



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.

November 14, 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.

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

We are so lucky to have those dedicated SCRIP ladies!! Every family in the school (as well as each RE family) is eligible to earn tuition credit from their everyday purchasing thanks to the availability of the SCRIP program.

Still not sure how it works?--call Patty, or the school office (810.765.3591).

Book Fair!

Thank you to Brigitte Pennington for chairing the fair! Students had a great time selecting new reading materials. Thank you to the generous families who donated to the teachers' wish lists.

Girls' Basketball!

Practices had a rocky start this week, with floor refinishing and "snow day" craziness! With the first game scheduled for Dec. 2, the girls are eager to start practicing next week.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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
- **M Dec 9: mass for Immaculate Conception feast day at 9am: mass day dress code**
- Tu Dec 10: PTO meets 6:30 at Brysons' house
- **W Dec 11: "Early Release" day**
- F Dec 13: 9am mass with food drive for parish pantry
- **Tu Dec 17: Santa Shop all day at school; Christmas program 5:45pm in church**
- F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch

Blue Water Carnival

On Monday, January 27, all the Blue Water Catholic Schools will gather on the HC/CMC campus for a day of fun and fellowship--the 5th annual "Carnival" day.

Permission forms and info were sent home with all K-8 Crusaders on Monday. Cost for participation in the event is \$15 for the first student in the family, and a total of \$25/family for families with more than one student attending. Lunch is included in the cost (but if your student has special dietary needs, please send a lunch with him/her that day.)

Students who attended a past Carnival already have a T-shirt: please use it again this year if it still fits. (If not, you can order a replacement, using the permission form.)

Permission forms and payments are **due next Monday, November 18.**

Spelling Bee

Our local Knights of Columbus have scheduled their annual spelling bee for November 21. Information about the bee is attached to this newsletter; students in grades 4-6 are invited to compete!

Thanksgiving Feast

Our school-wide 'feast' is next Friday!

A reminder of the foods assigned for students in each grade level:

Each Kindergartner: 1 gallon milk;

Grade 1: 1 pound of butter and 1 pound of margarine;

Grade 2: 4 cans of corn;

Grade 3: 2 large boxes orange Jello;

Grade 4: 1 dozen rolls;

Grades 5&6: ingredients as requested by Mrs. Wade for deviled eggs;

Grade 7: 2 boxes of turkey stuffing;

Grade 8: about \$3 each for desserts and raw vegetables as requested by Ms. Johnson.

Please send your class's items in by Nov. 20 (or the date your child's teacher specifies). We're also looking for one more volunteer to cook a 12-15 pound turkey and drop it off the morning of the feast, as well as six more adults to help with the meal. If you're able to help in either of those areas, please contact Trish Babel c/o school. Thanks for your help, and for everything you do for our school!

Auction 2020

All families' auction donations are due by the end of November.

If you prefer: rather than an item, you can opt to send a \$60 payment instead, before the end of November (\$80 after Nov 30), and let the Auction crew find something on your behalf.

The Auction will be here before you know it--and its success (and how well it does at helping to keep down YOUR tuition bill) will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop or during your travels. And remember: If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!

PTO Koeze Sale

The PTO is sponsoring this year's Koeze projects sale. Koeze's specialty is deluxe nuts in very elegant packaging: their products make wonderful Christmas gifts for friends and business associates. Profits from the same are earmarked for leveled learned items for our library.

For more info or a Koeze catalog, please contact Suzy DeVeney: c/o school.

Marine City Christmas Parade

...is Nov. 26! PTO is doing a "A Christmas Story" themed float. If anyone has items we could use related to this 1980s movie (leg lamp, giant bunny costume, etc), please contact Amanda Smalley c/o school. If you want to be part of the parade: dress in festive clothing (hats, lights, etc.) and meet in front of Holy Cross at 6:30pm. We will be collecting any non-Halloween-labeled candy to use at the parade also: please bring in sealed containers/zipper bags to the school office by Nov .25.

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

The Wednesday night bingo at St Catherine's REALLY needs your help. 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/1tHdUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

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.

"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/newbtf>.

(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.)

"Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City:"

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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



2019 Spelling Bee



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

November 21, 2019

St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac

4th, 5th and 6th grade contest - Registration at 5:30pm Event start 6:00pm

We are excited to announce our fifth annual Knights of Columbus spelling Bee.

We invite all students in the blue water area to take part in the competition.

ACS and ECSD students will have copies of a spelling list available by their office/teachers, and each teacher and or school will be able to select as many students as would like to take part. We invite home school families to send as many students as would like to join.

Please email GK7227@mikofc.org for registration details.

Prizes:

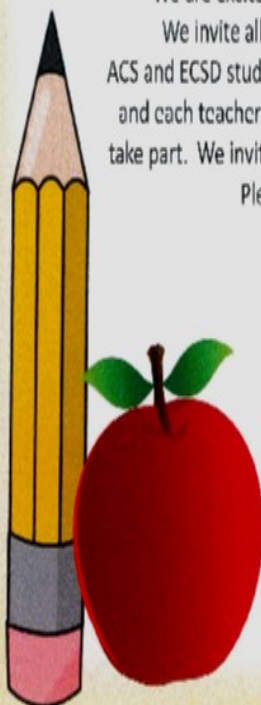
- Grade winners at each grade level 4th, 5th and 6th will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 2 runner ups for each level will win gift certificates.

Sponsored By:

Knights of Columbus

Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City

In service to one. In service to all.



**Prepare for your black Friday
shopping early!**

The Scrip Office will be closed

Wednesday & Friday

November 27th & 29th

For the Thanksgiving Holiday

Enjoy your shopping!



Our Class Is Having a Pajama Drive

Dear Families,

Please send in new pairs of pajamas to school by:

FILL IN THE DATE

Friday, November 22nd

WHAT TO DONATE:

- Brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be a complete set—either a top and bottom or onesie.
- Pajamas for all seasons!

♥ The Third Graders



Pajama Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and supports a comforting bedtime routine for children facing challenges beyond their control.

A good night—for a good day!

For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to give to kids who are affected by instability.



freedom, truth, and peace.

Dear Father,

United as One Nation

we ask that You impart Your heavenly strength and courage into the hearts of each one of our brave men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. We lift up their spouses, their homes, and their families before You and ask that You fill them with your unending and

everlasting love.

Watch over them while they are defending the freedom that we as Americans are able to enjoy each and everyday. We all know that freedom isn't free, and these men and women make such selfless sacrifices to cover that cost.

Please bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom, and console their families with Your undying love. We can never thank You enough for the privilege of living in America, where we are able to enjoy the gifts of

life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Have mercy on us, help us to return to You, and please continue to be with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Cards at the 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: \$5 each.

High School Placement Test Workshop and Test

Cardinal Mooney High School is offering the test (and workshop to prepare for it) for any 8th grader planning to go to a Catholic high school next year. The workshop is on Sat. Nov 16 and the test itself the next Saturday, Nov 23. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for costs, times, information on registering, and other details.

Santa Shoppe

PTO's "Santa Shoppe" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 (during the school day). Students will receive informational flyers on Tuesday, Dec. 10 so they can plan their shopping.

Mrs. Bryson is looking for some "elves" to help her with the Shop on the 17th. If you can give her a few hours (or the entire day), please contact her c/o school. The Shoppe promises to be a fun day for all--thank you for considering helping!

St. Clair Community Singers

Terry Beasley, Director
Monica Lopiccolo, Accompanist

Christmas Concerts

→ Sunday December 8, 2019 4PM
at

First United Methodist Church
North Third Street at Vine Street
St Clair

and

→ Sunday December 15, 2019 4PM
at

Holy Cross Catholic Church
610 Water Street
Marine City

Free admission
(freewill offerings accepted)

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

Council 7227 & Council 856

Entry Form

Name _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School/Home School _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
(if different)

Phone # () _____

I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the Knights of Columbus spelling bee and understand that their name and/or picture may appear in local newspapers, newsletters, or Knights of Columbus web pages.

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

(You may keep the bottom portion)

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Please Email entries to GKC7227@niknkc.org

Questions contact:

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