



# 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 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](http://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**

Hungry Howie fundraiser cards are still available. If every HC family were to sell or purchase 3 cards, the PTO would earn about \$1200! You can get your cards during your next visit to the SCRIP desk; Mrs Steinmetz also has a small supply of them at the school office.

*Welcome!*

Second graders **Emma Mensen** and **Alex Path** were welcomed into the church at their Professions of Faith Monday evening. Congratulations to all the second graders who celebrated their First Reconciliations Monday night, as well: may your hearts remain as pure and welcoming to our Lord as they were at that moment!



## Mark Your Calendar...

- F March 8: mass as usual 9am, with food drive for parish pantry
- **Tu March 12: PTO meets 6:30pm in the teachers' room**
- W. March 13: next "Early Release" day (students will leave at 12:50pm)
- **Th March 21: NO CAFETERIA service: everyone needs to bring lunch and drink from home; "Read In" day!**
- F March 22: end of 3rd quarter
- **M-F, March 25-29: no East China buses**
- F March 29: report cards go home

## Open House

We were blessed with fine weather on Sunday, and were grateful that the snow held off until the Open House was over! Student ambassadors: you did a great job as "tour guides" for our guests! Thank you, too, to the parents and other adults who were here. Special thanks to **Ms. Trish Babel** for coordinating the refreshments, and to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera** and **Mrs. Patti Allam** for manning the Book Fair.



## Next "Early Release" Day

Next **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. Feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

*Congratulations!*

...to eighth grader **Jimmy Downey** for placing in the top 100 National Geography Geographic Bee competitors in the state of Michigan this year! Jimmy (the only St Clair County student so honored!) advances to the state-level competition at Western Michigan University at the end of March. Congratulations, Jimmy, and best wishes at the next level!

...and to sixth grader **Rebecca Shmina**, whose dance troupe from Mainstage performed at The Rainbow Dance Competition in Walled Lake over the weekend; Rebecca's group received Double Platinum for the show and came in second place in their category for "Double Bubble Duchess."

## Re-registration Packets

A re-registration packet for 2019-20 was prepared for current families and sent home last Thursday with their oldest 2019-20 "Crusader." If you complete your registration before the end of April, there is a discount in the registration fee.

## Lenten Fish Frys

The first of this year's fish frys will be tomorrow, 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 for the 2018-19 school year, only fish frys and bingos are left.** To sign up to work, please contact **Jessica Smith** c/o the church or school office.

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.

**PTO NEXT MEETS on Tuesday,  
March 12 at 6:30pm in the  
Holy Cross teachers' room  
All are welcome!**

### 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](mailto:help@holycrossonline.on.spiceworks.com).

### FINANCIAL AID for 2019-20

The Archdiocesan Grant application is ready: go to <https://online.factsmgmt.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 (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).

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.

### 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 below. **Orders need to be in the school office by NEXT Friday, March 15.**

**NO CAFETERIA SERVICE**  
**on Thursday, March 21--**  
**everyone will need to bring**  
**lunch & drink from home that day.**

### 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!

### 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>

**Wednesday bingos**  
**are now at the St Catherine**  
**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](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net). Thanks!

### "Read In" Day!

Thursday, March 21, will be our annual "Read In" day! Students may wear comfy clothes and spend the day with their favorite books. (Students: remember that you must be able to carry whatever you choose to bring!)

### Do You Like Them, Sam-I-Am?

In honor of Reading Month and Dr. Seuss's birthday, our Kindergarten and preschool students enjoyed a Seussical breakfast of "Green Eggs and Ham!"



"We do SO love them, Sam-I-Am!!"

## 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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## Student Highlights

...for February:

**Noah Johnson** and **Lucas Chipman** are well liked by their preschool peers, and they get along well with everyone. They are both the youngest children in their families, and both are new to our Holy Cross family. Liking "Super Heroes" is also something they have in common: Lucas's favorite is Batman! He also enjoys playing with "Hot Wheels," and he's really interested in animals. Noah enjoys looking at books, playing with Play-doh and puzzles, building with blocks, and swimming. Their personalities help make the classroom environment energetic and happy.

