

# 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.

May 2, 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

## Next "Early Release" Day

Next **Wednesday, May 8, is our next (and last) "Early Release" day** this school year. **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.

## Congratulations, First Communicants!

Congratulations to our second graders, who will be receiving their First Holy Communion with their families this weekend. May God's peace and love blaze in your hearts as they do this weekend for the rest of your lives!

## Registration

Registrations are being accepted for the 2019-20 school year. Fees (and Chromebook insurance) are due at registration; the first 10% tuition payment is due at the end of May.

## Mark Your Calendar...

- Archd. Grant application was due Tuesday; local financial aid applications are due May 31
- Tomorrow, May 3: no Chartwells: pizza lunch; first track meet
- **W May 8: "Muffins with Moms" 7am cafeteria; student "Early Release" dismissal at 12:50pm**
- M May 13: Cyber Safety Initiative presentations grades K-8
- **Tu May 14: all sports awards dinner 5:15 cafeteria; PTO meets 6:30pm at the Brysons'**
- W May 22: after lunch, PTO's "Field Day"
- **F-M May 24-27: Memorial Day weekend--no school**
- Tu May 28: back to class
- **Sunday June 2: Holy Cross-Cardinal Mooney Alumni Association annual brunch**
- Tu June 4: (after noon) Talent Show and Drama production
- **W June 5: last day for pre-school; 8th grade graduation at 9am mass**
- F June 7: last day of school for K-7 (dress down); NJHS pizza lunch; awards about 11:45am with dismissal after

## FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-20

Archdiocesan grant applications **were due before the end of April!** Hope yours was in on time!!

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**): there's a lot of help available: but you have to **APPLY!**

## 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)

## Sports Awards Dinner

Students who were on any Holy Cross sports team this year, along with their families, are invited to this year's sports awards dinner. It will be held on **Tuesday, May 14**, in the cafeteria: doors open at 5:15, dinner begins (promptly) at 5:30, and awards will come after.

The Booster Club will provide pizza and salad (and tableware); families are asked to bring a dessert and a 2-liter bottle of soda to share.

So that we can order enough pizza for everyone, we need to know how many we'll be feeding! **All athletes' families are asked to RSVP by next Tuesday, May 7 to Mrs Steinmetz in the office with the number in your family who will be attending--thank you!**

## Pizza Lunch Tomorrow

No Chartwell's tomorrow! Instead, we're having Hungry Howie's pizza. Your lunch order includes a large slice (1/8 of a large pie) of pepperoni pizza, a drink and fruit..

Orders and payment were due yesterday--you are welcome, of course, to bring your own lunch and drink from home. (As always--if you've paid in advance for a special lunch and then have to call in sick, your order will be pulled and your payment returned to you.)

## Online Tutoring

Parents interested in tutoring for their student may want to check out this website for online tutoring:

<https://www.etutorworld.com/4th-grade-online-tutoring.html>

Tutoring is available in math, science, English and social studies, and students are assigned a consistent tutor.

## Too Early!

We love them! And the fact that they are so eager to get to school!--but, parents: to give their teachers time to get ready for them, please **do not drop your students off before 7:10.**

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## Track

Practices continue every day after school: athletes should attend at least 3 of the 5 practices each week. Thank you to **Kristi Tite** for helping monitor practices!

Meets are scheduled for the first three Fridays of May, with the first one tomorrow evening. They will take place at the track on Ward Street between Marine City High School and the Lions Club building. Competitions will start at 5pm; athletes need to be at the track by 4:30. Go, Crusaders!!

Each of the participating schools has an assigned duty at the meets. Holy Cross will staff and maintain the long jump pit. No experience needed!--please contact **Coach Guldmond** to offer a hand! Many thanks to **Christine** and **Annalise Schocker**, who have already volunteered their help!!

## *Eighth Grade Class Trip*

Our eighth graders are preparing for their class trip to Chicago. They'll be leaving in the wee hours of May 21 and returning in the dark on the 23rd. We know it will be a great send-off during their last weeks together as Crusaders!

