



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 9, 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

Congratulations, First Communicants!

Congratulations to our second graders--**Paige Arlow, Andrew Earl, Emma Mensen, Alex Path, and Blake Schocker**--who received their First Communion last weekend. May God bless each of you always!

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.

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-20

We are fortunate in having local financial aid 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 May 31**): there's a lot of help available: but you have to **APPLY!**

Mark Your Calendar...

- **Local financial aid applications are due May 31**
- **Tomorrow: food drive for parish pantry at 9am mass**
- **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'**
- **Tu-Th, May 21-23: 8th grade class trip to Chicago**
- **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 preschool; 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**

Flower Pickup

Flowers from the PTO's recent sale will be available for pickup in the parking lot across from the rectory at 2:45 on Friday. Thanks to all who participated!

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 **NEXT Tuesday, May 14**, in the cafeteria: doors open at 5:15, dinner starts 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 were asked to RSVP by May 7 to Mrs Steinmetz in the office with the number in your family who will be attending--if you haven't phoned in your response yet, please do that today!**

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.

Nonperishable Food Drive

Tomorrow will be our last opportunity of the school year to help stock the parish's food pantry at Friday's mass. Our hungry neighbors will be depending on the pantry throughout the summer, too: please be as generous as you can with nonperishable food donations. Thank you!

Track

Practices continue every day (Monday-Thursday) from 3-4pm: athletes should attend at least 3 of the 5 practices each week. (No practice next Tuesday: awards dinner.) Thank you to **Jen Kuze- ra, Amanda Lomasney, Michele Bartholomew, Matt Zammit** and **Kristi Tite** for helping coach or monitor practices!

Last Friday was the first meet. HC scorers at the first meet were:

Rebecca Goulette won 1st place in shot put; **Bryce Schocker** was 2nd in shot; **Emma Lomasney** came in 2nd in 100m, 1st in 200m and 3rd in long jump; **Audrina Guldemand** was 3rd in long jump; **David Marshall** was 1st in 100m, 3rd in shot and 2nd in long jump; **Joe Fajardo** was 1st in shot, 1st in long jump and 2nd in 100m; **Cole Tite** came in 3rd in the mile; **Isaac Zammit** was 3rd in 800m and 4th in mile; and **Matt Zammit** was 2nd in both the 800 and the mile.

The second meet is tomorrow evening 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 Guldemand** to offer a hand! Many thanks to **Christine and Analise Schocker, Laura Bailey, Joe Somma** and **Michele Bartholomew** for their help at the meets!!

"Muffins with Moms"

Yesterday morning, the cafeteria swarmed with moms! Many thanks to the PTO for providing this opportunity for meeting and "networking."

Cyber Safety Initiative

Next 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 TOMORROW MORNING.

Hatching Eggs

A representative from MSU's Extension Offices visited Mrs. Wade's science classes last week. She spoke about incubating bird eggs. Fifth grader **Lylah Schaening** and her family had arranged for duck eggs to be delivered to school. They are being cuddled in an incubator, which maintains (with some human intervention) the correct temperature that they need to hatch. The children are excited to see the babies--which should emerge from their shells near the end of the month.

Outdoor Art

Mrs. Arnold and Mr. Cherry took classes outside on Monday to draw from nature. Some students even thought to use things in nature to provide colors for their artwork (yellow dandelions, green grass).

Middle School Chefs

The middle schoolers continue to learn about the science of cooking!

Eighth graders mixed and baked cookies last week (so how does simply adding heat turn a bowl of raw glop into those delights we know as chocolate chip cookies?). This week, seventh graders grilled cheeseburgers--the aromas filled the middle school hallway and made everyone hungry! (In learning about cooking, these students are learning to take care of themselves.)



Field Day

PTO's "Field Day" is May 22. Please call Becky Bryson for more info or to offer to help.

Student Highlights

..for April:

Asher Lindow is new to Holy Cross this year. He is a "high energy" preschooler who enjoys interacting with all his classmates. Asher often tells stories about his grandfather's tractor. He also likes reading books and playing cars.

