

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 a personalized learning culture.

October 18, 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.

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

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this weekend celebration a success! Special thanks to the parish's maintenance staff, who haul in and then return extra tables, chairs, food serving stations (and who knows what else), and clean both before and after the event. It is a huge undertaking, and we send our appreciation for their extra labors. Thank you, too, the parish's office staff, who deal with preparation logistics, raffle licensing, phone calls, advertising, money handling, and more. From volunteers to "professionals"--thank you, one and all!



(some of the student artists who painted those cute table decorations!!)

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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" 6-8pm**
- **W Oct 31: no afternoon East China buses; Hallowe'en class celebrations (grades 1-8) in the afternoon; Kindergarten dismisses at lunchtime**
- **Th. Nov 1: mass with CMC at 9am--mass day dress code**
- **F Nov 2: regular mass day; report cards go home**
- **W Nov 7: no East China buses home**
- **F Nov 9: no school: conferences; Daddy-Daughter Dance**
- **W Nov 14: "Early Release" of students at 12:50pm**
- **F Nov 16: Holy Cross School's "Thanksgiving Feast"**

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...Holy Cross Athletic Director Jim Bellow as he recovers from surgery. We hope to see you in the gym again very soon!

Cookie Dough comes in this afternoon!!

If you have more than your child can handle on the bus, please come to pick it up after 2:30 today.

Cross Country

The team's final meet was last Thursday--a cold, windy evening. Coach Zammit reports: "The Crusaders ran hard. **Matthew** and **Cole** again finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively, for Varsity boys. The highlight of the evening was a breakthrough with (4th grader) Gabe Lomasney. Gabe had been unable to run the first two meets due to a conflict with his sister's schedules. The third meet he did attend, but when he saw himself fall to the back of the pack, he panicked and walked off the field. (Thursday,) he came to the meet and commented that he would not run. We chatted and his fear was that he wasn't a good runner and that he just couldn't do it. He discovered that a change in mindset was all he needed to be a good runner. He completed the meet and finished last, but the pride on his face was priceless. We're very proud of the entire team. We had few medal placers, but we had several like Gabe who overcame their fears and they were winners in a not so traditional way." Way to go, Gabe and team!

Thank you to "Grandma Audrey" Stafford for her support of the runners both at practice and at meets! Many thanks to **Coaches Zammit** and **Lomasney** for the time and care they lavished on our runners--great season!

Volleyball

Congratulations to our girls for finishing both the tournament and season undefeated and in first place! Thank you to

Coach Kuzera and helpers on a memorable season. A special note of thanks to **Mrs. Goulette** for handling all the details of concessions and workers for the tournament (and the season!)--we are so blessed to have you! We're also grateful to **Mrs. Bryson** (whose child is not old enough for HC athletics) for her help. Thanks to athletes' parents who did their part and helped. Awesome season!



End of First Quarter of School

...is next week: Friday, October 26! Report cards will go home on Friday, November 2 so you'll have time to look them over before conferences on Nov. 9.

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, October 26, Chartwells won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have our first pizza lunch of the year! For \$2.50 students can order a large slice of Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza (1/8 of a large pizza) with fruit and a drink (extra slices of pizza are \$1 each). Order forms are going home with all K-8 students today. Please send orders in early so we know how much pizza to order--as always, if you have to call your student in sick on a "special lunch" day, his/her order will be pulled and your money returned.

We could use an extra pair of hands to help serve the lunch--please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office (810.765.3591) if you might be available. Thanks!

"TRUNK OR TREAT"

Planning for PTO's annual "Trunk or Treat" Hallowe'en activity is well underway. It will be held in the cafeteria/gym from 6-8pm on Friday, October 26.

They are looking for helpers for setup (from after school 'til about 5:30 that afternoon) and cleanup after the event (7:45-9ish). Are you "into" decorating?--there will be tables to decorate for the 300-some "beggars" to stop at, and people manning those tables will be welcome to bring their own candy--and other donated candy will be welcome, as well, even if you choose not to decorate your own table.

Please contact Mrs. Laura Bailey c/o school to offer your help, or for more information.

To Schedule Bingo For 2018-19

You are NEEDED! To see what days and shifts are available go to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

BUS RIDERS:

NO AFTERNOON EAST CHINA BUSES NEXT THURS., OCT 25

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!

Vision and Hearing Screenings

On Tuesday, November 13, technicians from St Clair County Health Department will be here for vision and hearing screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will have their hearing checked, and students in grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be able to have vision tests.

If you would like to have a screening done for your child but s/he is not in the grades to be tested, please contact the school office and we'll get appointments with the techs. If you do NOT want your child to be tested as scheduled, please let us know that as well.

Students who wear glasses or contact lenses need to wear them for the vision tests: please be sure to bring them that day.