## May Crowning

Yesterday, the school body gathered for a May crowning in the school. After a song, a prayer and a reading, Scarlett Scott crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother at the front of school:



## "Donuts with Dads"

Yesterday morning, our dads had a chance to rub elbows and enjoy a little early morning snacking (thank you to the PTO for sponsoring!):



## Cyber Safety Initiative

On Monday, May 13, a representative from the office of Michigan's attorney general will be at Holy Cross with the state's "OK2SAY" student safety programs. Topics covered are geared to students in each presentation's targeted age group. A "parent notification and opt-out option" letter was sent home with each K-8 student on Tuesday. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this program, please complete and sign the opt-out form and return to your child's teacher BY MAY 10.

## School Committee--

The May meeting has been canceled. The next School Committee meeting will be on June 4 at 6pm.

## Field Day

PTO's "Field Day" is coming up soon!--on Wednesday, May 22. They are looking for volunteers! Please call or text Becky Bryson for more info or to offer to help.

## VG's Receipts / Box Tops for Education

We're almost halfway to our third \$1000! 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...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact Paul Burger c/o the parish office.

## Financial Aid.....

Important things to remember! When you are applying for Holy Cross financial aid...

1. you must have applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's grant first;
2. you can get the Holy Cross financial aid application at the school office;
3. you must work your 12 "service credits" (and not opt to pay for them);
4. you must attach a copy of your Archdiocesan grant application;
5. you must attach a copy of your 2018 US 1040 tax return; and
6. your application must be completed and in the school office **by May 31.**

If you have any questions about financial aid (or any other school matter!), please contact the school office (810.765.3591).



## St. Clair Community Singers

## Spring Concert

Sunday May 5, 2019  
4pm

First Congregational Church

Adams at Third Street  
St Clair

Free admission  
(free will offerings accepted)

Director: Jo-Anne Wilkie  
Accompanist: Carole Lohr



# ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

St. Clair County Health Department  
3425 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

April 18, 2019

Dear School Students, Families, and Staff,

With the current measles outbreak in Southeastern Michigan growing quickly, and several measles outbreaks nationwide, the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) would like to provide some information about this serious disease. SCCHD is committed to protecting the community from vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and follows guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Measles is a highly contagious virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person; it is passed to others by coughing and sneezing, as well as by contact with a contaminated surface or object. The measles virus will live in the air and on objects for 2 hours, infecting 90% of unprotected people even after the 1 person has left the room. Symptoms develop about 7-14 days after exposure, but can take up to 21 days. The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, along with a runny nose, red eyes, cough and sore throat. 3-5 days after these symptoms, a rash will appear that begins on the face and moves down to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet. **"If symptoms of measles develop, please do not visit your healthcare provider or emergency room without calling ahead first! It is important that precautions are taken to prevent others from becoming exposed!"**

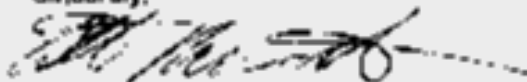
There is no treatment for measles, but there is a way to prevent it: the combination measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. This safe and effective vaccine has been available since 1971. Children need two doses of MMR—one dose at 12-15 months and another dose at 4-6 years. Teens and adults should also be up to date on their MMR vaccination.

It is important to note that even one case of measles in a daycare or school will prompt SCCHD to exclude all individuals, including staff and volunteers, who are not protected from measles either through vaccination or previous history of having had the disease. **This exclusion will last for 21 days after the last case has been identified**, as that is the length of time it can take to develop symptoms after exposure to the virus.

We understand the educational and practical challenges of students missing school for several weeks and therefore encourage all families to consider vaccination before exclusion becomes necessary as a disease control measure.

For more information about the MMR vaccine or to find additional information about measles, please see our website at [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co). To schedule a vaccination appointment, please contact your healthcare provider or SCCHD at 810-667-5300.

Sincerely,



Annette Mercante MD MPH  
Medical Health Officer

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Website: [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co)

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday - Closed

Emergency: 810-667-5300

After Hours: 810-667-5300

24-Hour: 810-667-5300

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