

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.

November 1, 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

The SCRIP office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Friday, Nov. 23.

PTO / SCRIP NEWS

The SCRIP volunteers are helping PTO by running their Hungry Howie pizza card fundraiser. We invite each family to purchase 5 Hungry Howie fundraiser cards at the SCRIP office. At \$10 each, they pay for themselves with the free pizza coupon included, and have \$35 worth of other Hungry Howie's savings on the card. You can use the card yourself—but you'll find they make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts for people like letter carriers, UPS drivers, hair stylists, paper carriers, and other friends (and they can fit inside a Christmas card!).

Stop by the SCRIP desk, or send your order and payment with your student—and thanks for supporting the PTO!

Report Cards

...will go home tomorrow, so you'll have time to look them over before conferences on Nov. 9.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow: regular mass day; report cards go home**
- **W Nov 7:** no East China buses home
- **F Nov 9: no school: conferences; Daddy-Daughter Dance**
- **Tu Nov 13:** vision & hearing screenings; PTO meeting 6:30pm
- **W Nov 14: "Early Release" of students at 12:50pm**
- **F Nov 16:** Holy Cross School's "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **Tu. Nov 20: no East China buses home; Marine City Christmas parade 7pm downtown**
- **W-F, Nov 21-23:** Thanksgiving break (no school)
- **M Nov.26: back to school**
- **Tu Dec 18:** school Christmas program

Conferences

...are scheduled for Friday, November 9.

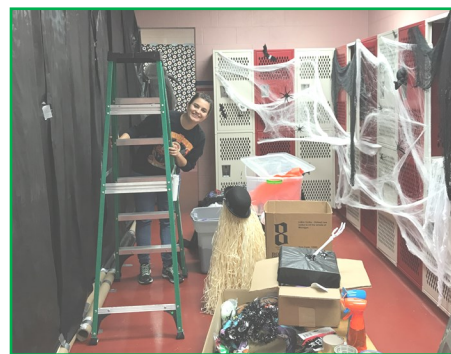
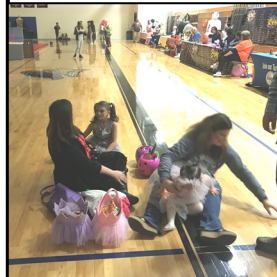
Attached (page 4) is a form for families to request their conference time(s). Please fill in your first, second and third choices of time slots with the teachers you'd like to see, and sign and return the form by the date indicated. Conferences for students in grades 7 and 8 will be led by the students themselves, so please be sure to request times your and your students in those grades are available to attend.

Conference appointments will be scheduled as closely to your requested times as possible on a first come, first served basis. Confirmation of your times will go home with your oldest Crusader by next Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Open House

Thanks to our many parents and student workers, we were totally ready for visitors to our Open House on Sunday! While we weren't overwhelmed with guests, the school looked great and everyone who came remarked on what a good job our "student ambassadors" did. Thanks to all who helped!

"TRUNK OR TREAT"



Thank you to **Laura Bailey** for chairing the event, and to her workers: **Janine** and **Andrea Winne**, **Julie Isrow**, **Trish Babel**, **Duane** and **Cheryl Hurt**, **Sherrie DuVall**, the **Lomasney**, **Bryson**, **Guyor**, **DeVenry**, **Jacobs**, **Mensen** and **Zech families**, **Jessica Smith** and **Steve & Nancy Tambeau**. The event was blessed with student workers **Rebecca** and **Ricky Goulette**, **Anna Winne**, **Taylor Marlatt**, **Allison Kuzera**, **Claire Campbell** and **Grace Sankuer**. Our **eighth graders** performed a great service by setting up tables and chairs. A special "shout out" to **Gary Barr** for helping with setup and cleanup for school events!

Basketball

The league has decided to run the girls' season first, with the boys following. Girls: your first practice is next Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 6-7:30pm.