Third grader **CJ Pennington-Clark** is an inspiring child actor! He recently attended the premiere of *Dragnet of Spies* at the Emagine Theater. At school he is a math whiz. He enjoys spreading kindness and helping other students. Recently he read the *Prayers of the Faithful* at mass and did an incredible job. CJ is especially close with his family. He spends quality time with his mom, aunts, grandparents, and cousins. Just last month he, his cousins, and grandparents took a trip to Walt Disney World!

**Gabe Lomasney** has been a student at Holy Cross since preschool! Gabe loves to read *Captain Underpants* books and draw comic books. He is also really good at cursive writing and spelling. This past fall, he participated on the cross country team and overcame a big obstacle in his running. Like any fourth grade boy, he enjoys his time online, Fortnite dances, and he loves animals. Keep up the hard work in 4th grade Gabe!

Fifth grader **Katie Kowalewski** is a sweet young lady with a kind heart. She does her best to help others and is always willing to offer kind words of encouragement. Katie shows compassion for others and has a true Christian heart.

Sixth grader **Conor Guyor** is a nice young man with great leadership skills. Conor is outgoing with a good sense of humor, but knows when it is time to focus on the task at hand. He is helpful to others and is often the first to volunteer.

**Isaac Zammit** is an outstanding young man with excellent manners. He's a hard-working seventh grader whose favorite subject is history. Isaac isn't a big gamer, but he does enjoy the occasional game of *Call of Duty*. When he's an adult, Isaac would like to be a United States Marine.

Eighth grader **Maggie Bartholomew** has been in our Holy Cross family since the beginning of her seventh grade year. Maggie enjoys cheerleading, volleyball, drawing, and anything artistic. She loves dogs and koala bears. Maggie's favorite subject in school is math. When Maggie gets older she would like to travel around the world because she enjoys adventure. If Maggie could travel anywhere in the world at this time she would visit Paris, France. Maggie would like to attend Notre Dame college. Maggie has a very magnetic personality and she is very bubbly. I enjoy seeing Maggie every day! She always has a smile on her face and little kids absolutely love her. Maggie is like sunshine to me! **Joe Morelli** has been with us since the fourth grade. Joe has a cottage on Harsens Island and spends much of his time in the water staying wet when it is hot outside. Joe works at The Inn, The Old Club, and the School House Grill. Joe's favorite subject in school is ELA. When Joe is not in school he likes to hang out with his best friend, Joey Fajardo. He likes to eat and take naps. Joe will start drivers' training in June. Joe is a very kind and caring young man who likes to make his teachers happy, especially Ms Johnson. Joe's teachers will miss him very much when he moves on to high school.

## Boys' Basketball

**Kyle Miotke's** free throw with 17 seconds left in the game propelled the boys' varsity basketball team to a stirring 35-34 victory at McCormick Catholic Academy last Thursday! The Crusaders avenged a season-opening overtime loss in an exciting back and forth affair that saw several fourth quarter lead changes. **Matt Zammit** gave the team the lead in the final minute, scoring on a driving lay-up on a feed from **Jimmy Downey** before MCA fought back, setting the stage for **Miotke's** heroics. **Miotke** took game scoring honors with 25. **Devin Allam** added six points and **Matt Zammit** four for the winners. **Allam, Cole Tite, and Bryce Schocker** led a tremendous rebounding effort that helped limit MCA below their season scoring average. The Crusaders played in St. Clair on Monday, falling to St. Mary's 48-32. The Spartans hit nine three-point baskets in the contest, providing their margin of victory. **Kyle Miotke** led all scorers with 21. **Devin Allam** had a double-double, with a ten point, eleven rebound performance. **Isaac Zammit** closed out the Crusaders' scoring with a made free throw. **Conor Guyor** earned his first-career start and, along with **Evan Jacobs**, provided aggressive perimeter defense. The Crusaders are in action tonight at home against MCA, in another rematch of what promises to be a thrilling game. All Crusaders' fans are invited to attend!

Next week brings home games on the 11th and the 13th--we'll be looking for parents to help with admissions and concessions. The last game of the season will be at St. Augustine's on Monday, March 18: it will begin at **7:30pm** (instead of 6:30 as originally scheduled).