Lacey Scott is another preschooler new to Holy Cross this year. Lacey is always willing to color and paint. Her favorite cartoon characters are the Paw Patrol. She and Asher are the best of buddies and spend much time interacting with each other. **Arianna McCracken** is our newest Kindergarten member. She recently moved to the area from Texas. Arianna has blended well with her classmates! All of these children help to make my job as the Prekindergarten/Kindergarten teacher enjoyable and exciting!

First grader **Joshua Jacobs** is a human calculator! His favorite food is pizza. When Josh grows up, he would like to be a police officer so he can chase bad guys. In his free time, he likes to play with the chains. Josh's favorite part of school is gym. Josh is quite a jokester, and he's also a great problem solver.

Blake Schocker is a hard worker and a kind friend to all the second graders. Some day Blake would like to be a police officer, and maybe even a Blue Angel pilot. His favorite subject is science, and when he's not in school you could find Blake playing outside on his four wheeler. With his hard work ethic Blake will surely do GREAT things in the future! **Chad Wesch** is new to our Holy Cross family this year, and he makes a great addition to our second grade class. Chad's favorite part of school is gym class with Mr. Middleton. Chad loves the extra recesses we can earn for finishing all our work. When Chad is not playing "hard" he loves to play "Hungry Shark" on his dad's tablet.

Micah Arlow is the fourth grade's cat lover! In the last 2 years, I have learned so much about his beloved pet "Ziggy." Micah has a love for learning and enjoys a challenge. Currently Micah is running on the track team, and really enjoying it. In addition, he recently was trained as an altar server and does a great job. Outside of school, Micah enjoys being the oldest of 4 children. He helps his mom out around the house, by entertaining his youngest brother Jonah. Lastly, he enjoys some free time by playing video games on his Wii. **Charles Zech** joined the Holy Cross family last year. His family moved from the sunshine state to the Motor City. Every time it snows, I think of him because he enjoys the Michigan winters. Charles runs track, and ran cross country as well. He enjoys sports and loves gym class. Charles is funny and smart: he enjoys a good math challenge and makes many wonderful connections with the stories we read in class. He is a very generous boy!! Often he wins a prize in our class auction and graciously gives it to another student.

Evan Jacobs is an intelligent young man who is always willing to help and will often step up without being asked. He can show great compassion and a true Christian attitude. Evan is very energetic and has many friends. **Brennen DeMeulenaere** is one of the new inductees into the NJHS this year. He has many leadership qualities and the ability to think through any problem. Many students look up to him, and he is a good friend to many. **Collin Kloss** is a creative and innovative sixth grader who shows great skill at design. He has the ability to accomplish anything he sets his mind to. I have seen a great maturity emerge since he first joined us last year.

Seventh grader **Allison Kuzera** is an eclectic young lady who is active in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball and track. Her favorite food is asparagus. Allison enjoys the company of animals and plays piano, harmonica, and ukulele. **Gemma Downey** is also active at school--also on the cheer, volley and track teams. Gemma (like her brother) is a bit of a geography whiz! She loves a juicy cheeseburger, and is a big fan of Sponge Bob: her favorite character is Larry the Lobster.

Eighth grader **Taylor Marlatt's** favorite subject in school is math. Outside of school, Taylor enjoys spending time at her cottage on Harsens Island, swimming, hanging out with friends, and listening to music. Taylor attends Cardinal Mooney for math and French II. Taylor would like to become a marine biologist and study aquatic animals. If Taylor could travel anywhere in the world it would be Bora Bora. Taylor has a wonderful sense of humor and is always very helpful and caring. I will miss seeing Taylor every day! **Devin Allam's** favorite subject in school is science. Outside of school, Devin enjoys playing soccer, basketball, hanging out with friends, and archery. Devin attends Cardinal Mooney for math and French II. Devin would like to become a professional soccer player for FC Barcelona. If Devin could travel anywhere in the world it would be to the Bahamas. Devin is always very considerate, understanding and supportive to his peers and teachers. Devin's smile is contagious and he always says things to make people feel loved and appreciated.