



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.

January 17, 2019

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

A Note to ALL Holy Cross Families from Dr Wagner:

I want to assure all of the families of our Holy Cross children that we take very seriously our responsibility for providing every child at Holy Cross with a safe and orderly learning environment, but want to go even further as a Catholic school by making ours a loving and mutually supportive Christ-like learning environment. I asked all of our children at morning prayer to immediately let a teacher or me know if they ever feel threatened by a fellow student or are not happy with how they feel here at Holy Cross. We sing the song at Mass often claiming "They will know we are Christians by our LOVE." I want to assure all of our parents that I consider this our number one most important mantra for all we are about. If ever you as a parent sense that your child's experiences here at Holy Cross fall short of this expectation, please let us know with the confidence that your concerns about safety ...but even more about our "loving learning environment" will always be respected and valued.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F. Jan 18: end of 2nd quarter**
- W-F Jan 23-25: no afternoon East China buses
- **F Jan 25: report cards go home; winter sports pictures**
- 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)
- **Sat. Feb. 9: Auction!**
- M-Th, Feb 11-14: 5-8th graders go to Camp Leelanau
- **M. Feb. 11: vision and hearing screenings for next year's Kindergarten**
- W Feb 13: no afternoon East China buses
- **F-M, Feb 15-18: midwinter break (no school)**
- Sat. Feb 23: Academic Olympics at St. Augustine, Richmond
- **March 6: Ash Wednesday--mass at 9am w/ Cardinal Mooney**

End of Second Quarter

...is tomorrow! Report cards will go home next Friday, Jan. 25.

Snow Days!

A reminder to check Detroit TV stations in the morning--whenever East China School District cancels classes for inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool cancel in-building lessons as well. (However, ChromeBook-holding students will continue their personalized learning at home on those days.)

Congratulations!

...to the winners of the KofC "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest--many of whom were Holy Cross students! The winners from the Holy Cross entries were **Andrew Earl, Micah Arlow, Lylah Schaening, Janae Miotke, Scarlett Scott, Rebecca Shmina, Olivia Ogden, Gemma Downey and Anna Winne.** Mrs. Goulette delivered the news and prizes during a recent morning prayer time. Congratulations to all!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

...Mr. Davenport and Mrs. Knotts as they recuperate from their surgeries.

Camp

Camp bills should be 3/4 paid by now, and **payment in full is due by the end of January.** All of the completed paperwork needs to be back at school by the end of January, too.

Basketball--Girls':

Despite the rocky start to the day, the girls' team played its last game of regular season play last night. The tournament is scheduled for Friday evening at Immaculate Conception School: bracketing is awaiting reporting of the final games.

--and Boys':

The team has begun practicing, and the boys' first game is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 30 at home. Before our Varsity team plays that night, we will host St Peter v IC JV teams at 6:30.

Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for continuing to coordinate concessions and gate workers! All athletes' parents are expected to help: please let Stacy know when you can work.

--and Cheer:

The cheer team has begun practicing, too, and is looking forward to that first game on Jan. 30!

Cheer parents, also, are expected to help with concessions and admissions: please contact Stacy to offer your time. It is thanks to money earned at home games that sports remain free to Holy Cross athletes: the only cost is your time!

--and Sports Photos:

Our school photographer will be here **next Friday, Jan. 25** to do team and individual portraits for the basketball and cheer teams. All basketball and cheer team members: please remember your uniform on the 25th!

No East China Buses
Home Wed-Fri Next Week:
Jan 23, 24 and 25

Parents of Eighth Graders:

In the yearbook every year we include a "match game," using our eighth graders' "graduation" pictures and photos of them as little ones that their parents have submitted. Here's the call for this year's baby pictures!

Parents of eighth graders: please send a photo (digital preferred, but we can scan and return a hard copy) of your 8th grader as a wee one. Please email to school@holycrossonline.net (attention Mrs Steinmetz). We'll need them by the end of February. Thank you for helping continue this fun tradition!

Help with "Carnival Day" Staff Lunch

Little more than a week away now! 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. Items still needed for the salad bar: red onions, green peppers, chunked ham, chicken and turkey, mushrooms, pickled beets, mild pepper rings and garbanzo beans. If there is an item you are able to donate please let Trish know: call c/o school or email: trishhurt@hotmail.com.

