

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 7, 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.

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SCRIP office hours: Mondays and Fridays 7-9am Mondays; 5-7pm; and Wednesdays 1-3pm Patty Smith

This Crazy Weather!

Yet another "snow day." Students are reminded to work on their Google classroom assignments and their individual learning plan work.

Camp

ALL camp bills should be paid by now, and all paperwork turned in as well. If your camper takes medication routinely, please turn that in tomorrow at the school office with instructions on dosing. Campers will need to be at school at the regular time on Monday: the bus will leave REGARDLESS of any "snow day" declarations!

Leelanau Outdoor Center has a souvenir store: you can preview it at https://locprograms.org/parentteachers/ loc-store/

Mail to campers is permitted: be sure to allow a few days for it to arrive! Address mail to (Camper name)/Holy Cross, Leelanau Outdoor Center, 1653 Port Oneida Road, Maple City MI 49664.

Mark Your Calendar...

- 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 Kindergartners
- 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: church dress code
- F March 8: mass as usual 9am
- W. March 13: next "Early Release" day (students will leave at 12:50pm)

"Carnival Day"

As you know, students from all the Blue Water Vicariate schools gathered here at the Holy Cross/Cardinal Mooney campus on Tuesday for a day of fun and fellowship. Thank you to Mr. Petrella and the staff of CMC for organizing the gathering.

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!

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.

Auction 2019

This year's auction will be held in the Activity Center this **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 deckof-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.

50-50 raffle tickets are available now! See Mrs Steinmetz in the school office.

ALL 50-50 tickets need to be turned in at school before the end of the day Friday.

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. Contact Tiffany or Jen, or get your tickets tomorrow at school!

To Schedule Bingo Shifts:

You are NEEDED! To see what days and shifts are available go to: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/</u> <u>d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0_</u> <u>OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed</u>

> Holy Cross on Facebook: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.comholycrosscat <u>holicmc/</u>

Academic Olympic/

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 <u>https://</u> <u>online.factsmgt.com</u> 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 will be ready soon.

Boys' Basketball

The boys' varsity basketball team lost its season opener on Monday in a thrilling, heart-breaking battle against MCA, 48-47 in overtime. Kyle Miotke electrified the crowd with a school record 41 points, including a 3-pointer as time expired to send the game to overtime. Bryce Schocker, Jimmy Downey, and Matt Zammit chipped in with scores offensively. The team battled back from a 12-point, fourth-quarter deficit to force the extra period. Devin Allam, David Marshall, and Isaac Zammit keyed the defense during the Crusaders' furious comeback.

The team returns to action after midwinter break on Wednesday, February 20 at home against St. Mary's-St. Clair. 6:30pm--all Crusader fans welcome!

Vision and Hearing Screenings For Next Year's Kindergartners

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.

Student Highlights

...for January:

Preschooler **Eli Gryszkiewicz** is an energetic child who enjoys playing with the blocks, cars and magnets, among other things in our room. He gets along well with his peers and is always willing to try new things. One of Eli's favorite animals is dogs. He has one as a pet. Eli also enjoys "Paw Patrol" books and programs.

Kindergartner **Shelby Zech** is also very energetic and cooperative. Shelby enjoys doing the work that is expected of her, and is willing to help other classmates when help is needed. Shelby has fun playing games, building with the blocks, and practicing reading with her friends. She also has two older brothers who attend Holy Cross.

Dominic DeVeny is a very sweet third grade student. I can always count on Dominic to be up to date with current events and birthdays within our school community. Dominic is a great speller, reader, and mathematician. His favorite animal is a dog and he also loves Pokemon. Recently, Dominic memorized the entire theme song of Pokemon and is very proud!

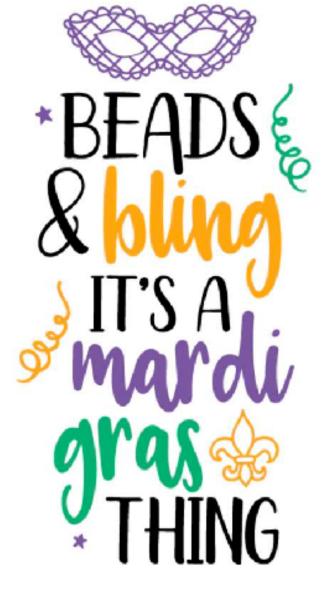
Fourth grader **Dylan Davenport** is a talented young actor. Dylan is creative, imaginative and funny. He is a wonderful reader, speller, and leader in our classroom. Recently, Dylan has sparked an interest in boxing and loves watching "Rocky"! He shares his joy of acting, drawing, and spiritual beliefs with everyone in our classroom.

Lylah Schaening is a very compassionate, caring fifth grader who tries very hard to do her best. She has

an infectious smile and is always willing to help. Lylah sees the best in everyone and is a great friend to have, because she sees you for who you are.

Sixth grader **Olivia Ogden** is a hard-working young lady who isn't afraid to face a challenge. Olivia is very active with extracurricular activities, and is able to participate in them without hindering her ability to maintain excellent academic success. She is very helpful and is one of the first to step up and do what is needed without being asked.

Eighth grader **Olivia Kalbaugh** enjoys reading poetry from Edgar Allan Poe. She also enjoys all different genres of music. Olivia has 4 brothers and 3 sisters, and lives in St Clair with her family. This is Olivia's first year at Holy Cross, and we are very excited that she is with us. When I asked Olivia what she would like to do as a career choice, she said she would like to study law. Olivia is a very intelligent young lady and treats others with respect. I love to see Olivia smile and laugh. It is a blessing to have Olivia in my homeroom this year. Joey Fajardo's favorite subjects in school are ELA and math. When Joey is not in school he enjoys going to the gym to work out and play "Fortnite." Joey's favorite book is The Hunger Games and his favorite movie is Lights Out. After graduating from Holy Cross, Joey will attend St Clair High School. Joey's favorite sort is football. Joey has a wonderful sense of humor and he has very good intuition. Joey is very intelligent and I am happy to have Joey in my homeroom class this year.



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

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TICKETS

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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