



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 4, 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 (the third quarter of 2018) are being calculated, and will show up on your FACTS account soon!

Let's Meet for Coffee

Dr Wagner will schedule a "meet--up" each month for any parents, grandparents, guardians or parishioners who would like to come and meet for conversation over coffee. For October the coffee klatsch will be in the school faculty room on Thursday, October 11 at 8am. (We will vary the times monthly to offer options on times.)

Cross Country

The team's second meet was last Thursday; Coach Zammit says each runner's time improved over the first meet. In the Varsity boys' division, eighth graders **Matthew Zammit** came in 2nd place and **Cole Tite**, 3rd place.

The next meet is tonight at Columbus Park in Columbus Township (1670 Bauman Road). Athletes need to be at the park at 5:30pm; the race will start at 6pm. Run like the wind, Crusaders!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Oct 10: "Walk to School Day:" meet at the beach at 7am to walk in; "Early Release" dismissal at 12:50pm**
- Sunday Oct 14: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner 12:30-6pm
- **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" 6-8pm
- **W Oct 31: no afternoon East China buses; Hallowe'en class celebrations in the afternoon**
- Th. Nov 1: mass with CMC at 9am--mass day dress code
- **F Nov 2: regular mass day; report cards go home**

Volleyball

Our girls have been enjoying a great season! On Tuesday they hosted St Augustine School; last night they traveled to McCormick. The Lady Crusaders remain undefeated so far this season! Their last regular season game is at home, against IC, beginning at 6:30pm on Monday, Oct. 8. If you haven't caught a volleyball game this year, this will be your last chance!

The volleyball league tournament will be held here at Holy Cross on Oct. 16&17. The only tournament hosted by Holy Cross all year, income from this tournament will benefit ALL of our sports. Therefore, **parents of athletes from ALL SPORTS (not just volleyball) are asked to help at the tournament--** please contact **Stacy Goulette** to offer to work a game. (We expect the first game to start some time around 6pm each evening, with an earlier finish on Wednesday.) Thank you!

Confirmation Class Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Canceled

The dinner, which was scheduled for Sat., Oct. 6, has been canceled.

Cookie Dough Delivery

Cookie dough ordered through the Booster Club fundraiser a few weeks ago will be in on Thursday, October 18. It will come frozen, and will be sent home with your students. However, if you know your order is more than the kids can handle, please make arrangements to come and pick it up after 2:30pm. Thank you!!

Iowa Tests

We're just about half done with Iowa tests! All students in grades 1-8 will be taking the Iowa Complete Battery of tests. Students in odd-numbered grades are also taking Cognitive Abilities tests. The testing is spread out over two weeks; students will have no more than one test on each testing day.

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

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

School families with students in grades K-8 will be receiving their service credit notices in their home mailboxes very soon. These are mailed to you periodically; please check to be sure we have recorded all the credits you've worked.

Fr. Terrien's Installation

...will take place at the 9:30am mass on Sunday, October 7, at the Holy Cross site, presided over by Bishop Fisher. All parishioners and friends are invited to "officially" welcome our new pastor!

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>

"Rosary Coast to Coast"

Metro Detroit Catholics will join Americans across the country in praying the rosary "coast to coast" on October 7 at 4pm EST. Detroiters on the Riverwalk side of the Renaissance Center will join like minded Americans to pray the rosary, together at the same time, along the coasts and borders of the US; in front of state capitols; in other public areas, in parish churches, or as families. Join Catholics from across our nation as we pray to heaven to intercede for America. For more information: call 313.320.7887 or website fatimashrinedetroit.org.

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

On Sunday, October 14, Holy Cross will put on its annual "Harvest Dinner." Serving 1100 meals requires LOTS of preparation: please sign up in church or with Jennifer Kuzera to do what you can do to help. (Work shifts are available to prepare food on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and to serve/clean up on Sunday: see the sign up sheets at the river entrance to Holy Cross church.)

The dinner will feature roast beef and chicken "with all the trimmings," and be served in the Activity Center from 12:30-6pm. There's also a farmers' wagon and about a million calories to choose from at the bake sale. Come see what other fun is on tap!

"TRUNK OR TREAT"

The PTO is beginning to plan its annual "Trunk or Treat" Hallowe'en activity. It will be held in the cafeteria/gym from 6-8pm on Friday, October 26.

They will be 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.

"Walk to School Day"

Next Wednesday, October 10, is national "Walk to School Day." Students and parents who want to participate: please meet at the Marine City beach at 7am for a walk along the beautiful St Clair River, ending at school.

Next "Early Release" Day

Next Wednesday, October 10, is also our next "Early Release" day. Students will be dismissed at 12:50pm; East China buses will be here for their usual riders then. Students who still have classes at CMC may wait at Holy Cross in the music room.

FACTS Tuition Management

...recently acquired a company called "RenWeb." This business deal won't affect your tuition account: your login credentials won't change. However, you may have to log in differently at FACTSMgt.com to access your account. A letter from FACTS explaining all is attached.

Drama Club

Calling all Holy Cross Thespians... Drama Club is starting on Tuesday, October 16 from 3-4pm. We'll be practicing each Tuesday until the Christmas play on December 18. 3-8th graders interested in being in this year's production of "A Night in Bethlehem," please see Mrs. Rock for a schedule and a permission form.

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.

PTO NEXT MEETS....

...Tue., Oct. 9, 6:30pm in the teachers' room. All are welcome! PTO is sponsoring a contest: the class bringing in the most (per capita) "Box Tops for Education" by Oct. 15 wins a popcorn party and traveling trophy! Snip those "Box Tops" and bring to school!

