

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 8, 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!

Conferences

...are scheduled for tomorrow: NO SCHOOL for students.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow: 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

To Schedule Bingo Shifts:

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Just a reminder that next 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 having 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.

Next "Early Release" Day

Wednesday, November 14, is 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.

Thanksgiving "Feast"

Preparations are underway for our "Thanksgiving feast" (scheduled for next Friday, November 16).

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).

Unless your child's teacher has requested a different date, please send your item in before November 15.

We are also looking for 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!

VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We are approximately **97%** 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!

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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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).

A letter from a Parishioner:

"I am 95 years old and I want you to know my mother also graduated from Holy Cross schools, and in those days she was authorized to teach in the country school 8 grades plus Kindergarten. The school was 10 or more miles from home. I don't know if she had a bike, rode a horse or walked.

"I just want you to know about ONE PERSON whose years at Holy Cross made a difference. Of course all five of her children also graduated from Holy Cross schools. On this holy day (All Saints' Day) watching both grade and high school come to mass I was proud to be a graduate as were all of my children. Keep our schools open. Cardinal Mooney: the only Catholic high school north of Detroit (area). I was on every committee to keep Holy Cross schools open.

"KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE. KEEP THEM HERE AT HOLYCROSS."

National Veterans' Day: Dress Down

Monday, November 12 is "National Veterans' Day." On that day, students may dress down in red/white/blue, and classrooms will participate in projects to honor veterans.

Welcome, Ms. Rickes!

Today we meet our new PE teacher, Ms. Shannon Rickes. Welcome to Holy Cross, Ms. Rickes!

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.

Basketball

The league has decided to run the girls' season first, with the boys following. Practices began this week for the girls' teams, and their first games are expected to be scheduled for the end of November. Stay tuned!

Chess Tournament

Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Catholic Schools Chess Tournament on January 26, 2019 at Divine Child High School. For more info contact Dominic Raona by email at CatholicChessTournament@gmail.com or by phone: 734.604.8204.

Magazine Sale

The "drive" part of the Boosters' magazine sale is done. However, as the holidays approach, you might decide that a magazine subscription is just the right gift for someone on your list. (They're especially great for new readers: encouragement to read, excitingly addressed to them and delivered to their family's mailbox.) We can accept new subscriptions or renewals all year long--contact the school office for more information.



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 Catholic School
Honor Roll—First Quarter

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Iris Lomasney.

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Leo DeVeney, Liam Guyor, Joshua Jacobs.

Third Grade

All As: Xavier Zammit.

Honor Roll: Dominic DeVeney, Ava Mensen, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington-Clark.

Perfect Attendance: Xavier Zammit.

Fourth Grade

All As: Micah Arlow, Riley Thomas Brohl.

Honor Roll: Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Naylee Verellen, Charles Zech.

Perfect Attendance: Riley Thomas Brohl, Gabe Lomasney, Naylee Verellen.

Fifth Grade

All As: Janae Miotke.

Perfect Attendance: Emma Lomasney.

Sixth Grade

All As: Olivia Ogden, Rebecca Shmina, Angie Winne.

Honor Roll: Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Skye Moss.

Perfect Attendance: John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Angie Winne.

Seventh Grade

All As: Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.

Honor Roll: Audrina Guldemon, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Elliott Zech.

Perfect Attendance: Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit, Elliott Zech.

Eighth Grade

All As: Maggie Bartholomew, Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Cole Tite, Anna Winne, Matt Zammit.

Honor Roll: Devin Allam, Rebecca Goulette, Olivia Kalbaugh, David Marshall, Kyle Miotke, Scarlett Scott.

Perfect Attendance: Devin Allam, Claire Campbell, Taylor Marlatt, David Marshall, Kyle Miotke, Cole Tite, Anna Winne.



Student Highlights

...for October:

Autumn Flasher enjoys many activities here at school with her preschool classmates. At home, her favorite activities are painting, baking, and making slime. **Iris Lomasney** is a Kindergarten with two older siblings who also attend Holy Cross. She enjoys doing arts and crafts and ice skating. Working puzzles and playing in the "housekeeping" area are two of Iris's pleasures here at school. Both of these girls attended pre-kindergarten here at Holy Cross last year, and both are very helpful and cooperative. They put smiles on the faces of all who have contact with them!

Vanessa Kuzera is creative and kind! Her favorite food is pizza with ham, pepperoni, and bacon. When Vanessa grows up, she would like to be a teacher. In her free time, she likes to see if her friends can play. Vanessa's favorite part of school is "Specials." Vanessa is a great leader in our first grade classroom.

Katie Bryson is a quiet worker who always seems to be thinking. She brings interesting ideas to our classroom discussions. Katie works quietly and carefully and is a great role model to her second grade classmates. When Katie grows up she wants to be a doctor, dentist, veterinarian, or a moose tamer. Keep up the great work Katie.

Third grader **Isabella Smalley** is a sweet young lady, who is a wonderful caregiver of animals. Each morning Bella dedicates time to care for Mrs. Wade's betta fish named "Milo." One day, when she is all grown up, she would like to be a veterinarian. Bella would make a great veterinarian because she is caring, compassionate, and gentle. Bella also enjoys dance lessons and visiting with her friends outside of school. In the classroom she is doing well and working hard adding and subtracting greater numbers, as well as inferencing in reading.

