

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 15, 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. Each family is challenged 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 with your student).

As part of the rewards for selling the Hungry Howie fundraiser cards, SCRIP and PTO are providing Holy Cross students with a FREE pizza lunch next Tuesday! Students all received order forms; they may choose 1 or 2 slices if their order is in the school office before the end of this school week.

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tomorrow: Holy Cross School's "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **Tu. Nov 20: no East China buses home; free pizza lunch; Marine City Christmas parade 7pm downtown**
- W-F, Nov 21-23: Thanksgiving break (no school)
- **M Nov.26: back to school**
- Tu. Dec. 11: "Santa Shop"
- **W Dec. 12: "Early Release" day**
- Tu Dec 18: school Christmas program
- **Dec. 22-Jan 2: Christmas vacation**
- Th. Jan 3: classes resume

K of C/ Holy Cross Wednesday Bingo

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

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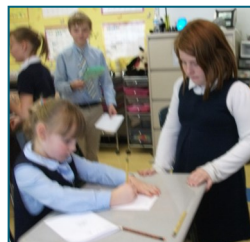
OOPS--we published bad info last week: there is NO meeting on Sat. Nov. 24. However, at the next regular bingo on Wed. Nov 28 (no bingo Thanksgiving week), interested newcomers can stop in (6-8pm) to learn more and see what is involved in working the bingo.

Thanksgiving "Feast"

...is tomorrow. (Students will not need to bring lunches tomorrow!) Thanks to all who remembered to bring their item today. Thank you in advance to everyone who will be helping with the dinner.

Students Making Cards for Veterans

The 5th and 6th grade classes invited the Kindergartners to their room on Friday to make cards for veterans:



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.

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! Clearance sales are a great place to start. If you have a favorite restaurant, perhaps they'd donate a gift certificate if you asked them (restaurant gift certificates historically are really popular at the auction). Does your family own vacation property that could provide an auction-goer with a week away?--vacation spots are always a hit! Sometimes a few families pool their resources to find a "bigger ticket" item--maybe something like a backyard patio set / chimenea / umbrella, or a grill and meat package. Moms love pampering baskets; dads might welcome a wheelbarrow or set of tools. Or SCRIP cards: you buy them and donate them at face value, but you've earned SCRIP credit on each card purchased.

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).

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 **this Saturday: Nov. 17**. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for details or more info.

Basketball

The league has decided to run the girls' season first, with the boys' following. The girls' first game is against St Augustine on Monday, November 26 (at Holy Family parish center in Memphis) the next game, on Wed. Nov. 28 will be at home. All Crusader fans are welcome!

Spirit Wear Orders

...are due tomorrow. Another order form is attached to this newsletter.

...and Koeze Nuts!

The PTO is also sponsoring the annual Koeze products sale. We know: so many fundraisers!--please remember you are not expected to participate in all of them: but this is one that we get requests for from a number of folks, as Koeze items make very elegant (and delicious!) Christmas gifts. If you are interested, catalogs and ordering info are available at the school office.

Free Lunch!

Thanks to PTO and SCRIP there is such a thing as a free lunch! They are combining their efforts to provide a totally FREE pizza lunch next Tuesday, November 20, to all Holy Cross students and staff members WHOSE ORDERS ARE IN BY TOMORROW AFTER-NOON! (Special order slips were distributed on Tuesday.)

Lunchers may opt for either a single slice or two slices of pizza; beverage and fruit snacks will be included.

BE SURE YOUR ORDER IS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THE END OF THE DAY FRIDAY to accept your "free lunch" for next Tuesday! Many thanks to the SCRIP and PTO folks.

Marine City Christmas Parade

...is next Tuesday, Nov. 20. The parade will start at Holy Cross at 7pm.

The PTO is planning an entry in the parade. They are looking for donations of candy to toss to parade watchers. Here's a good opportunity to get rid of the rest of your Hallowe'en candy!--please send any candy donations to the school office by next Tuesday morning, and we'll get them to the PTO. Thanks!

Next Newsletter: Nov. 29

With only two days of school next week, there will be no newsletter until the November 29 edition.

VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We did it: we've collected enough receipts to request our second \$1000 reward! But we don't have to stop! Please keep sending in those entire paper receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are also still collecting "Box Tops for Education"--thank you again!

Keep the Kids Safe!

A reminder to drivers: please drop your riders off only after you've reached the curb, and not in the middle of Water Street. At pick up time, please pull up next to the curbing to pick up your riders, and keep the line moving so that all riders can be safely picked up at the curb.

If you need to go into school for something, please park your vehicle in the lot and then go to school: don't leave it in the dropoff/pickup line (and PLEASE don't ever leave the engine running if you leave your vehicle!).

The "Golden Rule" can be our guide: as a driver, do what you want the driver ahead of you to do--safely drop off (or pick up) his child(ren) and get safely and quickly out of your way so you can do the same.

Attention: Photographers...

....If you come up with any great photos of students at school functions that you'd be willing to share (and have published in the newsletter and/or the yearbook), please email them to Mrs Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net). Thanks so much!!

