



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 24, 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

Report Cards

...will go home with students tomorrow.

Snow Days!

A reminder to check your email and/or Detroit TV stations in the morning whenever weather seems "iffy"--any time 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.)

Camp

Camp bills are **due to be paid in full by the end of January (that's next week!)**. All of the completed paperwork needs to be back at school by the end of January, too.

Basketball--Girls'

The girls finished their season with the tournament at IC last Friday. We are proud of your efforts, ladies!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Jan 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 Monday, Jan. 28)**
- **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**
- W. March 13: next "Early Release" day (students will leave at 12:50pm)

--and Boys':

The team's first game is scheduled for next 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 and through the magazine sale that sports remain free to Holy Cross athletes: the only cost to families is a small amount of your time!

--and Sports Photos:

Our school photographer will be here **tomorrow--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 tomorrow!**

No East China Buses Home Tomorrow--Jan 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: chunked turkey, pickled beets, and mild pepper rings. If you are able to help with any of these items please let Trish know.

Donated food items can be dropped off "Carnival Day" morning (next Monday, Jan.28) when you drop off your students. Thank you in advance for your help!

Thank You!!

...to the generous families who are helping with the "Carnival Day" staff lunch!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

“Carnival Day”

Students should wear their “Carnival Day” T-shirt with their school uniform pants for the festivities on “Carnival Day” Jan. 28 (next Monday).

Students: DO NOT report for school on Monday until 8:30am.

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 year-book), please email to Mrs Steinmetz at school@holycrossonline.net. Thanks!

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. 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!

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!

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>

**No Preschool on
Mon. Jan. 28**

Congratulations Matthew!!

Eighth grader **Matthew Zammit, Jr.** was one of 10 finalists (out of 250 entrants) in the 3rd Annual Alliance Credit Union “Live It. Show It. Share It.” scholarship competition. The competition was open to students ages 13 - 18 across Michigan who will attend a Catholic High School League school in the 2019-2020 school year. Students were tasked with writing a six-word story to go along with a picture of their choosing, which tells a story of a time in their life when their faith had a meaningful impact.

As one of 10 finalists, Matthew was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and was invited to Sacred Heart Major Seminary to compete in a Grand Prize scholarship interview with three prizes awarded of \$6,000, \$4,500, or \$2,500. Matthew had a solid interview, with the judges stating how impressed they were with him: “It’s encouraging to know a young man like Matthew is a part of our Catholic community.”

Matthew has been invited back for a Mass during Catholic Schools Week, where he and the other nine finalists will be honored.

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.

“Books Are Fun”

Because of the “snow days” this week, the “Books Are Fun” display will remain up until Monday. Orders and payment need to be in the office by Monday noon; items will be delivered on Tuesday via your oldest “Crusader.”

Academic Olympics

The Academic Olympics is a local competition among the 5th-8th graders of the Blue Water Vicariate Catholic schools. Once a year, the schools gather at St Augustine School in Richmond on a Saturday morning. Teams or individuals from each grade level compete in math, problem solving, both humorous and serious prose and poetry presentations, and religion quiz bowl.

Our students have begun to prepare themselves. This year’s Olympics will be held on Saturday, February 23, with events scheduled from 9am to 1pm. Participants need not stay the entire day --their teachers can provide the schedule of events--but they do need to show up to register no later than 30 minutes prior to their first event. Dress code is “school uniform.”

5th-8th grade students interested in participating, or in need of more information, should contact their teachers. It’s a lot of fun, and a great way to “show off” their academic skills!

CAMPERS--

Don’t forget that your final payment and all of your camp paperwork is due to be turned in by the end of January!

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30am
on MONDAY’s
“CARNIVAL DAY”**

**Tomorrow’s lunch will be
what was scheduled for
Wednesday: pancakes or
stuffed crust
cheese pizza**



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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