



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 21, 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 seem to agree that Camp Leelanau is terrific! Mrs. Wade says there was never a dull moment: camp had activities planned for almost every waking minute. Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous views over Lake Michigan.



Mark Your Calendar...

- 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)**

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 been practicing to prepare themselves. This year's Olympics will be held this 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."



Here are our campers "singing for their supper!"

Left: the Holy Cross crew heads up the dunes-- while (right:) Rebecca learns to fall before learning to ski!



Auction 2019

A note from the auction chairperson:

"This year's Auction was a great success, thanks to the hard work of many people and the wonderful items donated by our families and friends. Thank you all!

"Many, many thanks go to my co-chairs **Jennifer Kuzera** and **Stacey Earl**: I am grateful for their hard work and dedication, as well as their friendship! A special thank you to my husband, Steve, for not only his labor but for putting up with having a part-time wife for most of the last month! I would be remiss in not mentioning **Laura Bailey**, who made the awesome decorations, and **Stacy Goulette** for decorating and cleaning up after: thank you! Thank you, too, to **Gary Barr** for all his work in set up and cleanup, as well as spending the night tending the bar. A special thank you to the Holy Cross teachers for providing the appetizers, and to the Holy Cross students who helped.

"Thank you to these people who worked during setup, cleanup, and the auction itself: **Nate Verellen, James and Rebecca Moss, Laura Bailey** and her mother in law, **Debbie Bailey, Christine Campbell, Judy Beauvais, Patty Smith, Pieter and Janine Winne, Melanie Marlatt, Grandma Audrey, LeeAnne Morelli, Jackie Marshall, Margaret Path, Pat and Pam LaBelle** and **Michael Shmina**.

"The Auction was a lot of work, but a lot of fun, too. If you're thinking about your service credits for 2019-20, please consider helping out with next year's Auction! See you at Auction 2020!"

--Auction Chairperson Tiffany Mensen

Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball team hosted St. Mary' St. Clair last night, and played an exciting game! They play again tonight, hosting IC at 7:30: although help will be needed for the non-HC JV game at 6:30pm that will be played here (please call or text Stacy to offer your help!). All Crusader fans welcome!

Next week they play on Wednesday at SMMCA 6:30pm (playing at St Edward on-the-Lake parish center).

Lenten Fish Frys

With Ash Wednesday on March 6, the first of this year's fish frys will be on Friday, March 8.

Parents who are working the fish frys will need to arrive at the St Catherine (Algonac) activity center by 3pm on that day. If you still need service credits, only fish frys and bingos are left. To sign up to work, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office.

The fish fry team is hoping the parish's bakers will help with desserts! They will be looking for donations of single-serving-sized desserts (cupcakes, brownies, cookies).

Wintry Weather

Hooray: no snow days so far this week! Just a reminder that Holy Cross closes whenever East China School District cancels classes in all of its schools due to inclement weather. (With many young drivers coming often relatively great distances, Cardinal Mooney decides its own closings: families without CMC students may ignore CMC closing notifications!)

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 local help.**)

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

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.

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!

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!

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. If you are interested in serving in either of these capacities, please contact Dr Wagner.

Wednesday Bingos are now at the St Catherine Activity Center!

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>

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!

Congratulations!

...to the **DeVeny family** on the birth of Nina Marie! Mom and baby are fine.

Yearbook

It's time to order your 2018-19 Holy Cross yearbook! The yearbook is soft-bound and contains 28 full-color pages. (very similar to yearbooks from the past few years). Cost remains \$15/book **by pre-order only**--you'll find an order form in this newsletter. Orders need to be in the school office **by Friday, March 15**.

"100th Day"

Our lower el hallways celebrated the 100th day of school with a fashion show! Each student decorated a T-shirt with 100 of something, and then hit the "catwalk" modeling their original designs:



Problem Solving

Mrs. Wade's fifth and sixth graders worked on solving "real world" problems this week. On this day, their problem was to transform newspaper and a few popsicle sticks into a creation that would keep a ping pong ball in motion on a tabletop:



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.



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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ORDER YOUR 2018-19 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books are expected to be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students' names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

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