



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.

February 14, 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**

Camp

Our campers have been enjoying winter fun: the weather system that iced us gave them a thick blanket of snow to play in. We are all looking forward to seeing the pictures!

The bus should be pulling in about 5:00 this afternoon as the final phase of the this year's camp outing. Please be sure your camper's ride is here.

This Crazy Weather!

Two more "snow days" this week. As long as everyone continues with their Google Classroom studies, we expect these days should not affect our June schedule!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for this month are Donna Oliphant of East China, Teresa Panser of Colujmbus Township and Leonard Verlinden of Harsens Island. Congratulations to all!

Mark Your Calendar...

- **CAMPERS RETURN about 5pm TODAY**
- F-M, Feb 15-18: midwinter break (no school)
- **Tu Feb 19: back to class**
- Sat. Feb 23: Academic Olympics at St. Augustine, Richmond
- **March 6: Ash Wednesday-- mass at 9am w/ Cardinal Mooney: church dress code**
- F March 8: mass as usual 9am
- **W. March 13: next "Early Release" day (students will leave at 12:50pm)**

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!

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW or MONDAY

(Midwinter break!)

Auction 2019

A million thanks to **Mrs. Tiffany Mensen (and Mr. Steve Mensen!)** Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera and Mrs. Stacey Earl for co-chairing last Saturday's Auction! Thanks, too, to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** and **Mrs. Patty Smith**, who directed decorating and desserts, **Mr. Nate Verellen** for chairing the raffles, **Ms Judy Beauvais** for handling credit cards, and **Mr. Gary Barr** for going above-and-beyond with set up, clean up and bartending.

Final figures aren't yet available, but there were nearly 200 happy auction-goers here Saturday, and all seemed to be having a great time.

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!

FINANCIAL AID for 2019-20

The Archdiocesan Grant application is ready: go to <https://online.factsmgt.com> and create an account or log into your existing FACTS account. You must be Catholic to be eligible for this grant.

Directions for applying for the grant are on the Holy Cross School website: <http://holycrossonline.net/2019/01/29/2019-20-archd-grant-application-information/>

Please note that you must also have your pastor's signature on the "Pastor's Signature Form" (which you'll find at the above address on the school website).

Application for the Archdiocesan Grant **is required** before applying for any "local" assistance (such as the Bartone grant). (Note: you don't necessarily have to **receive** the Archdiocesan grant to apply for Bartone assistance, but **you need to have applied for the AoD grant to be eligible for all other help.**)

Application(s) for local assistance are ready and available at the school office.

Boys' Basketball

The boys' varsity basketball team has been away at camp this week, but they return to action after mid-winter break on Wednesday, February 20 at home against St. Mary's-St. Clair. 6:30pm--all Crusader fans welcome!

A game has been added to the schedule: Monday, March 18, at St. Augustine School, 6:30pm.

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!

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 so much!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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Please Keep in Your Prayers

...Cardinal Mooney principal Mr. Jason Petrella and his family on the recent death of his father.

Open House

On Sunday, March 3, we are hosting our annual open house. This year we are planning a celebration of reading, with guest readers and various reading themes.

Older students will have the opportunity to act as tour guides, and parent volunteers will be on hand to welcome guest families and answer questions from their perspectives.

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.

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>

Next "Early Release" Day

Wednesday, March 13, 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 then. **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.

OPEN HOUSE




**HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 3**
12:30 - 3:30 PM
618 South Water Street
Marine City, Michigan

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

- Meet teachers, staff, and student ambassadors
- Tour Holy Cross School
- Sign up for a Shadow Day
- Learn about tuition assistance

JOIN US!

ABOUT US:

Holy Cross Catholic School is a PreK-8 School in Marine City, MI. It is part of Our Lady on the River Parish and is connected to the Holy Cross Church building. Many students later go to Cardinal Mooney College Preparatory High School which is right next door.



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