

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 29, 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 a much-deserved Christmas vacation from Dec. 22-Jan 3: open again Jan. 4.

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).

To Schedule Bingo Shifts:

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tu Dec 11: "Santa Shop"
- **W Dec. 12: "Early Release" day**
- Tu Dec 18: school Christmas program: meet your teacher in the gym at 5:45pm
- **Dec. 22-Jan 2: Christmas vacation**
- Th. Jan 3: classes resume (no Card. Mooney and no East China buses 'til Jan 7)
- **W. Jan 9: "Early Release" day**
- F. Jan 18: end of 2nd quarter
- **W-F Jan 23-25: no afternoon East China buses**
- Th Jan 24: PTO "Family Game Night" 6-7:30pm
- **F Jan 25: report cards go home**
- M Jan 28: "Blue Water Carnival Day"--wear "Carnival day" T shirt and school pants, and arrive at 8:30am (no preschool that day)

Thanksgiving "Feast"

Among the things we Crusaders have to be thankful for are terrific parent volunteers! Many thanks to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** and **Mrs. Patti Allam** for directing the Thanksgiving feast on the 16th. Thank you, also, to their crew of workers: **Mrs. Bartholomew, Ms. Babel, Mr. and Mrs. Hurt, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Chadra and Grandma Chadra, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lomasney, Mrs. Zammit and Liddy, Mrs. Salisbury and Rainn, Mrs. Guldemond, Mr. Shmina, Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Earl, and, of course, Mr. Barr** for set up and clean up.



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.

Basketball

The girls' first game against was at St Augustine Monday. Last night they hosted St Mary McCormick in a so-close nail biter--despite being outnumbered by nearly 2 to 1, they held the lead for much of the game.

Next Monday brings another home game, with St. Augustine visiting. On Wednesday, Dec. 5, our girls are on the road again: this time to IC.

"CARNIVAL DAY"

Monday, January 28, is the Blue Water Vicariate Schools' third annual "Carnival Day." All the Blue Water Vicariate K-8 schools will join together here at the HC/CMC campus celebrating Catholic schools. Dress code for the day will be the assigned "Carnival Day" t-shirt with uniform pants.

The day will begin at 8:30am as students arrive and get ready for 9am mass. After that come the fun activities planned by the principals' group. (Lunch is included--but if your student has special dietary needs, please send a lunch.) The day will end for Holy Cross students at 2:10pm (after all of our guests' buses have left).

With all the extra people and busyness, there will be no preschool that day. Permission forms for your family were given to your oldest K-8 Crusader before Thanksgiving. **Each student needs his/her own permission form.** The cost for one student is \$10, up to a maximum of \$20 per family (make checks out to "OLR"). If you have participated in a prior "Carnival Day" and your T-shirt still fits, please use it again. If you need a new shirt, mark the size on your permission form.

Please return all "Carnival Day" permission forms and payment to the school office by Dec. 14.

Auction 2019

It'll be here before we know it!! **Families' auction donations are due by the end of November--that's tomorrow!**

"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 starts on Saturday).

Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://
www.facebook.com/holycrosscatho
licmc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

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. (Please be advised that "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) child(ren) and get safely and quickly out of the way so you can, too.

Calendar Raffle

Tickets are in the mail! They are handy stocking (or envelope) stuffers: if you need more, there are extra tickets at the school office. (If you don't wish to buy or sell them, please send the unsold tickets back to the school office--thanks.)

Marine City Christmas Parade

Thank you to the PTO for coordinating Holy Cross's entry in the parade! Thanks, too, to all who walked or rode on the float, and to everyone who donated the candy that makes a parade exciting to the little ones watching. Grandma Chadra's hand-knitted blue hats were the bow on the package:



The Day After Christmas (or: Don't Let This Happen to YOU!!!)

by Mrs. Steinmetz

The day after Christmas, somewhere in some house,
a gift-buyer started to whimper and grouse,
"I spent so much money! Made so many trips!
Things would have gone better if I had used SCRIP!

"I bought extra food and made sure I had drinks—
two or three hun-der-ed dollars' worth, methinks;
But I SPENT CASH!! Had I used SCRIP instead, it
would have earned me some tuition credit!

"Johnny's eyes sparkled, imagining the elves;
mine misted--I'd emptied out Toys R Us' shelves!
Another small fortune; and at four percent,
I'd've saved a sum equaling half a month's rent.

"Susie was lovely in her new Christmas clothes.
Kohl's offered me 5% back, but: NO--
I'd forgotten to order pre-holiday SCRIP,
so deeper into my wallet I dip.

"I did think ahead--sent, to loved ones afar,
certificate gifts--but the toll on my car!
Drove to Applebee's, Best Buy, Old Navy, Lowe's--
and into a world of vehicular woes.

"To think: all I needed to do was to call--
the SCRIP office could have ordered them all!
My friends got their gifts, but I got no break.
(My mechanic, though, loves the fortune he'll make.)

"I finally get it!--next vacation fare,
I'll be calling for Hyatt and American Air;
I'm learning to plan: gonna take a long trip.
So happy holidays, all: don't forget to buy SCRIP!"