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

Are You at Risk for Type 2 Diabetes?



**YOU CAN MAKE A
CHANGE
FOR LIFE**



Has your health care professional told you:

- you have pre-diabetes?
- you might get diabetes?
- you have "borderline" diabetes?
- you have high blood sugar or glucose?
- you had diabetes when you were pregnant?

Join Our FREE Proven Diabetes Prevention Program

What: Lifestyle change group sessions (1 hour a week for 16 weeks and support sessions for a year) taught by a trained Lifestyle Coach.

When: Information session will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 for Class beginning Thursday, October 4, 2018

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Where: Washington Life Center
403 N. Mary Street
Marine City, MI

For registration, visit
healthcare.ascension.org/events
For more information, call
1-866-501-3627



Student Highlights

Every month, we will introduce some of our students to you. Their teachers will submit a short writeup for each so you can get to know them, and each student so “highlighted” will receive a recognition certificate and small prize. The first students in the spotlight this year:

Isaac Arlow is the younger sibling of Micah and Paige Arlow. Isaac has entered Pre-K this year. His special friend is Lucas, who is also in the class. Isaac has many interests, among which are Legos, Mickey Mouse, tractors, and monster trucks.

Kindergartner **Lucas Babel** is new to the Holy Cross School family this year. He has an older brother who also attends Holy Cross. Lucas enjoys interacting with the children in our combined classroom. His special interests are animals, music and super heroes. Lucas’s favorite cartoon/storybook character is Sponge Bob.

Leo DeVeney is a great role model in our first grade classroom! His favorite food is pierogies. When Leo grows up, he would like to be a father. In his free time, he likes to play on his phone. Leo's favorite part of school is the homework!!! :) He is a thoughtful and caring boy, with his own unique ideas.

Paige Arlow is a hard worker who always does her best. She works well in a group and makes a great leader. I can count on Paige to help her second grade classmates and to stand up for what is right. When she is not in school Paige enjoys attending ballet class and doing art projects. Way to go Paige!

Third grader **Ava Mensen** is a sweet young lady. Each morning she greets me with a warm smile and a big hug. She loves to help out her classmates and younger students within the building. Ava enjoys our reading block and is eager to participate. She loves working with a partner and is pleasant to buddy up with. Her handwriting is very neat and she is quite the artist as well. Outside of school, Ava loves her dachshund dog!! Ava's favorite animal is a Llama. Ava does a wonderful job encouraging her classmates to be kind and do their best.

Gabriel Jacobs is a polite fourth grader. This is my second year teaching him and he has grown tremendously. Gabe is a leader within our room, who sets a positive tone for his classmates. He is technologically advanced, and loves to help out his classmates. Gabe's academic strengths are found in his mathematical abilities, his creativity, and his incredible sense of working collaboratively within group activities. Outside of school, Gabe is a seasoned athlete who plays soccer and baseball. Gabe is an asset in our classroom community.

Fifth grader **Renton Gadzinski** is a hard-working young man who has a determination to do well. He shows great leadership qualities and is always willing to lend a helping hand. When faced with a challenge, Renton is able to see it from all sides and make the right choices.

John Bailey has shown a lot of intellectual growth since last year and seems willing to take more chances. He knows when it is time to work and time to play. John is one of the first to volunteer to help others, and he has a positive impact on the sixth grade classroom atmosphere.

Seventh grader **Elliott Zech** is not a huge sports fan, but he does like football. Before moving to Michigan, Elliott lived in Raleigh, NC, so he's a Carolina Panthers fan. He enjoys the music of Avenge Sevenfold, and his favorite subject is math.

Eighth grader **Rebecca Goulette** is a polite, considerate, helpful young lady who always makes other people feel loved. In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys playing volleyball, video games, and driving the Gator. Her favorite subject in school is math. Rebecca’s hero is her grandfather, and she treasures the special bracelet he gave her. **Matthew Zammit** is helpful, intelligent, curious, and a great leader for his classmates. Matt completes his work with 100% effort and goes beyond to explore things he wants to learn more about (especially history). In his spare time, Matt enjoys researching historical events and playing soccer or basketball. His favorite subject in school is history. Matt’s favorite person is Jesus Christ and he models what it is to be a disciple of Jesus.



FACTS and RenWeb Are One Company Now. Here's What You Need to Know.

FIND INFORMATION BELOW ABOUT WHAT'S CHANGING AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU.

Q: Why Is FACTS | RenWeb merging into one company?

A. FACTS acquired RenWeb four years ago in order to provide schools with the tools they needed to manage every aspect of the educational experience in a combined, secure, and easy-to-use system. Since the acquisition, we've been working diligently to continue to combine our services in a meaningful, methodical way.

Now we're taking another important step in the process and becoming a single brand — FACTS. We believe this change will help fulfill our mission to provide schools with the best products and services possible.

Q: Will my login information change?

A. Yes. Though your login credentials will remain the same, you'll now log in to your account at FACTSMgt.com. To log in, follow these steps:

- Go to FACTSMgt.com.
- Click the login button in the upper-right hand corner.
- Select "FACTS Family Online"
- Enter the same login credentials you've used in the past.

Q: What happens to my RenWeb account?

A. Your account will remain the same, but you'll now be logging in exclusively at FACTSMgt.com. If you visit RenWeb.com, you'll be automatically redirected to that page.

Q: How will I log into the RenWeb Home app?

A. For the foreseeable future, parents and students will continue to log in to the RenWeb Home app as they have been.

Q: If I have questions, who do I call?

A. You'll continue to contact your school with any questions.

For additional questions,
visit FACTSMgt.com/families.

