



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 8, 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 summer office hours:
until August 23--
Mondays 5-7pm and
Friday 8-10am;**

**beginning August 26--
Mondays 7-9am and 5-7pm,
Wednesdays 1-3pm and
Fridays 7-9am
Patty Smith**

SCRIP credits for April-June SCRIP purchases totaling just about \$1900 were shared by 17 Holy Cross families.

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

School Office Summer Hours

The office is open daily from at least 8am-1pm. After next Friday, we expect to be here closer to "regular" school hours (7am-3pm).

Thank You!!

...to our maintenance crew, who are busily polishing the building in preparation for our first day on August 26. **Mr. Barr, Mr. Rzeppa, Mrs. Nicaise and Mrs. LaFontaine:** we appreciate you!!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F. Aug. 23: "Crusader Day"-- drop in between 9am-3pm for school pictures and meet teachers**
- M Aug. 26: first day of school!
- **Tu Aug 27: "Curriculum Night" 6-8pm**
- F Aug 30-M Sep 2: no school-- Labor Day weekend
- **Tu Sep 3: classes resume**

Congratulations!!

...to the 7 Holy Cross families who were awarded a total of \$11,000 in tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit! (That money is expected to arrive later in the fall--late October or November--and it will be posted to their FACTS tuition accounts at that time.)

...to the families who are receiving local tuition assistance, too--those credits will appear on FACTS tuition account just before the second semester of school begins. (and your FACTS tuition account has been adjusted to reflect that).

Seventh Graders and New "Crusaders"

The Health Department assesses immunization records of all new students and all students entering 7th grade.

If your child is in one of these groups, please check with your doctor to see if your student's immunizations are up to date. Parents of students in these categories with immunization waivers will need to update the waiver: call the Health Department (810.987.5300) to make that arrangement.

Service Credits

Your service credit record should be in your mailbox soon. Please check to be sure we filled in the work shifts and Service Credit plan you signed up for.

Service Credits, Again--

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).

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Cath-

erine 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 looking for lunch time helpers! (We hope that, if you were a lunch aide last year, you'll continue to perform that service again this year!!) 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. Mrs. Davenport will have a short orientation meeting for aides **at 6pm on August 22** so all will have an opportunity to learn the "rules" and expectations.

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

Family Directory

At the beginning of each school year we prepare a directory of our families, listing parents' names and addresses, students' names, and family phone number. Your family's entry will be included in your service credit mailing; please let us know if we have any of that info wrong. We can include your email address, if you would like that to be available to your fellow parents.

The directory will be printed and given to all families whose family entries are included.

If you prefer that your family's information NOT be included, please let Mrs Steinmetz in the school office know **before August 12**. If you would like your email address included, please pass that info on to Mrs Steinmetz by Aug. 12, as well (c/o school@holycrossonline.net).

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Fall Sports

Girls (grades 6-8) will be able to start volleyball practice in a week or two. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera will return as their coach. We also plan to offer boys' and girls' (grades 5-8) cross country in the fall: Mr. and Mrs. Zammit will head the coaching staff for that sport! (We will be looking for helpers for the Zammits: call school!)

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 and choose the tab "about," then "athletics."

If you think you might participate in any sports this year, summer is a great time to get your sports physical done and out of the way! 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!)

Dress Code

Each family received a copy of the Holy Cross dress requirements at registration. (It is also available on the school website under "documents.") In line with our continuing efforts to keep our focus on academic excellence and educating the whole child, and noting that school uniforms eliminate distractions, create a sense of belonging and pride, and are cost effective, you will notice a stricter enforcement of our dress code this year.

As you start your back-to-school shopping, please check to be sure your clothing selections comply with the dress code. Pants and shorts should be "dress"--no overstretching or "cargo" pockets. Socks should be white, black or navy and completely cover the ankle. Blouses should be plain in style, with no trim or lace, and any barrettes/hair bows, also, should be "plain." **SHOES are to be "dress shoes: oxford / buckle / loafer in black, dark brown or navy (or black & white saddle shoe)".**

Look at the pictures in the publication! There are so many options--you don't have to buy your clothes from any particular manufacturer, and there are many choices of styles. Our "Blue Room" is full of used clothing that is free to school families: call the office to make an appointment to check it out.

Our goal is to encourage a neat, professional, "uniform" look among our students without causing a financial burden.

East China Bus Riders:

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

VG's Receipts

We're nearly 2/3 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 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/newbtfe>.

"Crusader Day"

Friday, August 23, will be "Crusader Day." From 9am to 3pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2019-20 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Monday, August 26), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete & leave forms that day, too, if you wish.

