



# 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 6, 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](http://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 must be in BY DECEMBER 12.**

**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'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).

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Dec. 12: "Early Release" day**
- **Tu Dec 18: "Santa Shop;" 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: arrive at 8:30am and be picked up at 2:10pm (no preschool that day)**

## Camp

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

## Service Credits

Recaps (for K-8 families) will be in your hands by Monday, Dec. 10.

Auction donations were due by Nov. 30; if you opted not to donate an item, \$80 is due now.

## "Hat and Mitten Tree"

From now through Dec. 14, 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 Dec. 14--thank you!



## Basketball--Girls':

The girls hosted St. Augustine on Monday. Last night, the team traveled to IC.

Next week brings two away games. On Monday, Dec. 10, the girls go to McCormick and on Wednesday, Dec. 12, to IC again. No games after that until January 7 (at McCormick).

## --and Boys':

Practices for the boys' season begin soon! Coach Downey is contacting the boys who signed up to play. Please be sure you've had your physical already so you're ready for the first practice.

## Thank You! And Farewell--

We are grateful to **Mrs. Patty Klecha** and **Mrs. Sharon Choate** for their dedication and flexibility as long term subs this year! These two ladies have graciously shouldered the responsibilities of our middle school religion program until a suitable teacher could be hired. After their last day on Friday, December 14, they will hand those duties off to a more permanent contracted teacher, **Deacon Dennis Lofredda**, whose duties will begin on Dec. 17. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Klecha and Mrs. Choate for guiding our middle schoolers during this first semester.

## To Schedule Bingo Shifts:

You are NEEDED! To see what days and shifts are available go to:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/  
d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0  
OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed)



## "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): **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 next Friday, Dec. 14.**

## 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!

## 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](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net). Thanks!

## Magazine Sale

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

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 the Boosters: go to [gaschoolstore.com](http://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.

## "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.

Flyers explaining the program (with envelopes for a list and shopping money) will go home with all students early next week. **Mrs. Bryson** is looking for adult helpers any time during the Shop: can you help? Please call school.

## Early Release" Day

**Next Wednesday, Dec. 12** is our next "Early Release" day. **ALL STUDENTS (EXCEPT those who have classes at CMC in the afternoon) will be dismissed at 12:50pm;** East China buses will be here for their usual riders at that time. **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS** who still have classes at CMC may wait at Holy Cross for those classes; they will be expected in the music room. All other students should be on their way home. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

## 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](mailto:help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com).

## 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; 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 are welcome to attend!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## 2018 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



**We are proud to announce our fourth annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.**

- The children's age groups will be 5-7, 8-10 and 11- 14.
- Each child can create a 11"X17" size poster.
- Posters must include a slogan reflecting the message of the drawing including an original visual image.
- If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- Please have the child write their name, age, phone number on the back of the poster.
- Posters will not be returned.
- Submit posters and entry forms to OLR parish office or deliver to the St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac December 23, 2018 between 10:30 - 11:15 am
- **Judging will take place after 11:30 mass December 23, 2018**
- For entry forms and rules, contact [GK7227@mikofc.org](mailto:GK7227@mikofc.org) or GK856@mikofc.org



**Wise men still seek Jesus!**

**Councils - Algonac 7227 & Marine City 856**



## Student Highlights

...for November:

in the Preschool and Kindergarten classroom, **Maddison Gemmete** and **Ava DeMeulenaere** are new to Holy Cross this year. Each of these girls is eager to learn and get along well with their peers. Maddison enjoys playing in the "House Keeping" area, puppet theater, and the puzzles. Her favorite story-book characters are in the book/movie "Frozen." Outside of school, Maddison has a special interest in gymnastics. Ava also likes playing in the "House Keeping" and puppet areas. Her favorite movie is "The Greatest Showman." Recently, Ava was involved in a performance of "The Nutcracker." Both girls add to the varied dynamics of our multi-age classroom and the variety of experiences which occur each day.

**Andrew Earl** enjoys reading and working to master the second grade standards in IXL. I can always count on Andrew to help others with sounding out words when they are stuck and to show his classmates how to do things on their ChromeBooks. When Andrew is at home you may find him helping his dad with the wood pile. Andrew's favorite subject is math and his favorite thing to do outside of school is drive the riding lawn mower. When he grows up he wants to be a police officer or a jet plane performer. Keep up the good work Andrew and remember that reading is the basis for all learning.

**Xavier Zammit** is a third grade student who loves math! Currently he is working on reading, writing, and using models to identify equivalent fractions. His time outside the classroom is spent playing soccer, running, playing Nerf, and spending time with his family. Xavier assumed the banker position in the classroom last month, and really enjoyed writing and cashing paychecks, as well as making deposits and withdrawals for other students. His favorite food is pizza.

**Zander Somma** is a fourth grade student who is on his second year at Holy Cross! He loves soccer, trains, and enjoys drawing, reading, and math. Recently he started to play FortNite, and from time to time, I catch him flossing while he waits in line. His favorite classroom job is electrician, and this month he is hoping to rent out the buddy bench, which he plans to share with a friend. One thing Zander does NOT like is pizza!!

Fifth grader **Emma Lomasney** is a very caring and compassionate young lady who is always willing to help others. She works very hard to do well and is willing to face a challenge. Emma is a great friend to many and isn't afraid to stand up for what is right.

**Rebecca Shmina** is a wonderful young lady with a cheery outlook and bubbly personality. She is very helpful and has a true Christian attitude, which helps create a positive atmosphere in the sixth grade class. Rebecca knows when to work and when to relax, creating academic success.

**Bryce Schocker** is an outstanding seventh grade student who enjoys eating a thick, juicy, medium-rare ribeye steak! He likes the music of AC/DC, and he enjoys relaxing and getting a few laughs by watching classic episodes of Seinfeld. Bryce hopes to some day become President of the United States!

Eighth grader **Claire Campbell** is recognized for her star student characteristics: she is hardworking, trustworthy, creative, intelligent, mature, and responsible. Claire enjoys reading literature, especially mythology and lore. Claire enjoys writing narrative stories, plays and poems. Her favorite subject in school is English language arts and her favorite book is "The Shining" by Stephen King. Claire's favorite villain in a movie is Harley Quinn, and her favorite movie is "The Conjuring." Claire is destined for brilliant things, and I have a feeling she will make a wonderful English teacher one day. **David Marshall** is recognized for his charismatic personality. David is funny, creative, unique, considerate and helpful. He enjoys working on gaming PCs and computers. David is quite the genius when it comes to figuring out computers and how to use certain apps. David enjoys playing video games, listening to music, fortnite. David's favorite book is "Holes" and his favorite movie is "Pee Wee's Big Adventure." David is excited about his upcoming job at A-1 Computers which will help him in the future because he plans to do something in the IT department of computers. David is going to put his mark on the computer industry some day, I just know it!

### Looking for Volunteers:

....to work in marketing, school budgeting, and school committee: please contact Dr Wagner at [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net).

### Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party

...will be this Sunday, December 9, at 1pm in the St Catherine activity center. All children ages 5-12 are invited! (--but they will need a parent to stay with them during the party).