



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.

September 26, 2019

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. EVERY classroom or lunchroom volunteer or employee needs to have attended. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "First Time Registrant." Then choose "view list" of class sites, and choose "Detroit." Scroll through to find your session, then go back to the top of that page to create your login.

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

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**. Help is needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

Volleyball

Monday's game against McCormick brought the team its first loss in a tight game (watch for their next meeting!). Last night's game was canceled due to sicknesses, so we're working on re-scheduling.

Next week the team plays Monday, Sep 30 at IC, and Wednesday (at home) against McCormick.

The games start at 6:30pm, and all Crusader fans are always welcome!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Sep 27: no school**
- Sat. Sep 28: PTO's "Mom and Son" Bowling
- **M-F Sep 30-Oct 11: Iowa Test window**
- W Oct 2: "Walk to School" day
- **F Oct 4: mass with Bishop Fisher**
- W Oct 9: the next "early release" day
- **Sun Oct 13: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner with open school**
- W Oct 16: school pictures re-takes; cross country and volleyball team photos; vision and hearing screenings.

Cross Country

The first cross country meet was last Thursday. It was a beautiful afternoon, and everyone ran hard. Congratulations to **Isaac Zammit**, who came in 2nd place for Varsity boys, and to **Lylah Schaening**, who earned 3rd place among JV girls!

Their next meet is this afternoon in Port Huron. Go, Crusaders!

Mass With Bishop Fisher

Next Friday, October 4, Bishop Fisher will be at Holy Cross to celebrate 9am mass with the school. We look forward to showing off our lovely little school to him and welcoming him to Marine City!

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!!

Parents of Athletes:

Our Booster Club covers 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 every year (and which will be on Saturday, November 2 this year). A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her (c/o school) to offer your help.

Booster Club Magazine Sale

The Booster Club thanks those who supported the sale and helped fund our extracurricular sports program.

The sale is over, but we can accept new orders or renewals throughout the year. You can send in paper orders, or order online anytime at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com/landing.aspx?SID=2709251>

Magazines are a wonderful incentive for little ones learning to read, and great gifts for family and friends. You can order new subscriptions, or let us process your renewals, for print or digital editions of your favorite magazines.

The Boosters thank you for helping to keep competitive sports available for Holy Cross students!

"Walk to School Day"

Next Wednesday, Oct 2, we invite all Holy Cross families to meet at Marine City Beach at 7:00am to walk to school together on National "Walk/Bike to School Day." Parents and students will walk through downtown and arrive at school by 7:25am. Please dress for the weather. This movement encourages the community to come together and promote health and safer routes for students to walk/bike to school. Questions? Contact Suzy DeVeny c/o school.

Iowa Tests

You may have seen "Iowa test window" on our calendar. Students throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit will be taking the Iowa tests then. Kind of like the ACT or SAT test to go to college, the Iowa test helps identify what each student already knows, and knowing how each grade as a whole performs helps drive our curriculum planning.

Students will NOT be testing continuously for those two weeks! They may have a test one day, then nothing the next. Testing in all subject areas will happen over the two week "window;" teachers will schedule testing early in the day (so please be extra careful not to be tardy those days!).

The best test preparation is a good night's sleep the night before the test, and a good breakfast before leaving home in the morning. Then--be on time, and just do your best!

VG's Receipts

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 until the store tells us to stop! Receipts 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"

Just a reminder about "how to" digitally save those little box tops...download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbffe>.

(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.)

Holy Cross "Harvest Dinner"

Sunday, October 13, is the date of this year's "Harvest Dinner." A group of wonderful parish volunteers has been planning for the event all year! They are counting on each of us to help where we can: cooking, serving, bake sale, clean up.....Sign up sheets will be posted soon at the entrance of Holy Cross church.

We also plan to have our beautiful school open for visitors to walk through. Of course, we'll need to have a few school folks around to help any visitors find their way...are you available for an hour or two the afternoon of Oct 13? Please contact Mrs Davenport.

Student Workers Needed at "Harvest Dinner"

Students in grades 5-8: your help is needed, too, at the Harvest Dinner! On Saturday, Oct 12 (from 9am to about noon), harvest workers will be setting up and decorating the Activity Center. On Sunday, Oct 13, help will be needed with clearing tables, assisting diners, and rolling dessert and drink carts among the tables. Sign up with Cass at the OLR church office with shifts: 11:45am-2pm, 1:45--4pm and 3:45-6:30pm. (Wear your Holy Cross school uniform and earn a "personal dress down day"!)

