



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.

August 29, 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. OLR will host a "PGC" workshop on **Saturday, September 21**, from 8:30am-noon in the Holy Cross activity center.

When attending a "PGC" workshop, be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow latecomers to enter.

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 7-9am and 5-7pm,
Wednesdays 1-3pm and
Fridays 7-9am
Patty Smith

Were you among those smart families receiving SCRIP tuition credits last month? Not sure how to do it, or what it's all about?--contact Patty (above) or the school office for more information!

First Days of School

We've had a wonderful first week of school! We have been blessed with cool and comfortable weather as we've made new friends, rekindled old friendships,

and started to learn our new routines. Our year began Monday with morning prayer by the courtyard garden:



It was great to see all the parents who attended "Curriculum Night" on Tuesday! We try hard to communicate with you, and are pleased when folks listen!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Aug 30-M Sep 2: no school-- Labor Day weekend
- **Tu Sep 3: classes resume; East China buses start their runs**
- W Sep 11: "early dismissal." students will be dismissed at 12:50pm today

Thank You!!

....to all the parents who have volunteered to help with lunch supervision! Lunchtime would be a nightmare without your help--and you get to spend extra time with your (grand)children and their friends.

...to **Mrs. Janine Winne** for volunteering to coordinate sports concessions and workers this year! (When she calls to tell her it's your turn to help: just say "OK"!)

...to **Mrs. Deb Callahan** and **Ms. Jodi Farrand** (grandma and aunt to Conor and Liam Guyor) who spent countless hours this summer decorating bulletin boards and straightening out "The Blue Room!"

...to **Mr. Brian Chadra** for office supplies he donated to school.

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW or MONDAY--Labor Day Weekend
See you on Tuesday,
September 3.**

Important Papers and Forms

If you didn't pick it up at "Crusader Day" last Friday, a packet of important papers went home with your oldest "Crusader" on Monday. It contains this year's school handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches, Chromebooks and the school directory. Please read all carefully and respond appropriately. The signed forms must be returned to your child's teacher **by next Tuesday** (before Chromebooks are issued).

Texts From School

We attempted a "group text" this morning to remind students about mass today. Many texts didn't go through because the carrier wasn't entered. Please be sure to add your mobile carrier and phone number to your SchoolSpeak profile if you want to be able to receive texts.

Service Credits

Don't forget that you have until September 15 to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. Help is needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

We are still looking for lunch time helpers! You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: if you work, say, Mondays all year, that will give you two credits; if you opt to do ALL days, you will have earned all of your credits (and had lots of quality time with your children and their friends!).

Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days, by the day of the week (e.g., you might choose to work Wednesdays). Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check. For more info, please contact the school office--thank you!

Dress Code

Thank you all for working to respect our dress code. Our goal is to encourage a neat, professional, "uniform" look among our students without causing a financial burden to their families: you have shown this week that it can be done! (A reminder that our "Blue Room" is full of school-appropriate clothing that is FREE to Holy Cross School families.)

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for August: Sue Abel of Algonac, Norman Markel of Marine City and Jeannine Frye of East China. Thank you for supporting Holy Cross!!

East China Bus Riders:

Busing is available for residents of East China School District starting next Tuesday. Call the District's Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about your stop(s) and time(s).

Fall Sports

Girls (grades 6-8) started volleyball practice this week. We are pleased to announce that **Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera** has returned as their coach! Team members include sixth grader **Katie Kowalewski**; seventh graders **Ava DeVeny, Olivia Ogden, Skye Moss** and **Angie Winne**; and eighth graders **Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldemand** and **Allison Kuzera**. Our boys' and girls' (grades 5-8) cross country team has also started to practice. **Mr. and Mrs. Zammit** will head the coaching staff for that sport. (We are looking for helpers for the Zammits for a few days: contact them at practice for info.) Their team is composed of fifth graders **Micah Arlow, Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport** and **Gabriel Jacobs**; sixth graders **Katie Kowalewski, Kaden Remier** and **Lylah Schaening**; seventh graders **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeny, Olivia Ogden**; and eighth graders **Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker** and **Isaac Zammit**. Practices are expected to be held at East China Park from 3:30-4:30 Mondays through Thursdays. (No practice today or Monday!) Special thanks to **Mrs. Schocker** for her help to date with practice!

All school athletes need to have had a sports physical before participating in sports. Parents and doctor each complete parts of the form. A blank copy of the sports physical form was included in your family's "Summer Study Guide" packet. The form is also available on the school website: go to www.holycrossonline.net, choose the tab "about," then "athletics."

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinics" or the Health Department's "Teen Health" center. (And while you're there, you can check to be sure your immunizations are up to date!)

Parents of Athletes:

Our Booster Club pays all the expenses of our extracurricular sports program. Parents of athletes are expected to do their part by helping with admissions and concessions at home games at least twice during their child's season, and at least once during the volleyball tournament, which Holy Cross hosts. A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her to offer your help.

Substitute Teachers

We're always looking for substitute teachers to add to our list. If you know of anyone interested (a retired teacher, or other person with a bachelor's degree) ask them to contact Mrs. Davenport.

'SchoolSpeak' and Texting

Our online student information system, "SchoolSpeak," offers the capability of group texting families when we have special news or emergencies. To take advantage of this new ability, log in to your SchoolSpeak account and update your "profile." **Please note that the system needs both your cell number and the name of your carrier**, and you have the option of accepting only "emergency" texts. (The weekly newsletter will continue to arrive via email.)

Early Release" Day

As we did last year, we will dismiss school at 12:50pm for teacher meetings on several days during the school year. (All are already noted on our full-year calendar.) The first of those days will be **Wednesday, September 11. 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. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

VG's Receipts

We're more than 7/8 of the way 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 will continue to collect those receipts throughout the summer: they can be dropped off at the school office (or SCRIP office) when you're out and about, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of Holy Cross church. Thanks much!

