

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 25, 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

SCRIP credits through the end of September have been calculated: 22 families are sharing almost \$2600 in credits for this quarter! Credits have been posted to those smart families' FACTS accounts--congratulations to those wise shoppers!

End of First Quarter of School

...is tomorrow. 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

A reminder that Chartwells won't be serving lunch tomorrow. Instead, we'll have our first pizza lunch of the year. 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. (Lunch is included!) Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar....

- 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; Halloween class celebrations (grades 1-8) in the afternoon--dress down in orange and black; Kindergarten dismisses at 11am today**
- 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"**

"TRUNK OR TREAT"

...is tomorrow night in the activity center from 6-8pm.

It's not too late to join the fun! 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 TODAY

VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We are approximately 90% 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 were 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 2 and 3 of this newsletter for information and a registration form.

KINDERGARTEN AND HALLOWEEN

Kindergartners will celebrate the holiday with the Preschoolers in the morning of the 31st and then enjoy an early dismissal at 11am.

For the rest of the school: it will be a dress down day if you wear orange or black. Classroom celebrations will happen in the afternoon: watch for more info from your child's teacher.

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.

Thanksgiving "Feast"

Every fall Holy Cross celebrates a traditional Thanksgiving feast, where students and staff prepare much of the meal (with a small army of parents helpers!), and then sit down together to share it. This year our feast is scheduled for Friday, November 16: just three weeks away!

Each grade is assigned to prepare part of the feast. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to ask your help in supplying the class's needs.

This year, the foods assigned for each class are:

Preschool: 2 pounds of butter each;
Kindergarten: one gallon of milk each;
Grade 1: 3 cans of corn each;
Grade 2: 3 big boxes of orange Jello each;
Grades 3&4: 1 package frozen uncooked rolls each;
Grades 5&6: (Mrs Wade will let you know);
Grade 7: 3-5 pounds of raw potatoes;
Grade 8: (Mrs. Allam will contact you).

Please send your item in before November 15. We will also be looking for parents to cook turkeys at home and bring them in that morning, as well as parent helpers at the meal: please contact Stacy Goulette c/o school if you are able to help in either of those areas. Thank you for all your help and for everything you do for our school!

Iowa Test Scores

...are already here! If you are in school tomorrow, please feel free to stop at the office to pick up your children's scores. Otherwise, they will be mailed early next week.

A Visit from the Fire Chief

On Monday, two members of the Marine City Fire Department visited Holy Cross to talk to our younger students about fire safety. Of course, the highlight for the students was being able to use the truck's hose:



Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://
www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholic
mc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

Thank You!!

...to Mrs. Scott, who has been working to straighten up our library!

...to Foster Grandparents Mrs. "Mimi" Knotts and Ms. "Grandma Audrey" Stafford, who come to work with our children every week.

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.)

Daddy-Daughter Dance

Don't forget to make your reservation! (See page 4 of this newsletter for details.) Reservations may be given to Becky Bryson or left at the school office for her.

Seeking donations of commercially prepared vegetable and fruit plates, cheese slices, submarine sandwiches, cookies, fancy desserts, condiments and paper goods--and volunteers! Please contact Mrs Bryson to volunteer or for more info.



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:

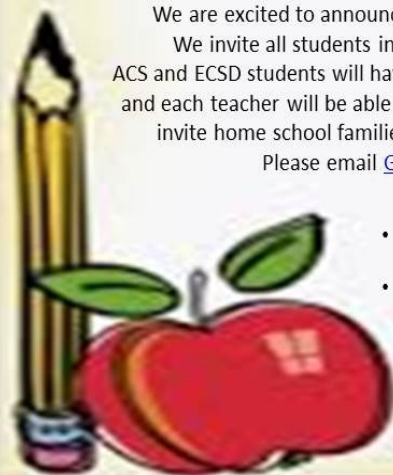
- Grade winners at each grade level 4th, 5th and 6th will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 2 runner ups for each level will win gift certificates.

Sponsored By:

Knights of Columbus

Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City

In service to one. In service to all.