Drama Club

Thank you to Mrs. Rock for once again moderating our Drama Club this year! If you are a 3-8th grader interested in joining, stop by Mrs Rock's room for information.

PTO News—T Shirts and Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

...are available at the school office. The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong! PTO also has a few "vintage" t-shirts (last year's logo) and caps available for \$5 each. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

"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.")

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Second Round of Applications –Bartone Scholarships

Sometimes there is money left in the scholarship fund after school starts (such as when families who applied for the award choose not to complete registration). We have that fortunate situation this year!

Attached is information on application and eligibility for this second round of Bartone scholarships. Please note that if you already received a Bartone scholarship in the first round this year, your family is not eligible for the second round of tuition assistance; however, if you have students who will be attending camp, you are eligible to apply for a "campership" (scholarship for camp) in this second round.

Eligibility for this assistance is largely income-based. See the application for details.

From the Marine City Area Fire Authority.

Looking for something both fun and educational to do on Saturday, October 12? The MCAFA is hosting an open house from 1-5pm (at 200 South Parker)-tour the station, meet local firefighters, enjoy fire prevention / awareness activities.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here on Wednesday, October 16 for annual vision and hearing screenings. The hearing of students in grades K, 2 and 4 will be tested; vision screenings are scheduled for students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7.

If you do NOT want your student to receive his/her scheduled screening, please let Mrs Steinmetz in the school office know. If you would like your child to receive a screening s/he isn't scheduled for, let Mrs Steinmetz know that, as well.

Notice Regarding Children with Digitally Programmable Shunts and Other Implanted Medical Devices That May Be Affected By Magnets: screenings are performed with portable audiometers, and the headphones have magnets with large field gradients. If your child has a digitally programmable shunt or other implanted medical device, it is IMPERATIVE that they not be screened as the magnetic strength may change the device setting. (If your child has such a device, you can contact the Health Department for alternative screening.)

Students who already wear glasses (or contacts) will need to use them for the vision tests.

"Special Persons' Day"

A joyful day at Holy Cross! Our students were proud to show off their school and classrooms to their Special Persons:



"Snack Store"

NJHS is pleased to announce its "Snack Store" is open every morning until the first bell. Snacks and water prices are between 25-50¢.

Fr. Bartone/Holy Cross Scholarship / Campership Application—Second Round

The Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund was created by the Last Will and Testament of Father Donald Bartone, pastor of Holy Cross parish from 1981-1987. The Fund provides scholarship support to students of Holy Cross School who are members of Our Lady on the River parish. Assistance will consist of grant payments made to Holy Cross School to be applied to current tuition accounts of the recipient students. Other donations fund the Holy Cross scholarship fund; those grants are available to nonparishioners as well. Both grant seekers may use this application form and process.

PRIVACY POLICY

By signing this application, Bartone grant recipient families expressly understand that **ONLY** their names and the amounts of their awards will be reported for auditing purposes **ONLY** to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, which administers the Father Bartone fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Applicant/recipients must be currently attending Holy Cross School. Bartone grantees must be active members of Our Lady on the River parish (not required for the Holy Cross scholarship). ("Active member" is defined as a registered parishioner who is: 1) involved in parish activities and attends mass on a regular basis, and 2) contributes regularly to the church through the use of his/her assigned envelopes.) Recipients of this year's first round of Bartone awards are not eligible to apply for this second round **UNLESS** for camp. Families currently receiving discounted tuition are also not eligible. Recipients must also work their own service credits (and not pay for them).

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Archdiocesan ("AoD") Tuition Grant application on time and according to its directions. (The AoD Tuition Grant application is available at www.aod.org.)**
2. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Father Bartone/Holy Cross Scholarship application according to its directions (attached). (Applications are available in the school office; only one application per family required.)

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AWARD

Families will be notified in writing by October 11 of the Committee's decision and the amount (if any) of this second-round scholarship award.

**The Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept and consider applications from families who were unable to submit the AoD Tuition Grant application because of the timing of their decision to enroll, or who were not then members of Our Lady on the River parish, or from families whose circumstances have changed since registration/AoD Tuition Grant application due date. A copy of the AoD grant application information is still required with this application.