Thank you to **Mike Govier** for returning as our girls' coach. His team will include 5th grader **Skye Moss**, 6th graders **Olivia Ogden** and **Angie Winne**, 7th graders **Audrina Guldmond** and **Allison Kuzera**, and 8th graders **Claire Campbell**, **Rebecca Goulette**, **Taylor Marlatt**, and **Kierstyn West**. Have a great season, girls!

**PTO Meets Tuesday, Nov. 6,
6:30pm--Fine Arts Building**

All are welcome!

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Just a reminder that 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.

Daddy-Daughter Dance

Don't forget to make your reservation! (See below 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.

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 two 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 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!

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.

High School Placement Test

Eighth grade students planning to go to a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Detroit will need to take the High School Placement Test. Cardinal Mooney is offering the test on November 17. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for details or more info.

Auction 2019

It'll be here before we know it!! **Families' auction donations are due by the end of November.** "What should we get?"--a good rule to remember: if you would bid on it, so (probably) would someone else! Or you can let the Auction committee do the shopping and simply send in an \$80 cash donation (just \$60 if you do it before December).

Welcome, Ms. Rickes!

PE teacher Mr. Middleton has accepted in another district: we'll miss you, and we wish you well with your new school, Mr. Middleton!

Next week will be her first here for our new PE teacher, Ms. Shannon Rickes. We're looking forward to meeting her and welcoming her to Holy Cross.

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

Hallowe'en Fun Around School...



The costumed 8th graders.



5th and 6th graders making "soul cakes" with Mrs. Wade



K & PK party



Shaggy and Scooby



1st and 2nd graders take time out for a movie



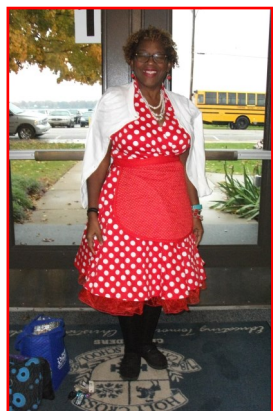
Blindfolded pumpkin art



The parade



7th grade Teletubbies



Grandma Audrey as "June Cleaver"



3rd and 4th grade boys, PopRocks and soda: what could be more fun?



3rd and 4th graders on scavenger hunt

Dear Families,

Oct. 25, 2018

This is the schedule of times for conferences on Friday, Nov. 9. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Monday, Nov. 5. (No spots will be guaranteed after this time.) You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Wednesday, November 7.

(Morning)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry	Mrs. Klecha
8:00						
8:15						
8:30						
8:45						
9:00						
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9:45						
10:00						
10:15						
10:30						

(Afternoon)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry	Ms. Choate
12:00						
12:15						
12:30						
12:45						
1:00						
1:15						
1:30						
1:45						
2:00						
2:15						
2:30						
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(Evening)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry
5:00					
5:15					
5:30					
5:45					
6:00					
6:15					
6:30					
6:45					
7:00					
7:15					

If you wish to speak with one of our itinerant teachers please check appropriate teacher's name, give names and your preferred method of being contacted, and the teacher(s) will contact you:

☐ Mrs. Meldrum (music)
☐ Mrs. Arnold (art)
☐ Mrs. Basilico (technology)
☐ Mr. Middleton (PE)
☐ Mr. Cherry (world cultures)

_____ student name(s)

_____ parent name

_____ preferred method of contact—phone number or email address

_____ parent signature

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 8, 2018 at the St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac

4th, 5th and 6th grade contest (Level 1) – Registration 5:30pm - Competition begins at 6:00 pm

7th, 8th and 9th grade contest (Level 2) – Immediately following Level 1 contest

Please Email entries to GK7227@mikofc.org

Questions contact:

Richard Goulette 586 855-9143



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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.