Raffle Calendar

...winners for November: Charlene Keny of Algonac, Patricia Davis of East China and the wonderful **Kuzera family** of Marine City. Congratulations to all, and thank you for supporting our raffle.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://](https://www.facebook.comholycrosscatholicmc/)

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Happy Holidays

St. Clair Community Singers
Jo-Anne Wilkie, Director
Carole Lohr, Accompanist

Christmas Concert

Sunday December 2, 2018
4pm

First United Methodist Church
North Third Street at Vine Street
St Clair

Free admission
(freewill offerings accepted)

Special Performance by: Ron & Shellie Foss

Holy Cross School

SPIRIT WEAR Order Form

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY



*All orders DUE BY end of school day on November 16, 2018

Orders will be ready for pick up from school on December 10, 2018

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone No: _____

E-Mail: _____ Grade: _____

* Please make sure to specify the size, if you are ordering more than one shirt please write each size.

Shirt Color: Navy	Size (circle)	Price	OPTION: Sparkle Silver Print No charge	OPTION: Personalize (write below) Add \$2 per item	Quantity	Amount
Youth Short Sleeve	S, M, L	\$12				
Adult Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL	\$12				
	2XL, 3XL	\$14				
Youth Long Sleeve	S, M, L	\$20				
Adult Long Sleeve	S, M, L, XL	\$20				
	2XL, 3XL	\$22				
Youth Hoodie	S, M, L	\$25				
Adult Hoodie	S, M, L, XL	\$25				
	2XL, 3XL	\$27				
Cap (Navy with White Stitching)	Traditional Baseball Cap	\$20	NA	NA		
	Ladies' Fashion Style Cap	\$20	NA	NA		

Total quantity _____ Total amount: _____

*Make all checks payable to "OLR"; if paying by cash please send the exact amount.

PERSONALIZATION OPTION:

*Personalized name on back of item (indicate item(s) above): _____

Please note that all sales are final for personalized items. No exchanges or refunds can be given.

This box for PTO use only Check # _____ Cash _____ Received _____

Attention Holy Cross Middle School Parents and Students and Community:

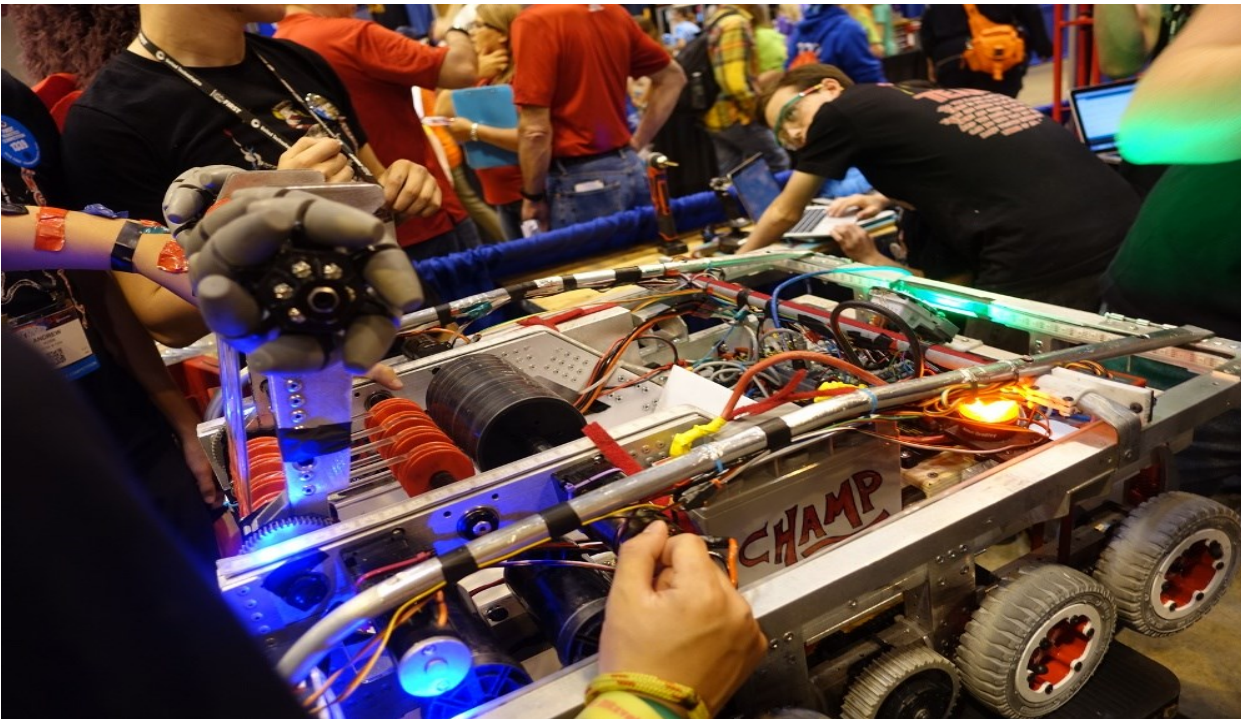
We are blessed at Holy Cross Catholic School to have the support of Mrs. Ann Guldemon, who has volunteered to lead our Holy Cross First Robotics Team for “re-formation.” Ms. Pam Dezsi had filled this role for us in the past and we are grateful to her for all she did. One of her initiatives was to begin 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