Donated food items will need to be dropped off "Carnival Day" morning (Jan.28). Trish will have other details when you talk to her. Thank you in advance for your help!

"Carnival Day"

T-shirts will be delivered a few days before "Carnival Day" and will go home with your students when they arrive. Students should wear that shirt with their school uniform pants for the festivities on "Carnival Day" Jan. 28.

Chromebook Issues

To facilitate repairs on your student's school-issued Chromebooks, send a "help ticket" describing the problem to: help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com.

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!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for January: Duane Mullica of Marine City, Dawn Mead of Harsens Island, and Lynn Koury of East China. Congratulations to our first three winners for 2019!

VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

Please keep sending in those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are also still collecting "Box Tops for Education"--thanks again!

from The Health Department:

The Health Department tracks trends in reports of symptomatic presentations, and notes that reported incidents of vomiting and diarrhea have begun to increase. Norovirus activity generally peaks January to March.

Norovirus is transmitted from an infected person, contaminated food or water, or by touching contaminated surfaces. The virus causes symptoms of nausea, abdominal cramping, low grade fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting. The virus is highly contagious; persons infected with norovirus can show symptoms 10-48 hours after exposure, and remain contagious during the illness and up to 2 weeks after recovery.

The Health Department recommends that persons experiencing norovirus symptoms should stay away from school (and group activities) and stay away until 48 hours (2 days) after symptoms stop.

The Health Department says prevention is key: they remind everyone to wash their hands frequently with warm water and soap for 20 seconds (and note that hand sanitizers DO NOT work against norovirus).

(Additional norovirus resources can be found at www.scchealth.co.)

We have not noted a great surge in reports of GI upsets, but pass on this info from the Health Department in the hopes of keeping all our students and staff healthy. If your child comes down with norovirus-like symptoms, please keep him/her home to help his/her classmates and teachers stay well.

Vision and Hearing Screenings For Next Year's Kindergartners

The Health Department will be here on Monday, Feb. 11 for Kindergarten-entry vision and hearing screenings. The screenings will be offered to our preschoolers, as well as to younger siblings of current "Crusaders" who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall.

If you would like to have your soon-to-be Kindergartner screened on Feb. 11, please contact the school office for a history / permission form and info.

Auction 2019

This year's auction is mere weeks away! It will be held in the Activity Center on **Saturday, February 9**; doors will open at 6pm. Tickets are \$35 each or \$240 for a table of 8, and are available at the school and church offices or online: go to:

ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org.

There will be silent auction items to bid on, raffles, a great meal by Big River BBQ, open bar, the famous "Dessert Dash," a live auction and--new this year: a 50-50 raffle with pre-event sales AND a seller's prize of a \$100 Visa card.

There will a ton of smaller prizes: and a 50" TV!--in the bead raffle! There are Tiger and Red Wings tickets in the deck-of-cards raffles. The basket raffle has all sorts of things from "All the Moonshine of Tennessee" to the "Coffee Lovers' Keurig Package"--and let's not forget the "Kids of Our School" class projects! The live auction will feature items from the Water Lovers' Kayak to Flying Across St. Clair. We even have a rosary blessed by Pope Francis.

Tickets are available now! If you would like 50-50 raffle tickets to sell, contact Jennifer Kuzera c/o school. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office, as well (if you just want to be in running for the 50-50 prize, and not the "seller's" award).

Whether you're looking for a great meal with a fun crowd, prowling for exciting buys, or just feeling lucky with all the raffles, you're sure to have a great evening, while supporting our school. Get your tickets today!

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>

Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display is coming! They'll be here for about a week with samples of what you can order this time. Orders and payments will need to be in the school office by the date posted on their order form, and items can go home with your "Crusader" (or held at the office, if you contact Mrs Steinmetz to do that).

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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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@holycrossonline.net

Online – ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org

Please click on the Holy Cross School Auction Event

2019 BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



FREE THROW
THREE POINT
TRICK SHOT



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14

January 19 2019, 12:30 PM

1085 Ward St, Marine City, MI 48039

Free family event and everyone is invited!!!

Please send registration forms to GK7227@mikofc.org

For more information and registration details please Email GK7227@mikofc.org



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