



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 31, 2019

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



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.

If you have recently attended a "PGC" workshop, please send a copy of your certificate to school ASAP so we have it on file--thank you!

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays 7-9am and 5-7pm,
Wednesdays 1-3pm and
Fridays 7-9am
Patty Smith

Did you know you can earn credit toward your tuition (at no cost to you beyond what you would spend anyway) by using SCRIP for your day-to-day purchases?

Patty will be spending much of conference day in the SCRIP office! If you'd like her to explain the program, or to help you with the online programs, feel free to call/text her or stop by her desk on November 8.

Report Cards and Conferences

Report cards will go home with students TOMORROW, and conferences will be on Friday, Nov. 8.

Attached to this newsletter is a conference request form. Please mark your top 3 choices of times for teachers you'd like to meet with and sign and return the form by the indicated date.

Mark Your Calendar....

- TODAY: Hallowe'en--NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME
- **F Nov 1: report cards go home**
- Tu Nov 5: league volleyball tournament approx. 5-8pm in the gym
- **W Nov. 6: No East China buses home**
- Th. Nov. 7: mass with Cardinal Mooney (mass day dress code)--bring canned food
- **F Nov 8: NO SCHOOL--conferences; book fair (in Science Room); Daddy-Daughter Dance 6:30-8pm cafeteria**
- W Nov 13: "PLC Early Release" at 12:50pm
- **F Nov 22: Holy Cross School Thanksgiving Feast**
- Tu Nov 26: NO East China buses home; Marine City Christmas parade 7pm
- W-M, Nov 27-Dec 2: NO SCHOOL--Thanksgiving break and teacher professional development
- **Tu Dec 3: back to class**

Open House

Our fall campus-wide open house was last Sunday. Thank you to all of the students and parents who helped greet our guests--YOU are our best advertising!

Our student guides were polite and helpful: thank you to **Lylah Schaening, Olivia Ogden, Conor Guyor, Gabe Jacobs, Katie Bryson** and her little sister, Elizabeth. Thank you as well to our adult workers: **Mrs. Jamie Guyor, Mrs. BobbiJo Remier, Mrs. Becky Bryson, Mrs. Sandy Favrow** and **Mrs. Wynne Achatz**. Teachers: we really appreciated your being here as well. Thank you!

Next Week Mass: Thursday Instead of Friday / food Drive

Since there is no school next Friday (due to conferences), we will attend mass on Thursday (so please follow the mass day dress code on November 7). As Nov 8 is the second Friday of the month, we'll have our monthly food drive for the parish pantry. If you are able, please bring nonperishable food items next Thursday to help our local neighbors in need. Thank you!

"Trunk or Treat!"

Thank you to **Mrs. Bailey** for chairing this fun event for the Marine City community! Thanks, too, to her helpers: **Mrs. Janine Winne, Ms. Andrea Winne, Mrs. Deb Callahan, Mrs. Jodi Farrand, Mrs. Deb Emerich** and **Mrs. Trina Biliot**. Special thanks to our maintenance men, **Mr. Rzeppa** and **Mr. Barr**, and the **7th and 8th graders**, who helped haul stuff! A fun night was had by all.



Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

Super spellers: practice the words on your lists! The annual spelling bee will be held on November 21 at the St Catherine activity center. Winners of the Holy Cross in-classroom contests will be eligible to continue on to the next level on Nov 21.

Congratulations!!

....to 7 Holy Cross families who are sharing almost \$11,000 from the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition assistance program!

(If your family received a grant from the Bartone fund, that credit will show up on your FACTS account just after the first of January.)

Applications for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grants usually come out around the middle of January: we'll let you know as soon as we hear they're ready! Application must be made online and there is a small fee to apply. **Applying for the Archdiocese grant is required for every family applying for Holy Cross's "local" tuition assistance.**

Volleyball

The girls played their last games of regular season play this week: on Monday they traveled to MCA, and last night to IC for a final victory: they finish the season in second place in the league.

The league's volleyball tournament will be at Holy Cross next Tuesday, November 5, with the first games beginning at 5:30pm. We will need for a few workers for concessions, admission and hall monitor--please contact Janine Winne (c/o school) to offer your help.

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 will host on Nov. 5 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.

Girls' Basketball!

As soon as the volleyball season is over next week, it will be time to start girls' basketball. Thank you to **Mrs Colleen Kowalewski** and **Ms Jessica Smith** for coming forward to serve as coaches! Thanks also to **Jessica Barr**, who will help.

(The league's boys' basketball and girls' cheerleading season will follow the girls' basketball season.)

"Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digital-ly 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.)

Book Fair!

Scholastic Book Fairs are returning to Holy Cross! They'll be here next week, Nov. 6-8. Thank you to Brigitte Pennington for chairing the fair! She is looking for helpers: for more info or to offer your help, please call/text or email her--810.858.7068 or brigittep87@gmail.com.

Time Change Weekend!

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night!!

Next "Early Release" Day

Wednesday, November 13, 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.

"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".)

"Daddy-Daughter Dance"

Dust off your boom boxes and come join us for a totally radical evening of dancing and entertainment at HC PTO's Daddy Daughter Dance! Our theme this year is....the '80's!! Friday, November 8, 6:30-8pm, School Cafe. See the attached flyer and registration form for more totally tubular details!