"Box Tops for Education"

The "Box Tops for Education" program is changing! For years we've been asking you to clip the little "Box Tops for Education" tab on product packaging; the program has finally gone digital!

Instead of having to snip all those plastic or cardboard boxes, from now on you'll be able to scan your register receipt to submit all the "Box Tops" in that purchase. You just need to download the app to your smart phone.

(As long as you see "Box Tops" on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.)

For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbtf>.

Auction 2020

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

The Auction will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!)

"Special Persons' Day"

...will be September 20. Each student will be able to invite a special person to join him/her for the morning, beginning with mass. More info will follow from your child's teacher--just a "heads up"!

Eighth Graders and Confirmation

Eighth graders who are members of OLR parish are invited to prepare for a receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The two-year preparation will meet on select Sundays and begins Sep. 22.

Eighth graders from another Catholic parish may be able to do the prep at OLR, but they would need to check with the DRE at their home parish to make sure all the requirements for their preparation program are met. They are also welcome to receive the sacrament here at OLR, but they need to talk to their home parish pastor first.

Holy Cross eighth graders will be receiving information and registration forms in their Holy Cross religion classes--please ask your student for that info!

Spirit Wear

The PTO is sponsoring a "Spirit Wear" sale--ordering information is attached. Orders (and payments) need to be in by September 6--next Friday.

League of Catholic Women Scholarship Contest!

Details are attached to this newsletter. Entries are due in the school office before 3pm on Friday, September 13. Awards will be announced the next week, and the scholarship prizes will be credited to those families' FACTS accounts shortly thereafter.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/)

[www.facebook.com/holycrossc](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/)

[atholcmmc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/)

August-September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 25	August 26 First day of school! (No East China buses til Sept. 3)	August 27 "Curriculum Night" 6-8pm	August 28	August 29	August 30 Labor Day weekend-- no school today	August 31
SEP 1	2 No school: Labor Day	3 Classes resume (East China buses start running today) School Comm. meets 6pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 PTO meets 7:30am (FAB)	11 First "PLC" early re- lease day: dismissal at 12:50pm	12 First cross country meet 5:30 at Colum- bus Park	13	14
15 Volleyball games start at 6:30pm:	16 St A @ HC (tentative)	17 "Constitution Day"	18 HC @ IC (tentative)	19	20 "Special Persons' Day"	21 Cross country meet Bam Armada Wolcott Park (tentative)
22	23 HC @ MCA (tentative)	24	25 HC @ St A (tentative)	26 Cross country meet 4pm site in Port Hu- ron TBA	27 NO SCHOOL--AoD teachers' profession- al development	28 PTO's "Mom and Son" bowling 2pm at Colo- ny Bowl
29	30 Iowa testing begins HC @ IC (tentative)	OCT 1	OCT 2 "Walk to School" day MCA @ HC (tentative)	OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5

2019-20 Cafeteria Price List

Elementary student lunch	\$2.40
Adult lunch	\$3.75

ALA CARTE ITEMS

	<u>Student/Adult</u>
"SUPER" Elementary (<i>Second entrée - students only</i>)	\$1.35
Entrée (<i>secondary students & staff</i>)	\$2.65/\$3.00
Bottled/canned beverages	\$ 1.50
Mt. Dew Kick Start	\$ 2.25
All chips	\$.85
Cheese-It	\$.60
Cookie	\$.50
Goldfish crackers (<i>Cinnamon and cheddar</i>)	\$.50
Milk/juice	\$.50
String cheese	\$.60
Fruit/vegetable	\$.60
Cereal bar	\$.80
Fruit Roll Up	\$.65
Muffins	\$.85
Yogurt	\$.85
Chocolate chip oatmeal bar	\$.75



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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY



*All orders DUE BY end of school day on September 6, 2019

Orders will be ready for pick up from school on September 26, 2019

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone No: _____

E-Mail: _____ Grade: _____

* Please make sure to specify the size, if you are ordering more than one shirt please write each size.

Shirt Color: Navy	Size (circle)	Price	OPTION: Sparkle Silver Print No charge	OPTION: Personalize (write below) Add \$2 per item	Quantity	Amount
Youth Short Sleeve	S, M, L	\$12				
Adult Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL	\$12 \$14				
Youth Long Sleeve	S, M, L	\$20				
Adult Long Sleeve	S, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL	\$20 \$22				
Youth Hoodie	S, M, L	\$25				
Adult Hoodie	S, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL	\$25 \$27				
Cap (Navy with White Stitching)	Traditional Baseball Cap	\$20	NA	NA		
	Ladies' Fashion Style Cap	\$20	NA	NA		

Total quantity _____ Total amount: _____

*Make all checks payable to "OLR"; if paying by cash please send the exact amount.

PERSONALIZATION OPTION:

*Personalized name on back of item (indicate item(s) above): _____
Please note that all sales are final for personalized items. No exchanges or refunds can be given.

This box for PTO use only Check # _____ Cash _____ Received _____

**League of Catholic Women Scholarship
Contest and Application**

The League of Catholic Women has provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships* for current Holy Cross students. Two will be awarded to students in grades K-4 and two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What can I do to make my school a joyful Christian place?" The work must be the student's own. Younger students may wish to include (a) hand-drawn picture(s) to help explain their ideas. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application.

The bottom portion of this page must be completed and attached to student's entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office before 3pm on Friday, September 13.

Awards will be announced on Thursday, September 19.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$200.

I am applying for the League of Catholic Women Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

Student signature

grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin, or other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

Parent / guardian's signature

Date signed

Parent's printed name