



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.

March 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

The SCRIP office will be closed Good Friday-Easter Monday (April 19-22), and will re-open on Wednesday, April 24.

Hungry Howie \$10 fundraiser cards are still available: they are at both the SCRIP desk and the school office.

Re-registration Packets

A re-registration packet for 2019-20 was prepared for your family and sent home a couple weeks ago with your oldest 2019-20 "Crusader." Remember: if you complete your registration before the end of April, there is a discount (\$75/student) in the registration fee!

End of the Third Quarter

...is tomorrow! Report cards will go home with students next Friday, March 29.

Survey and Town Hall Meeting

Parents: with the goal of making our little school the best it can be--please return your survey to Fr. Terrien, as he requested, **by tomorrow.** Thank you! **(The "Town Hall" meeting scheduled for March 27 has been canceled.)**

Mark Your Calendar...

- **Tomorrow: end of 3rd quarter**
- M-F, March 25-29: no East China buses
- **F March 29: report cards go home**
- M April 1: East China buses resume their runs
- **W April 10: PLC Early Release day (students will be dismissed at 12:50pm)**
- F April 12: no pm East China buses
- **W April 17: last day before Easter break**
- April 18-28: no school--Easter break

FINANCIAL AID for 2019-20

Application for the Archdiocesan Grant must be made online: to apply go to: <https://online.factsmgt.com>. You can log into your existing FACTS account. (or create a new one, if you don't already have one). You must be Catholic to be eligible for this grant.

Directions for applying for the grant are on the Holy Cross School website (under the "documents" tab) at <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).

Archdiocesan grant applications need to be submitted and complete before the end of April.

We also have "local" help available (such as the Bartone grant): applying for the Archdiocesan Grant **is required** before applying for any "local" assistance. (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.**) Get an application form for this "local" aid at the school office (they're due in May).

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Lenten Fish Frys

Join your family and friends for a good Lenten meal at tomorrow's fish fry! Meals (fried OR baked fish, baked potatoes or French fries, mac & cheese, and sides and dessert) will be served from 4-7pm (or until they run out of food) and the St. Catherine (Algonac) activity center.

Volunteers are needed to work at the remaining fish frys. If you still need service credits for the 2018-19 school year, **only fish frys and bingos are left.** To sign up to work, please contact Jessica Smith at lylahmae528@gmail.com.

Students who would like to help are encouraged to contact Ms Smith to be scheduled. Students in 4th grade or younger who would like to help will need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

The fish fry team is hoping the parish's bakers will help with desserts. They are accepting donations of single-serving-sized desserts (cupcakes, brownies, cookies), which can be dropped off by Friday mornings at the school office.

To Schedule Wednesday Bingo Shifts:

You are **NEEDED!** To see what days and shifts are available through the end of April, go to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit?ts=5b2c13ed>

Wednesday bingos are now at St Catherine's Activity Center.

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!

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

Spring Cleaning

Our fifth and sixth graders took advantage of a warm day last week to start spring cleanup of the Holy Cross campus: It looks better already--thank you!



Boys' Basketball

The boys' varsity basketball team suffered a 48-23 loss at league-leading St. Augustine to conclude its regular season. **Kyle Miotke** led all scorers with 19 points. **Bryce Schocker**, **Matt Zammit**, and **Devin Allam** closed out the scoring for the Crusaders. The team's third-place finish places them in a tournament semi-final match-up with host St. Mary's--St.Clair on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. All fans are welcomed to attend and cheer the Crusaders on to the championship!!

--Coach Downey

Healthy Youth Coalition

St. Clair County Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) data identify the need for a new community youth prevention coalition. Substance use is at the root of many societal concerns, such as not graduating, behavioral issues, truancy, violence, or family problems. Other communities around Michigan and the nation have adopted prevention coalitions leading to positive outcomes. Three planning sessions are scheduled to bring community members together to help map out strategies to improve the health of our youth. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact the school office.

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 much!

NO EAST CHINA BUSES NEXT WEEK!

Mumps!

The St Clair County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have confirmed probable travel-related mumps in two St Clair County adults and one school-aged child. Mumps is a viral infection that primarily affects the parotid (salivary) glands; contagion period begins most likely 3-7 days before symptoms appear, and the incubation period ranges from 14-25 days.

Invitations and Info from PTO:

1. Rescheduled! The snowed-out "Donuts with Dad" and "Muffins with Mom" get-togethers--Dads: please come May 1 and Moms: May 7 (both 7-7:30am).
2. Flower sale: order info will go home soon--in time for Mothers' Day (May 10). Order for yourself or Mom--gift cards will also be available, so Mom can choose exactly what she wants.
3. Next meeting April 9, 6:30pm, in the Fine Arts Building. Looking for more volunteers!
4. Field Day is quickly approaching: I would love to hear your fun outdoor activity ideas AND I am seeking volunteers. Please contact me at becky-bryson123@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much for all you do!--
Becky Bryson, PTO

Thank You!!

...to **Renton Gadzinski** for the calculators he donated to our math program!--
Mrs. Wade
...to **Mrs. Marilynn Pavlov** for a book she donated to our library.

"Read In" Day!

Students (OK: and teachers!) look forward to Read In Day all year! It's a treat to build forts and lounge about with favorite companions (our friends and our books):

