



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.

December 13, 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

To be sure of delivery in time for Christmas, orders & payment needed to be in by yesterday. However, there is still a lot in stock, and a good chance you can find something, if you're looking for a gift....

The SCRIP office will be closed for a much-deserved Christmas vacation from Dec. 22-Jan 3, and they'll be 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'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).

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tu Dec 18: "Santa Shop;" school Christmas program: meet your teacher in the gym at 5:45pm--RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES IN SESSION: use Act. Ctr. Doors
- **Th. Dec. 20: mass today instead of Friday this week: church dress code**
- F. Dec. 21: dress down in red/green/white
- **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: arrive at 8:30am and be picked up at 2:10pm (no preschool that day)

Camp

Camp info packets (and bills) went home with your oldest camper on Monday, Dec. 10. (Camp bills should be 3/4 paid by the end of December.)

"Hat and Mitten Tree"

Until TOMORROW, our NJHS is sponsoring a hat and mitten "warming tree". The tree is set up near the office is already sporting donations of hats, scarves, mittens and 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 BEFORE TOMORROW--thank you!

MASS NEXT WEEK
will be on Thursday, Dec. 20
instead of Friday, Dec. 21
(mass day dress code Thursday)

"CARNIVAL DAY"

Monday, January 28, is the Blue Water Vicariate Schools' third annual "Carnival Day." 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): **please let us know who your child will be riding home with.**

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 TOMORROW MORNING, Friday, Dec. 14. Tomorrow is THE LAST day we can order shirts!**

National Geographic Geography Bee

On Thursday, December 6, students in grades 5-8 (plus one 4th grader) participated in their respective class Geography Bees to determine the finalists who would then compete for the school championship the following day. The 11 finalists were: 4th grader **Micah Arlow**, 5th graders **Lylah Schaening** and **Nolan Babel**, 6th graders **Angie Winne** and **Skye Moss**, 7th graders **Bryce Schocker** and **Gemma Downey**, and 8th graders **Jimmy Downey**, **Joey Fajardo**, **Devin Allam** and **Maggie Bartholomew**. Our second place overall winner is **Gemma Downey**, and our school champion is **Jimmy Downey**. Jimmy will take a computerized test in January to determine if he qualifies for the Michigan state competition (which he did 2 years ago). Congrats to all of our competitors for a job well done!

Basketball--Girls':

The girls traveled to McCormick on Monday and to IC again last night.

The girls' team has no games now until January 7 (at McCormick).

--and Boys':

Practices for the boys' season begin soon! We welcome back **Mr. Jim Downey** as coach! His team includes 6th graders **Conor Guyor** and **Evan Jacobs**, 7th graders **Isaac Zammit** and **Elliott Zech**, and 8th graders **Devin Allam**, **Jimmy Downey**, **David Marshall**, **Kyle Miotke**, **Cole Tite** and **Matthew Zammit**. Gentlemen--please be sure you get your physical ASAP so you're ready for the first practice.

--and Cheer:

Ms. Samantha Duncan returns as our cheer coach. Squad members include 5th graders **Katie Kowalewski**, **Emma Lomasney**, **Janae Miotke**, **Skye Moss** and **Lylah Schaening**; 6th grader **Angie Winne**; 7th graders **Gemma Downey** and **Allison Kuzera**; and 8th grader **Maggie Bartholomew**.

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"--thanks again!

Magazine Sale

The Booster Club's magazine sale drive is over--but you can still order magazines to benefit the Holy Cross sports program.

Magazine subscriptions make great gifts: for a little one just learning how fun and important reading is, for teens looking for their place in the world, for adults interested in following world events or learning more about hobbies.

You can still order online and benefit Holy Cross: go to gaschoolstore.com. (Holy Cross's ID number is 2709251.) Or, if you prefer, stop in at the school office for a magazine booklet. We can also process renewals of existing magazine subscriptions: contact Mrs. Steinmetz to see how.

Dress Down Day

Friday, Dec. 21, will be a dress down day for students wearing red / green / or white.

"Santa Shop"

The PTO will present its annual "Santa Shop" on **Tuesday, December 18** during school hours and on Wednesday for preschool (OOPS--you'll note it's published on the wrong date on the December calendar: sorry!!) With items beginning at 25¢, your shoppers are sure to find something in their price range for everyone on their lists.

Mrs. Bryson is looking for adult helpers any time during the Shop: please contact her c/o school if you can help (or for more info).

Christmas Program

Dec. 18 will be a busy day: that evening, the school students will present their annual Christmas program. Mrs. Rock and the Drama Club have been working hard learning the lines for their play, "A Night in Bethlehem."

All students are expected to be present (participation is part of their second quarter grades); dress code is "Sunday best." Students should plan to meet up with their teachers in the gym by 5:45 (parents are asked to keep their students' coats). All welcome to join us!

Looking for donations of water and finger food (cookies, fruit slices, vegetables,...) for the "afterglow." Please contact Trish c/o school to help!

As there will be after school Religious Education classes going on in the school building, please USE ONLY THE ACTIVITY CENTER ENTRANCES to get to the gym for the Christmas program.

Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to **Milton Hintz** of Marine City, who is the grand prize winner of \$1000 in the 2018 raffle!

Your 2019 tickets are probably on your counter. Wouldn't you like to be the "big winner" next December? Or even one of the 33 \$100 prizes throughout the year? The tickets make great Christmas stocking- or card-stuffers, too.

Auction 2019

The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019--come and see what the other families, local businesses, and the Auction committee have gathered together for your bidding pleasure! There will be raffles in addition to the live and silent auctions, an open bar, and meal by Big River BBQ. Advance tickets will be \$35 each or \$240 for a table of 8, and reservations can be made today. Mark your calendar now to save the date, and bring a table-ful of friends--a good time will be had by all!

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 to Mrs Steinmetz at school@holycrossonline.net. Thanks!

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>

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.

Help with "Carnival Day"

Staff Lunch

Thank you to **Ms. Trish Babel** who will be coordinating this lunch with Cardinal Mooney's rep! They will be feeding the teachers from all the participating schools--about 70 people. They plan to have a soup, sandwich and salad bar set up in the CMC faculty area. CMC parents are covering the soup, sandwiches, beverages, half of the desserts and all paper products. HC is being asked to cover the items for a buffet salad bar: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, green peppers, black olives, cheese (cheddar and feta), crumbled bacon, chunked ham and turkey, boiled eggs, croutons, sunflower seeds and dried cherries, as well as a pasta salad, two other salads (e.g. potato, mac, coleslaw), cottage cheese, canned chopped peaches, canned chunk pineapples, two dozen cupcakes, two dozen brownies, and two dozen cookies. Please review the list, and if there is an item you are able to donate please let Trish know c/o school.

Donated food items will need to be dropped off the morning of "Carnival Day." Trish will have other details when you talk to her. Thank you in advance for your help!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/>



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HOLY CROSS 30TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

Please join us for a fabulous evening out with family, friends, and neighbors while showing your support for Holy Cross Catholic School.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: February 9th, 2019
Location: Holy Cross School
Time: 6:00PM Doors Open

- Live Entertainment with Dancing!
- 50/50 Pre-Sale Tickets
- Live and Silent Auction!
- Keeping the tradition "Dessert Dash"
- Catered by Big River BBQ



TICKETS

2019 Auction tickets are available through Tiffany Mensen our Auction Chair and Online.

- \$35 per person *(checks payable to OLR)*
- \$240 for a table of 8

Auction Chair – tmensen@holvcrossonline.net

Online – ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org

Please click on the Holy Cross School Auction Event