Naylee Verellen is a wonderful friend and student! This is our second year together, and she has grown so much. From once being very shy and quiet, to now an active participant and fourth grade role model, Naylee continues to amaze me. Naylee has a love for horses and

takes riding lessons on a weekly basis. Within school, she has become quite the speller and mathematician! I think Naylee will be well-prepared for middle school in the fall.

Fifth grader **Nolan Babel** is a very creative student with many hidden talents. He has great artistic abilities and a knack for seeing the world through curious eyes, asking questions for knowledge and clarification. Nolan is always in a good mood and is a great addition to our class.

Skye Moss is a wonderful young lady who tries to do her best at whatever task is in front of her. She is a hardworking student, as well as a very talented singer and dancer. Skye may seem on the quiet side, but she has an infectious smile and a very Christian attitude toward everyone, which helps make this year's sixth grade class great.

Like many boys his age, seventh grader **Lauchlan McDonald** enjoys playing video games. He listens to classic rock, and has been known to check out a soccer match on television from time to time. Lauchlan's favorite class is history, and he hopes to someday travel to Scotland.

Eighth grader **Scarlett Scott**'s favorite subject in school is ELA and her favorite book is The Rapture of Canaan. Scarlett is an excellent artist and loves to draw landscapes. Scarlett enjoys spending time at home with her family and her favorite seasons are fall and winter. Scarlett is a quiet, kind-hearted, soft-spoken and bright young lady and I feel privileged being her teacher.

Jimmy Downey is the historian of the eighth grade and I would like to recognize his hard work and dedication towards his education. Jimmy is exceptionally brilliant and an absolute joy to have in class. Jimmy's favorite subject in school is social studies, and he enjoys learning about historical events. Jimmy's favorite sport is football and his favorite season is fall. I enjoy having Jimmy in class especially when he gives his perspective on short stories and historical events.

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:

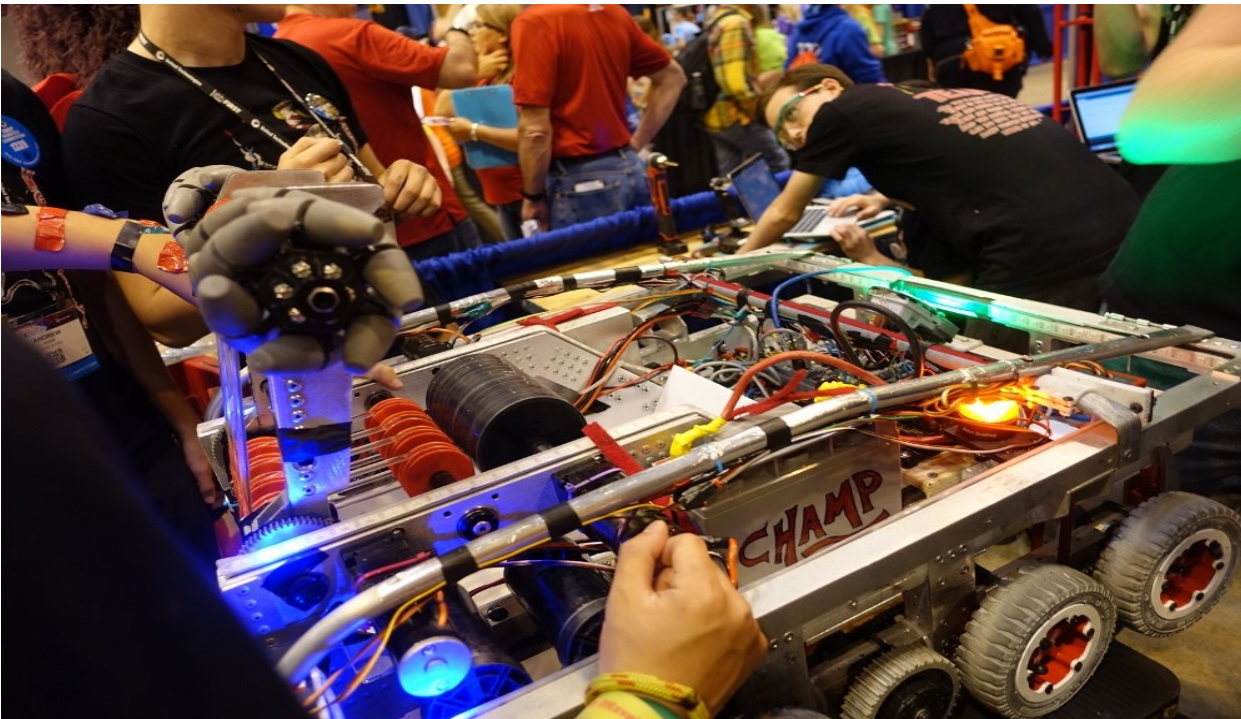
We are blessed at Holy Cross Catholic School to have the support of Mrs. Ann Guldemon, who has volunteered to lead our Holy Cross First Robotics Team for “re-formation.” Ms. Pam Dezsi had filled this role for us in the past and we are grateful to her for all she did. One of her initiatives was to begin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