



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 5, 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

Important Papers and forms

If you didn't pick it up at "Crusader Day", a packet of important papers went home with your oldest "Crusader" on the first day of school. It contains this year's school handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches, Chromebooks and the school directory. The signed forms should have all been returned to your child's teacher **by Tuesday, Sep. 3**--if you still have them, please turn in TOMORROW.

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.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Sep 11: "early dismissal:" students will be dismissed at 12:50pm today**
- **F Sep 20: "Special Persons' Day"**
- **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**

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to all of our lunch time helpers! We could really use one more "lunch mom" on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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!

Fall Sports / Physicals

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!)

Attention: Volleyball Team--

We've just learned from St Augustine School in Richmond that their home games will be played at St Peter Lutheran in Muttonville (corner of 31 Mile and M19).

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.

Booster Club Magazine Sale

The Holy Cross Booster Club funds all interscholastic sports for our 5-8th graders. To help raise the money needed, they sponsor a magazine sale every fall.

All students received this year's magazine ordering info yesterday (a large envelope-full!).

The magazine drive runs through Friday, September 20 (although we can accept new orders or renewals throughout the year). You can send in paper orders, or order online 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.

Students who bring in 3 orders before the 20th earn a personal dress down day; more orders add up to other prizes as outlined on the letter in the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the school office. The Boosters thank you for helping to keep competitive sports available for Holy Cross students!

Teachers' "Casual Mondays"

You may notice some teachers in more comfortable clothing on the first day of each week...that's because they're paying for that privilege! Teachers' "casual Monday" money collected will be sent to Cardinal Mooney at the end of the school year, to be divided among the book bills Holy Cross eighth graders who start there next fall.

School Photos

"Proof" sheets (with two poses) went home Tuesday with all students who had their photos taken on "Crusader Day." If you would like to order prints, you can choose to order online, or place it through school. If you opt to send your order c/o school, please have it in first thing **tomorrow**.

"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 **next 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

SUCCESS!! Thanks to all our friends, we have collected enough receipts to earn our third \$1000!

But why stop now?--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"

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/newbtfe>.

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!)

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.

"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!

"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.")

Spirit Wear

Orders (and payments) need to be in by tomorrow, September 6.

League of Catholic Women Scholarship Contest!

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

Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

...are available at the school office. The \$10 cost includes a coupon for a free large pizza: hard to go wrong!

Mass Next Friday

Next Friday, September 13, will be the second Friday of the month. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to give to the parish's pantry.

After a long summer without our help, the pantry is running low on just about everything. Breakfast items are always needed, as are canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats).

A Few Thoughts to Make You Smile....

--A good neighbor is one who paints his side of your fence.

--Forgiveness is the fragrance a flower gives off when you step on it.

--Keep good company and you'll be counted among them.

--You may sometimes be sorry about something--but you'll never be sorry you were kind.

--Vacations would be a lot more fun if you could stop the lawn along with the paper and mail!

--May it matter not that we are stars but that we twinkle!

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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