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!

Auction 2020

A reminder that families have until Nov. 30 to turn in their Auction donation (if they prefer to select their own item, rather than pay the \$80 fee).

NJHS Bake Sale

...on Friday, after lunch. NJHS members will visit classrooms with their trays of 25¢ snacks: remember to bring a quarter or two on Friday! Proceeds will go to fund NJHS special projects.

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>

Thank You!

...to the following people who made donations to Holy Cross's library in memory of the Guyor boys' Great-Grandma, Susanna Drouillard:

JoAnn Morandini, Patricia Ross, Mr and Mrs Vincent Fierro, Deb Callahan, Mr and Mrs. James Guyor, Nancy Stockwell, Mr and Mrs Wally Street, Steve and Betsy Davenport, Tom and Ann Herrmann, James and Ann Schulte, Tim and Beatrice LaLonde, Peter and Kathleen Parlow, and Bernie and Maxine Vogel.

We thank all these kind people for honoring Mrs. Drouillard with their gifts.

NO LEGGINGS!

A reminder: leggings are **NOT** approved as pants under our dress code. We have noticed a couple "offenders" recently and want to be sure everyone understands! To clarify: leggings **MAY** be worn under other clothing as stockings: they just aren't pants.

DNA Models

Mrs. Wade's seventh graders are learning about DNA. This week, they learned what a "double helix" is, and they built a 10-foot-long model of A-T and C-G nucleotides. They were astonished when Mrs. Wade told them that the DNA in every cell in their bodies contains DNA much longer than that, all microscopically scrunched up. Here they are holding their model:



Dear Families,

Oct. 25, 2019

This is the schedule of times for conferences on Friday, Nov. 8. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Monday, Nov. 4. (No spots will be guaranteed after this time.) You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Wednesday, November 6.

(Morning)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. Gryzkiewicz	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Tersigni / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry
8:00					
8:15					
8:30					
8:45					
9:00					
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9:45					
10:00					
10:15					
10:30					

(Afternoon)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. Gryzkiewicz	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Tersigni / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry
12:00					
12:15					
12:30					
12:45					
1:00					
1:15					
1:30					
1:45					
2:00					
2:15					
2:30					
2:45					

(Evening)

Time	Ms. Jondron	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. Gryzkiewicz	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Ms. Tersigni / Ms. Johnson / Mr. Cherry
5:00					
5:15					
5:30					
5:45					
6:00					
6:15					
6:30					
6:45					
7:00					
7:15					

If you wish to speak with one of our itinerant teachers please check appropriate teacher's name, give names and your preferred method of being contacted, and the teacher(s) will contact you:

- Mrs. Meldrum (music)
- Ms. Brooks (art)
- Ms. Suhomel (technology)
- Mr. Middleton (PE)
- Ms. Choate (library)

_____ student name(s)

_____ parent name

_____ preferred method of contact—phone number or email address

_____ parent signature

HC PTO PRESENTS:

Daddy-Daughter Dance 2019...Back to the '80s!

Dust off your boombox and join us for a totally tubular time!

#Madonna #Scrunchies #AquaNet
#JellyShoes #MiamiVice

FOOD, DRINK, GAMES, PHOTO OPS AND DANCING ARE ALL INCLUDED! BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR BEST 80'S FASHION!!

FRIDAY, NOV. 8TH

6:30-8pm School Café

\$10/pair, \$5 per additional daughter

All Father Figures Welcome!!

Please RSVP by Monday, November 4. Form Attached or available at the office!

Proceeds from this event will enable the PTO to continue providing support for our school.

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson (757)334-9662

beckybryson123@gmail.com

Daddy Daughter '80s Dance

Reservation Form

11.8.19 6:30-8pm School Café

\$10/pair, \$5 each additional daughter

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Total amount paid: _____

RSVP by 11.4.19

Questions? Contact Becky Bryson

757-334-9662 (call or text)

Beckybryson123@gmail.com

****We are seeking donations of the following items:**

Bottled water, lemonade mix

Commercially prepared vegetable and fruit platters, cheese slices, crackers, cookies & fancy desserts (petit fours, etc)

Commercially prepared submarine sandwiches and condiments

Thank you!!!



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Saturday Nov. 2, 9am-1pm
Port Huron High School
Performing Arts Center

**Learn how you can help end
slavery in our community by
attending this FREE conference.**

CONTENT APPROPRIATE FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Register at michiganabolitionistproject.org/event/port-huron-conference

Doors open at 8:30am. The conference will begin promptly at 9am.

****BONUS FOLLOW UP SELF DEFENSE TRAINING****

November 9th, 9am-noon at Roosevelt Elementary Gym

Follow us on Facebook: Michigan Abolitionist Project- Port Huron Group

SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

when: **Saturday, November 9, 9am-noon**

where: Roosevelt Elem. School Gym (1112 20th St. Pt. Huron)

led by: Bob Aldis, instructor from
Bushido Martial Arts Studio in Richmond

cost: **FREE**

who: *Girls & Boys ages 13 to 103!*

why: **Be Smart... Be Safe...**

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