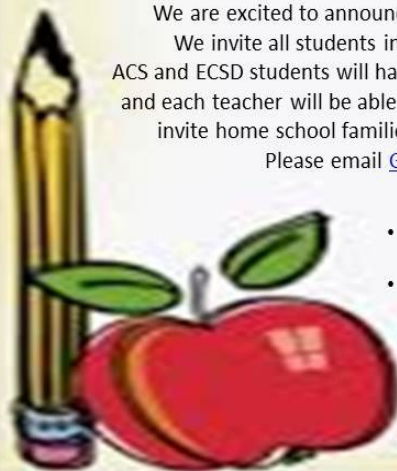
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Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City

In service to one. In service to all.

Email completed
entry form by
Friday, Nov. 8.



Attention Holy Cross Middle School Parents and Students and Community:

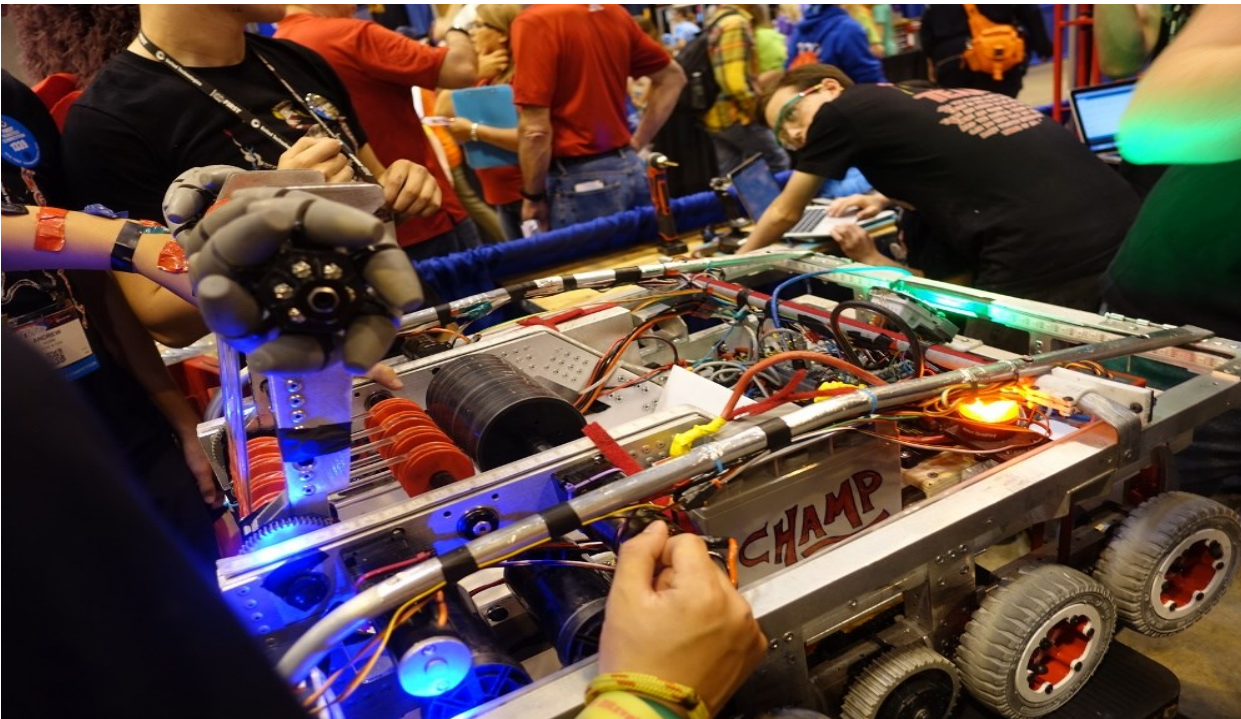
We are blessed at Holy Cross Catholic School to have the support of Mrs. Ann Guldemon, who has volunteered to lead our Holy Cross First Robotics Team for “re-formation.” Ms. Pam Dezsi had filled this role for us in the past and we are grateful to her for all she did. One of her initiatives was to begin 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 Ms. 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 the school at 810-765-3591 or email cwagner@holycrossonline.net, or call Mrs. Ann Guldemon at 586-665-2202 or email ann@unitedbulb.com