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

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
2 Confirmation class 11:30-3 Basketball games start at 6:30pm:	3 St A @ HC	4	5 HC @ IC	6	7 Holy day vigil mass 7pm at HC	8 Holy day of obligation masses 9am at HC and SC
9 K of C children's Christmas party & "put Christ in Christmas" poster contest	10 Youth choir practice 5pm HC @ MCA	11 PTO's "Santa Shop"	12 EARLY RELEASE-- students dismissed at 12:50pm HC @ IC	13	14	15
16 Confirmation class 11:30-3	17 Youth choir practice 5pm	18 Christmas program-- meet your teacher in the gym by 5:45pm	19	20	21 Last day before Christmas (EC too)	22
23	24	25 Wishing your family a blessed Christmas season!	26	27	28	29
30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3 Back to class (No East China buses 'til Jan. 7)	Jan 4	Jan 5

Camp

Campers--your second camp payment is due tomorrow (1/2 of your total camp bill should be paid by Nov. 30).

...and Service Credits:

Help is still needed at the Wednesday evening bingo. K-8 families can earn a service credit for each bingo event worked by 1 adult. (See page 1 for web address for signing up.)

...and Auction Donations:

...also due tomorrow (for those K-8 families who prefer to donate an item, or get a \$20 discount on their cash donation: the \$80 item or \$60 discounted donation is due tomorrow).

Beginning on, Dec. 1 (unless you have made prior arrangements with the Auction chairperson for a gift to be delivered later), the only acceptable Auction item will be an \$80 donation.

"Hat and Mitten Tree"

From Dec. 3-14, our NJHS is sponsoring a hat and mitten "warming tree". The tree will be set up near the office to collect donations of hats and mittens or gloves to help our needy neighbors stay warm this winter. Donations will be sent to the Marine City Old Newsboys to distribute at the end of the drive. If you are able, please bring a hat or pair of mittens for our less fortunate neighbors.

Attention Holy Cross Middle School Parents and Students and Community:

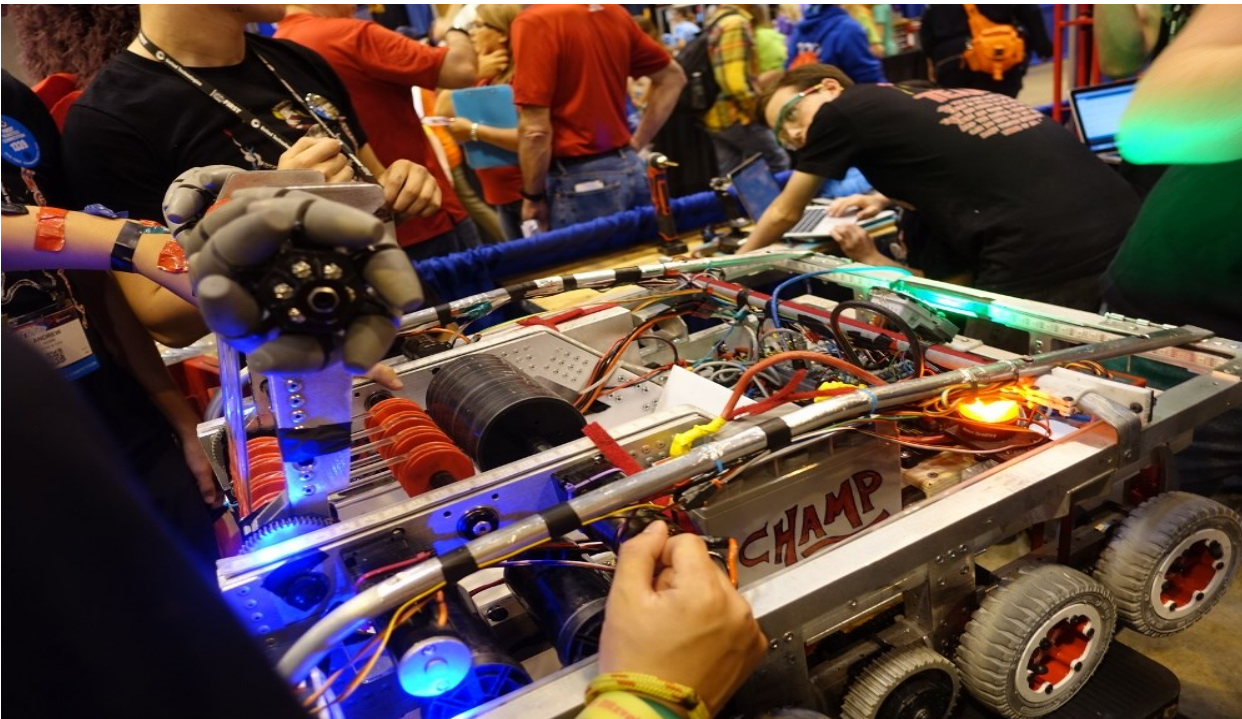
We are blessed at Holy Cross Catholic School to have the support of Mrs. Ann Guldemon, who has volunteered to lead our Holy Cross First Robotics Team for “re-formation.” Ms. Pam Dezsi had filled this role for us in the past and we are grateful to her for all she did. One of her initiatives was to begin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