The Health Department wants you to know that their hearing screenings are performed with audiometers with headphones that have magnets with fairly large field gradients. The headphones have been tested in a professional medical laboratory by Codman, a Johnson and Johnson Company. The results of these tests indicate that children with implanted programmable shunts may be at risk for unwanted pressure regulation changes because of the magnet strength. Hearing screenings will not be provided to children known to have shunts or other medical devices with magnets. In order to best protect the children, it is imperative that the technicians are made aware of which children this may include. The Health Department may have alternative hearing screening equipment that does not pose a health risk to those children. Please contact the Health Department regarding this type of screening: the St Clair County Health Department Screening program (3415 28th Street, Port Huron MI 48060): 810.987.5300.

Spelling Bee

Students interested in participating in the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee: check out pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter for information and a registration form.

CHROMEBOOK ISSUES

To facilitate repairs on your student's school-issued Chromebooks, please send a "help ticket" describing the problem to:

help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com.

Seventh Graders' Totem Pole

As part of their unit on Native American cultures in US history class, our 7th graders created their own totem pole! The totem pole stands outside of a house and identifies the family who lives there. It also tells a story using animal symbols, but what the story says is known only to the family that created the



totem pole. Also, the larger the totem pole, the more important the family was! I wonder what the story tells for these 7th graders? Hmm. ...

Middle School Basketball Players and Cheerleaders:

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

(We have given blank sports physical forms to students who indicated an interest in basketball or cheerleading, but haven't yet turned in a completed physical form.)

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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2018 Spelling Bee



November 8, 2018

St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac

4th, 5th and 6th grade contest (Level 1) – Registration at 5:30pm Event start 6:00pm
7th, 8th and 9th grades (Level 2) event immediately following

We are excited to announce our fourth annual Knights of Columbus spelling Bee.

We invite all students in the blue water area to take part in the competition. ACS and ECSD students will have copies of a spelling list available by their office/teachers, and each teacher will be able to select as many students as would like to take part. We invite home school families to send as many students as would like to take part.

Please email GK7227@mikofc.org for registration details.

Prizes:

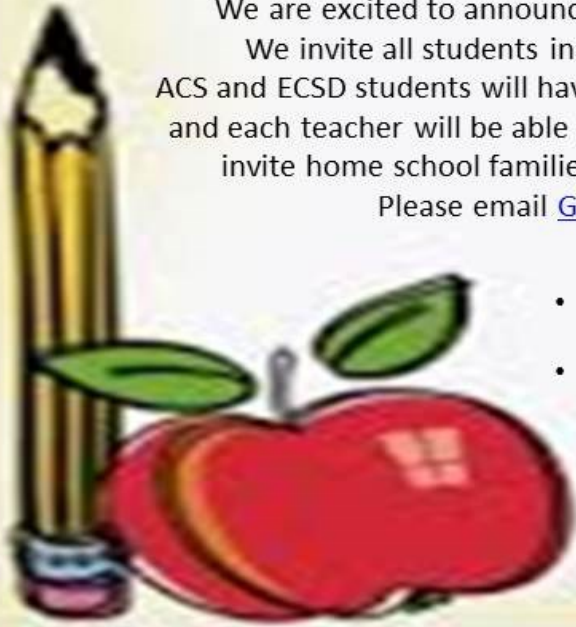
- Grade winners at each grade level 4th, 5th and 6th will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 2 runner ups for each level will win gift certificates.

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Knights of Columbus

Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City

In service to one. In service to all.



Holy Cross PTO presents:

Father Daughter

Masquerade Ball

Pull out your prettiest dress and dust off Daddy's tie. 'Tis time to dance the night away! Transport yourselves to a Venetian courtyard for an evening of fun and intrigue...

RSVP by 11.5.18

Father Daughter Masquerade Ball Reservation Form

11.9.18 6:30-8pm School Café

\$10/pair, \$5 each additional daughter

Name(s): _____

Total # corsages (\$5): _____

Phone #: _____

Total amount paid: _____

RSVP by 11.5.18

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson

757-334-9662 (call or text)

Beckybryson123@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus, Council 7227 & Council 856
2018 Spelling Bee
Entry Form

Name _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School/Home School _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

(if different)

Phone # (____) _____

I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the Knights of Columbus spelling bee and understand that their name and/or picture may appear in local newspapers, newsletters, or Knights of Columbus web pages.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

(You may keep the bottom portion)

Knight of Columbus Spelling Bee

Competition is on November 9, 2017 at the St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac
4th, 5th and 6th grade contest (Level 1) – Registration 5:30pm - Competition begins at 5:30 pm

Please have entries submitted by Friday, November 8, 2017.

Email to:
GK7227@mikofc.org

Questions contact:
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