We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, and gear up for school--see you August 23rd!

Substitute Teachers

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

Free School Clothes in "The Blue Room"

You KNOW they're not going to fit into last year's uniforms! How would you like to check out an air-conditioned room full of FREE replacements? Contact the school office with a few times you're available to come in, and we'll work to find a time that's good for everyone. The "Blue Room" is full of school-appropriate clothing that is FREE to Holy Cross School families.

Important Papers and Forms

We are preparing a packet of important papers for your family. They will be available to pick up at "Crusader Day," August 23. If you don't pick yours up then, it will go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Monday, August 26. It will contain 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--thank you!

(Please be advised that proofs of your school pictures won't be available on the 23rd: they are expected to go home with students about a week later.)

The First Day of School!

Students will start on **Monday, August 26**. It will be a regular day: full day (7:28am-2:50pm), regular school day dress code. Chartwells will be serving lunch that day (\$2.40 again this year for lunches, 50¢ for milk only). (Applications for free and reduced cost lunches will be in the packet of papers available at "Crusader Day.") We will have four full, regular days of school before the Labor Day weekend, and there will be no classes on Friday-Monday, August 30-September 2. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3, and East China buses will begin their runs that day.

"Curriculum Night"

--has been rescheduled from the date originally published on the 2019-20 school year calendar: instead, it will be on **Tuesday, August 27, from 6-8pm**. It will be a good opportunity to learn about school rules and code of conduct. We hope to see you there!

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note to school by the first day to let us know how your children will be getting home those first few days (as well as what their typical "going home" routine will be). (Remember East China buses won't be Thank you!

School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after school starts. The Chromebook insurance fee must have been paid, and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements signed, before the computer is released to a student. These forms will be included in the "first day" packets available for pickup at "Crusader day." (The packet will be sent home on the first day of school with the oldest student if not already picked up.)

Cafeteria Pricing 2019-20

Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits on the first day of school, but will need to re-apply for those benefits within the first couple weeks of school (the application form will be in your family's "first day of school" packet, available during "Crusader Day").

New families: if you received free or reduced-cost lunches at your old school, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the office ASAP to see what needs to be done to continue those benefits at Holy Cross.

We have been advised that lunches will still be \$2.40 for elementary students.

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!)

Annual Pest Control Advisory

Notification for Parents

In keeping with the State of Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 and Regulation 637, Holy Cross School has adopted a plan of action for controlling insects, rodents and other pests in and around our facilities.

The school's plan of action for controlling pests incorporates integrated pest management (IPM). IPM utilizes various means of pest control including, but not limited to, habitat modification and sanitation, mechanical control, biological control and chemical control.

Holy Cross School realizes that the use of chemicals can be harmful to the health and safety of humans and the environment; therefore, we will apply chemicals only as a last resort.

Any questions regarding Holy Cross's IPM program should be directed to Judy Beauvais at 810.765.3568 extension 15.

If you wish to be notified before a scheduled pest treatment, please complete the form found elsewhere in this newsletter and return to the school office.

Meningococcal Vaccine

We are required to notify you of the availability of the meningococcal vaccine. Please contact the county Health Department or your doctor's office for more information.

Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

Concussions

In order to keep people aware of the possibility of concussions, the law requires adult coaches to complete a (free) online training course (contact Mrs. Davenport for info). If a student is withheld from athletic activities due to a suspected concussion, s/he may not return to school that day. The student may return on a subsequent day **ONLY** with the written clearance of **an MD or DO.**

Asbestos

Federal law requires schools to inspect, test and identify known or suspected asbestos containing materials. All known asbestos containing materials at Holy Cross School have were removed by a professional abatement company several years ago.

"Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! Go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City."

Online Tutoring

Parents interested in tutoring for their student may want to check out this website for online tutoring (math, science, English or social studies):

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

Hoping your summer has been restful and refreshing!

See you on Aug. 23 for "Crusader Day"--drop in between 9am-3pm to meet your teacher and get your school picture taken!

2019 PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION

In the event of an emergency you will be notified of the application after it occurs.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside the school building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment outside the building.

Parent / guardian's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: daytime _____ evening _____

Students' names _____

Parent / guardian's signature _____ Date _____



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Holy Cross PTO invites you to join us!



Friday, Aug 23 @ 6:45pm (movie begins 7pm)

Meet at Winne Acres (follow signs to parking)
5931 Arnold Rd in Cottrellville (take Marsh to Arnold to big red barn)

Bring a chair/blanket to sit on—we will be in finished loft of big red barn.

Entire family welcome! (Movie rated PG)

Popcorn & lemonade refreshments served

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 _____