical fitness challenge
- ⇒ Culture, dance and martial arts
- ⇒ Walking world language (with mp4 language devices to practice a foreign language)
- ⇒ Junior "ToastMasters" (public speaking / forensics)
- ⇒ "Junior Robosapiens" STEM activity with robotics for competition
- ⇒ Parish career guilds (arrange weekly speakers on various careers)
- ⇒ Great Books club
- ⇒ Parish children's church choir
- ⇒ Training for a group of Chromebook help desk leaders and repairs

Please contact Dr Wagner if you are interested in mentoring such a group of students!

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.

Chromebook Issues

If your students ever have trouble with their school-issued Chromebooks, 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.

Dress Down Day!

Next Tuesday, Sep. 11, is national "Patriot and Service Day." It will be our first dress down day of the school year: students may dress down in red, white and blue, or as their favorite service person (including fire, police, ambulance).

Book Fair

The online Book Fair for our school has been extended to this Saturday, September 8, 2018. If you weren't able to stop by, or if you are looking for great gifts for your student or teacher, please take a look. Just go to Scholastic.com, click on Book Fairs, search for Holy Cross School, and you are there! All sales earn Scholastic Dollars for the teachers to use to purchase books and other items for the classroom. If you have questions, please contact Stacy Goulette c/o school.

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. Applications and submissions are due in the school office **by next Friday, September 14**. Awards will be announced in the September 20 newsletter.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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.

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

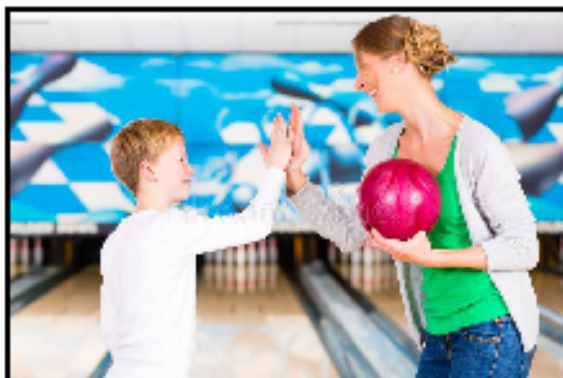
Date: Sat Sept 22, 2018

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

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: _____