



# 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.

July 11, 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. 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:  
Mondays 5-7pm and  
Friday 8-10am  
Patty Smith**

SCRIP credits for April-June SCRIP purchases are being calculated and will show up soon on your FACTS tuition account.

Will you be among the 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!

*Welcome Fr. Louis Lapeyre!*

Welcome to new OLR associate pastor Fr. Louis Lapeyre!

## School Office Summer Hours

During July, the school office is closed for cleaning--but we will check messages regularly. The office will re-open on August 1, 8am-1pm.

## School Supply Lists

...for 2019-20 are attached.

Please note that all students need ear buds or headphones. We advise headphones for younger students, who aren't as adept at volume control, to better protect their hearing. They don't need to be exorbitantly priced: we found a reasonably-priced set at "Five Below" stores.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **F. Aug. 23: "Crusader Day"-- drop in between 9am-3pm for school pictures, meet teachers,...**

*Thank You!!*

....to the Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc. for its recent donation of over \$27,000 to Holy Cross School! Since its inception in 1984, the Fund has given Holy Cross **\$454,608!**

...to K of C Council 856 for its donation of about \$9000 from its weekly bingo! (Thank you to members and bingo workers who helped make this happen by staffing the bingo.) We've been a major recipient of the Council's generosity for 40-some years.

## 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. 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](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)).

## 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).

## 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 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 in August (date to be determined) 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!

## 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.

## Holy Cross Runners

**The Zammit family, Cole Tite** (HC Class of '19) and **Mr. Davenport** all participated in a 5k run during the Pickerel tournament. The Holy Cross contingent did very well: **Matthew Zammit** came in first in his age group (2nd overall), **Cole** came in second (5th overall) and **Isaac Zammit** came in third (6th overall)! **Xavier Zammit** ran in "the Minnow run" and came in third place. Congratulations to the boys (and to Mr. Zammit and Mr. Davenport, who each came in first in his age division)!

**Holy Cross on Facebook:**

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

## Fall Sports

Girls (grades 6-8) will be able to start volleyball practice in August. 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](http://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, and "uniform" look among our students without causing our families a financial burden.

## 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!

## 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.

## Cafeteria Pricing 2019-20

We don't yet know meal costs for the next school year, but expect to have those numbers by this time next month. 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.

## "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."

## Calendar Raffle Winners

...for June were: Tina Burns of Marine City, Rita Taylor of Clay Township and the Kuzera family of Marine City; and for July: Pat Lomasney of Algonac, Leonard Biscorner of Cottrellville Township and Christopher Rettig of China Township. Congratulations, all!!

## 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!)

## Online Tutoring

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

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

Tutoring is available in math, science, English and social studies

**Enjoy the rest of your summer  
--see you in August!**

**Holy Cross Catholic School—Marine City  
Student Supplies Needed 2019-20**

**\* Replenish as needed—PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	—	1	1
Set of crayons (not "Twistables")	24 pack	1 (8-16)	1 (8-16)
Set of washable markers	1 (8/pk)	1	1
1 ruler (12 inches / 30 cm)	—	1	1
# glue sticks *	12 *	4 *	4 *
# bottles of glue (8 ounce)	1	1	1
Fiskars scissors, short blade	1	1	1
# boxes #2 pencils *	3 boxes *	4 boxes *	4 boxes *
# pink erasers *	2 *	1 *	1 *
# red marking pens or pencils	—	—	2
Pencil tip erasers *	—	1 pkg *	1 pkg *
Highlighters (different colors)	—	4 *	4 *
# dry erase markers	—	3	3
# boxes tissues	4	3	3
# rolls paper towels	4	3	3
# pocket folders (bottom pockets)	4 (solid color)	2	2
Hand sanitizer	1 bottle	1 bottle	1 bottle
Pkgs antibacterial wipes for desks	4	4	4
Gym shoes (white w / non-marking soles)	1 pr (labeled)	1 pr	1 pr
Composition notebook for writing	—	1	1
3-ring binder w/clear view pockets	1 (1" thick)	1 (2" thick)	1 (2" thick)
Plastic page protectors, pkg of 25	—	2 (50 total)	2 (50 total)

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grades 5-8
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	1	1	1
Set of colored pencils	1	1	1
Set of washable markers	1	1	1
Crayola crayons	1	1 pkg	—
# glue sticks *	4 *	4 *	3 *
Fiskars scissors, short blade, pointed	1	1	1
# boxes #2 pencils * (not foil-wrapped)	3 *	—	3 *
Mechanical pencils	—	2 pkg *	—
# pink erasers *	1 *	1 *	—
# red marking pens (non clicking) or pencils *	1 *	1 *	2 *
Highlighters, different colors *	2 *	2 *	4 *
Black "Sharpie" marker, fine point	—	—	1 *
# pkgs. blue or black erasable pens *	—	—	1 *
Dry erase markers, set of 4	1 *	2 *	1 *
Ruler (12 in/30 cm)	1	1	—
# rolls paper towels	2	1	2
Pocket folders (for LA, Rel, SS)	1	—	3
white, wide ruled lined paper (not spiral bound)	1 pkg *	—	3 pkgs *
Graph paper, 1/2" grid (for math)	—	—	1 pkg
Spiral notebook for math (3 subject)	—	—	1
Spiral notebook for science (3 subject)	—	—	1
Spiral notebook for social studies (1 subject)	—	—	1
Composition notebook for religion	1	—	1
Optional: wireless mouse	—	1	—
Pkg (lemon) Clorox wipes for desks	3	3	2
3-ring binder (2" thick)	—	—	1
3-ring binder (1" thick): student led conferences	1	1	—
Package of 25 plastic page protectors	1	—	—
Post it notes (colored)	—	—	1 pkg
Hand sanitizer	1	1	1 bottle
Boxes of tissues	3	2	2
Ziploc bags, sandwich or storage size	1	1 pk ea	—
Planner (available at school office for \$2)	—	1	optional
For gym: dark shorts, white T shirt, white gym shoes w / non-marking soles	shoes only	shoes only	1 set

**In addition, ALL STUDENTS NEED:**

- ❖ Book bag no larger than 15"x16"x8" (no rolling bags, please)
- ❖ Water bottle, if desired (18 ounces or smaller, clear only, with no covering, and spillproof).
- ❖ A set of earbuds or headphones (we encourage headphones for younger students to better protect their hearing: a reasonably priced headphone set is available at "FiveBelow" stores).



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### EARN

#### CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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### BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS



### CUT

OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE



### SEND

YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

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