Fr. Bartone/Holy Cross Scholarship / Campership Application—Second Round

In order to be considered for assistance through this application, you must have properly completed and submitted** an application for the Archdiocesan (AoD) Tuition Grant and followed the rules on the first page of this application. (Only the parent or legal guardian of a Holy Cross student may apply.) Complete this form, attach a copy of your AoD grant application and a copy of your 2018 Federal 1040 tax return, and deliver (by October 4, 2019) to:

Fr. Bartone/Holy Cross Scholarship / Campership Committee
c/o Principal, Holy Cross School
618 South Water Street
Marine City MI 48039

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Please Print Or Type:

Student name(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

We are applying for
(circle one:)

Scholarship Campership

Parent name(s) _____ Our Lady on the River envelope number: _____

Address _____
House number and street city zip code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
(area code) (area code)

Household income not reported on either US form 1040 or AoD application: _____

Who claims the child(ren) as dependents on their tax returns? _____

Amount of student's total tuition that your household is responsible for
(e.g., "50%," in the case of separated parents with a private
agreement or court judgment dividing such a bill in half): _____

Does anyone help you pay your child(ren)'s tuition? If so, who, and to what extent? _____

____ We/I have not yet received a Bartone grant for the 2019-20 school year.

____ We/I have completed and submitted** the AoD grant application; attached is a copy.

____ Attached is a copy of our/my 2018 US 1040(s).

____ We/I understand that receiving this assistance will obligate us/me to work (and not pay for)
our/my family's service credits.

____ We/I use SCRIP regularly to reduce our/my tuition burden while helping the school.

____ Enclosed is a letter explaining extenuating circumstances we would like considered (if applicable).

We/I declare the information on this application to be true, correct and complete to the best of our/my knowledge. We/I authorize the confidential use of this information to be used for the purpose of determining our/my qualification for grants from the Scholarship funds.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Signature

Date

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October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Volleyball games start at 6:30pm:	Sep. 30 Iowa testing begins HC @ IC	1	2 "Walk to School" from beach pavilion starting at 7am MCA @ HC	3 Cross country meet 5:30pm at Columbus Park	4 9am mass with Bishop Fisher	5
6	7 St A @ HC	8 PTO meets 6:30pm library	9 PLC "Early Release" at 12:50pm IC @ HC	10 Cross country meet 5:30pm at Columbus Park	11 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry Iowa testing ends	12
13 Holy Cross church "Harvest Dinner" 12:30-6pm	14 NO CMC today	15 NLCA @ HC	16 Fall sports photos and retakes Vision & hearing screenings HC @ St A	17	18 No mass this week No East China buses	19
20	21 IC @ HC	22	23 MCA @ HC	24	25 End of first quarter Trunk or Treat 6-8pm in the gym	26
27 Open House with Cardinal Mooney 1-3pm	28 HC @ MCA	29 Eighth graders visit CMC	30 HC @ IC	31 Hallowe'en; No CMC Dress down in orange and black! No East China buses home	NOV 1 Report cards go home	NOV 2 Volleyball tournament at Holy Cross



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Harsens Island Community 5th Annual Halloween Party

October 26, 2019

Stewart Barn 2007 Stewart Rd, Harsens Island

12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Admission Plus a Canned Food

Children under 2 - Free

Children under 5 - \$5.00

5 and up \$10.00

Senior Citizens - \$5.00



TRUNK OR TREAT
4:00PM-5:00PM



VOLUNTEERS WANTED
DONATIONS NEEDED

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE FOLLOWING

Best Decorated Trunk

Best Costume

Ages 0-4, 5-9, 10-18

INCLUDED IN ADMISSION

LUNCH - HOT DOG, CHIPS, DONUT, WATER OR CIDER

HAYRIDE—BOUNCE HOUSES

SCAVENGER HUNT—FACE PAINTING

TRUNK OR TREATING—CRAFT TABLE

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN

FIRE TRUCK & POLICE CAR

PUMPKIN DECORATING—GAMES

All canned goods and nonperishable items will be distributed to Helping Hands to help families in Algonac, Harsens Island and/or Marine City.

Last year's proceeds helped several children from Algonquin go to 6th grade camp. THANK YOU!!!

Questions please call:

Tracy @ 810.650.8075 OR Jen @ 248.467.6744

NO ANIMALS PERMITTED ON GROUNDS

COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES AS NEEDED