



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.

October 3, 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

Congratulations to the 15 smart Holy Cross families who are sharing in **over \$2200 in SCRIP CREDITS!** They earned it in just the past three months!. Individual families earned \$25, \$70, \$100, \$200 and more: three families earned **between \$400-500 each** in that single quarter!

One of the first questions new families ask is "how can we lower our tuition bill?" Well: SCRIP is one way EVERY family can lower its own tuition bill (while helping the school, too!)--at NO EXTRA COST beyond what the family was going to spend, anyway.

Not quite sure how SCRIP works?--please contact the school office, or Patty Smith (at the number above). Patty can also help you get going with online SCRIP purchasing, if that works better for you.

Mass With Bishop Fisher

Bishop Fisher will be here to celebrate 9am mass tomorrow with the school. We look forward to showing off our lovely little school to him and welcoming him to Marine City!

Mark Your Calendar....

- now-Oct 11: Iowa Test window
- **F Oct 4: mass with Bishop Fisher**
- W Oct 9: the next "early release" day
- **F Oct 11: food drive for parish pantry**
- 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**
- F Oct 18: no mass this week; NO EAST CHINA BUSES today
- **F Oct 25: end of first quarter!; "Trunk or Treat" 6-8pm**
- Sunday Oct 27: Open House 1-3pm
- **Tu Oct 29: 8th graders visit CMC**
- Th Oct 31: Hallowe'en--dress down in orange and black; NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME
- **F Nov 1: report cards go home**

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.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

Next "Early Release" Day
Wednesday, October 9, is our next "Early Release" day. 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.

Volleyball

Monday's game was at IC and brought an HC victory! Last night we had a close loss to McCormick

Next week we have two home games. On Monday, Oct. 7, we host St. Augustine and on Wednesday, Oct. 9, IC. R. Moss is working at the Oct 7 game (one more parent is needed: please call Janine Winne to offer your help!), and K Downey and A Guldemon on the 9th.

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

Cross Country

Our cross country team ran against a number of other teams in Port Huron last Thursday. A special shout out to sixth grader **Lylah Schaening** who ran as Holy Cross's only girl. Seventh grader **Isaac Zammit** placed 10th in his division (the first 20 finishers received medals). It was a great experience for all to run against so many other students!

Their next meet is this afternoon at Columbus Park, with their final meet next Thursday, also at Columbus Park.

Many thanks to **Mrs. Marisol Zammit** and to **Mrs. Christine Schocker** for filling in for Coach Zammit while he was away!

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 to offer your help.

Food Drive for Pantry

Next Friday is the second Friday of October: time for our monthly food drive to replenish the parish's food pantry. If you are able, please bring (shelf stable) food items to help our less fortunate neighbors. (Items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, dish soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, and shampoo are all greatly appreciated, too!) Our needy neighbors thank you.

"Walk to School Day"

...was yesterday. We were glad the rain held off! It was a lovely morning to walk:



Iowa Tests

Students are just about halfway through testing. Thank you to you parents who are making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat well and get to school on time!

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/newbtfe>.

(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.)

"Snack Store"

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

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 (810.765.3568) for shifts. (Wear your Holy Cross school uniform and earn a "personal dress down day"!)

Drama Club

Mrs. Ann Guldemon and Mrs. Davenport will be mentoring our thespians! Practices will be on Thursdays during lunch. Students OR parents interested in being part of drama--please contact Mrs. Davenport.

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 and applications are due tomorrow. See the application for details.

Welcomes Ms. Suchomel

While Merritt teacher Mrs. Basilico is out waiting for the birth of her second child, Ms. Kelly Suchomel is taking over our technology classes. She will be here until Mrs. Basilico's return, and will be the teacher in charge of first quarter technology grades. Welcome to Holy Cross, Ms. Suchomel!

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.

Thank You!!

...to the **Ogden family** for the ton of books they donated for our library!

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

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.

T Shirts and Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards

...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.

Open House

Our fall campus-wide open house will be held (in conjunction with Cardinal Mooney) from 1-3pm on Sunday, October 27. We will be looking for a few parents and students to serve as mentors and guides for guests--contact the school office if you may be able to help.

Auction 2020

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? Auction donations are due by the end of November.

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!)

Congratulations to Mrs. Davenport!

...on becoming an aunt to her sister's new baby! Dylan (5th grade) and Preston (1st)'s new cousin Rosalina Maria Vasquez was born on Tuesday, and mom and baby are doing great!

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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Our Lady on the River Parish

Holy Cross Church



Invites you to the
48th Annual



Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 13, 2019

12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

at the Holy Cross Activity Center & School

610 S. Water Street, Marine City

810-765-3568



Come by, Tour our School



**The Farmer's Wagon &
Bake Sale Will**

Open at 9:30 a.m.



Our Lady ON THE River PARISH Raffle

Drawing Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Cross Activity Center

1st Prize \$5,000.00

2nd Prize \$3,000.00

3rd Prize \$1,000.00

Tickets \$5.00 Each

**Complete
Roast Beef &
Chicken Dinner**

(with all the trimmings)

Adults \$11.00

Children 4-10 yrs \$6.00

Children 3 yrs & under Free

Carry Outs Available \$10.00



I.C. & HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

WHITE-OUT!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:30 PM – I.C. SCHOOL GYM

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD AND CASH DONATIONS FOR A LOCAL
FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE WEAR WHITE TO THE GAME AND
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!