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:

Richard Goulette 586 855-9143

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Report cards go home	3
4 Daylight Savings Time change (fall back an hour)	5	6	7 No afternoon East China buses	8	9 No school: student-led conferences Daddy-daughter dance 6:30-8pm	10 High School Placement Test workshop at CMC
11	12	13 Vision & hearing screenings PTO meets 6:30pm in staff room	14 EARLY RELEASE-- students dismissed at 12:50pm	15	16 Thanksgiving feast	17 High School Placement Test at CMC
18	19	20 No afternoon East China buses MC Christmas Parade meet at 6:30pm in front of Holy Cross	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Back to class	27	28	29	30	DEC 1

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)

Beckybrayson123@yahoo.com

Attention Holy Cross Middle School Parents and Students and Community:

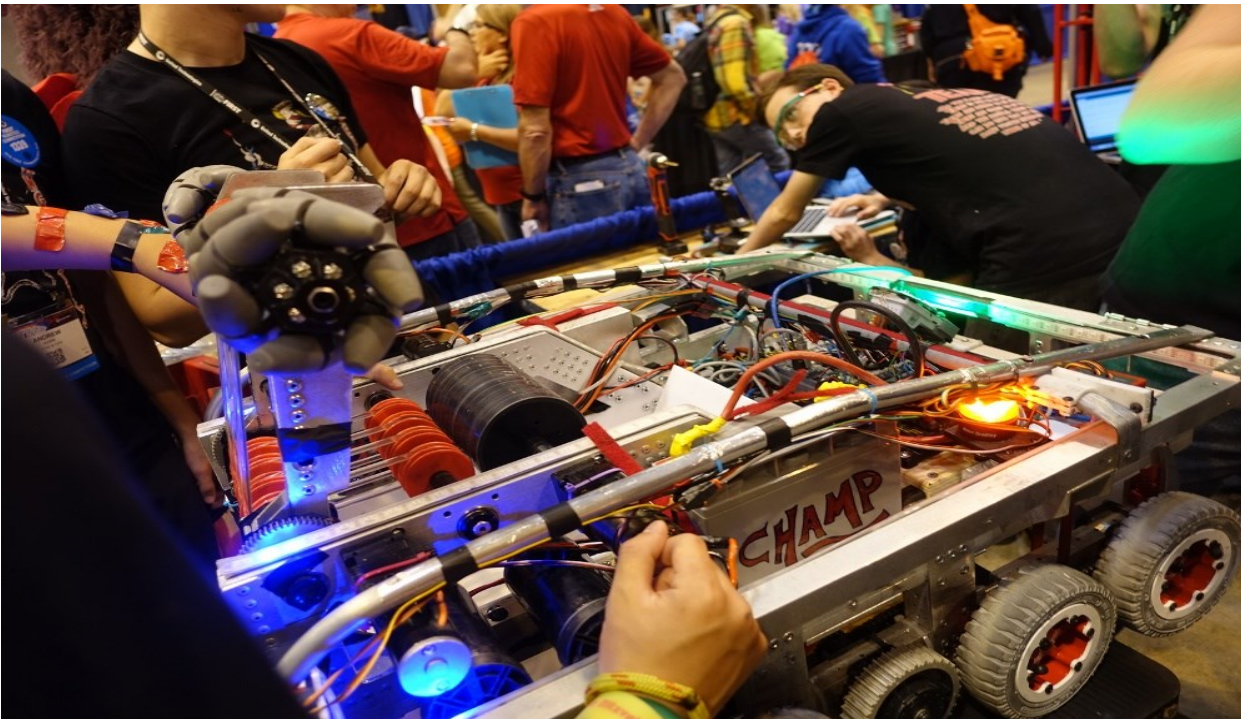
We are blessed at Holy Cross Catholic School to have the support of Mrs. Ann Guldemon, who has volunteered to lead our Holy Cross First Robotics Team for “re-formation.” Ms. Pam Dezsi had filled this role for us in the past and we are grateful to her for all she did. One of her initiatives was to begin a friendship with the Algonac First Robotics people to help them form their team. Now Mrs. Guldemon has been able to receive support from the Algonac team to help rekindle the enthusiasm for Robotics here at Holy Cross that Mrs. Dezsi started.

We need YOUR help to move forward:

#1 Can you influence your **sixth or seventh or eighth grade youngster to seriously considering joining the First Robotics Team at Holy Cross Catholic School.** We will need six-to-eight, middle school students who are willing to participate along with our Algonac partners in the construction of our robot and the programming of the bot and also engaging in the collaboration needed to soar ahead in competition.

#2 We will **need some parents** who have or will complete the “Protecting God’s Children” training and will help with inventory, setting up our Robotics room in the basement of the Fine Arts Building, transporting team members to the Algonac meetings and the competitions and helping our team learn how to build the robot and program it according to specifications for competition. Will you become a First Robotics MENTOR for Holy Cross students.

#3 We will need to find **community, corporate or college sponsors** to adopt our team and help us on some of the cost for robot tools and parts and also help with knowledge, skills, and dispositions shared with our team members to enable them to learn from adults who are already out in the trenches of new technology .



For more information or to join (as a middle school student team member or adult mentor) call Dr. Wagner or Mrs. Guldemon c/o school at 810-765-3591 or email cwagner@holycrossonline.net.