



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.

December 19, 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

The SCRIP office will be closed for a well-deserved Christmas break from December 21-January 5.

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>

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

...music teacher Mrs. Meldrum as she undergoes and recovers from surgery next week.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch and bake sale
- **M Jan 6: back to class!**
- Tu Jan 14: PTO meets 7:30am
- **W Jan 15: PTO "Muffins with Moms" 7-7:30am, cafeteria; "Early Release" at 12:50pm**
- F Jan 17: end of 2nd quarter
- **F Jan 24: report cards go home; winter sports photos; no East China buses home**
- M Jan 27: "Carnival Day:" school day today is 8:30am-2:10pm; dress--school pants, Carnival t-shirt (lunch is included unless you need to bring your own)

Christmas Program

We are as proud as can be both of our students' reverent behavior and their performance at the program--it was a good reminder of what the season is all about as we began the last week before Christmas. Thank you to **Mrs. Wassenberg** for accompanying us at practices and at the program, to **Mrs. Guldemand** and **Mrs. DeVeny** for directing our play, and to **Mrs. Meldrum** for helping us learn the songs.



Hot Dog Lunch

...tomorrow! If you didn't turn in an order, please remember to pack a bag lunch and drink tomorrow.

(As always, if you have to call your student in sick tomorrow, we will pull his/her order and return your money.)

Lunchtime Goodies

...will be available along with the hot dog lunch. Eighth graders will have 25¢ snacks: remember to bring a quarter or two! Proceeds will go to help pay for the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago.

Girls' Basketball

The girls' last game of 2019 was Monday evening at IC. They continue to practice, learn and improve their skills!

No games until we're back at school after Christmas break: the team's next game will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8 hosting St Augustine school at 7:30pm. However, we will be the hosts for St Mary and St Augustine JV teams at 6:30; concessions and admission workers will be needed. Then on Thursday, Jan. 9, we have another home game, hosting St Mary McCormick at 6:30pm. We will need parent workers this evening as well as on Jan 8: please call Janine to offer your help for one or both of these days!

Parents of All 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. A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her to offer your help.

"Santa Shoppe"

Thank you to **Mrs. Bryson** and her "elves:" **Mrs. Deb Callahan, Ms Jodi Farrand, Mrs. Marisol Zammit, Mrs. Tiffany Mensen and Ms. Trish Babel**. It is so fun to find just the right thing for everyone on our lists:



Spirit Wear

Pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest can be ordered at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>



Hat, Mittens, Gloves, Socks Drive

Our NJHS members (above) thank you for all the cold weather clothing you donated to their hat & glove tree.

On Saturday, members delivered to the Marine City Old Newsboys two boxes of those donated winter accessories. The Newsboys will include the items in the Christmas packages they're preparing for local needy children. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Auction 2020

It's not too early to make your reservation for the Auction! It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Holy Cross Activity Center. Tickets are \$40/person or 8 for \$300.

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

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 at the school office: \$5.

Reminder on Chromebook Use

While they are at school, students will be allowed to use ONLY their school accounts on their Chromebooks. The user agreement signed by students and families at the beginning of each school year is to protect both the children and the technology we have purchased. Our network company blocks many websites to protect our students and to protect our devices and system. By using "Guest" (or an away-from-school account) students can bypass the protections we have in place.

A student discovered to be using "Guest" (or any account other than his own holycrossonline.net account, or CMC account for "dual enrolled students") on his/her Chromebook, the resulting consequence is loss of Chromebook privileges for a period of time relevant to the infraction. Work will be required to be completed using paper and pencil. We appreciate your support in keeping our children safe and using the school Chromebooks for the educational purposes intended.

"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>

"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.)

Camp 2020

The 5-8th graders will be away at winter camp the week of Feb. 10-13, 2020. An information packet and forms that need to be filled out went home with all campers last week. Families: your camp bill should be 75% paid by the end of December.

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.



50/50 Pre-Sale Tickets Live & Silent Auction

Get into the Groove & Rock your Funkiest Fluorescents!

It's the Holy Cross 31st Annual Dinner & Auction

TICKETS TO THE 80'S

2020 Tickets are available through the Auction Chair & Online

Auction Chair – tmensen@holycrossonline.net or 810.765.3591

Online – ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org

\$40 per person



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\$300 per table of 8

Date: February 8th 2020

Time: 6:00PM Doors Open

Location
Holy Cross School
618 S. Water St. Marine City

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31	Jan 1 2020 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Basketball games start at 6:30pm (unless otherwise noted):	6 Back to class! (East China buses run today) (CMC back, too)	7	8 6:30pm St M v St A @ HC 7:30 St A @ HC	9 SMMCA @ HC	10 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry	11
12	13 Student leadership meeting at lunch	14	15 "Muffins with Moms" 7 -7:30am cafeteria PLC "Early Release" at 12:50pm	16 5:30pm HC @ Merritt	17 End of second quarter	18
19	20 HC @ St A	21	22 N	23	24 Report cards go home Sports pictures 1-3pm No East China buses home	25
26 Catholic Schools Week	27 Blue Water Vicariate "Carnival" at CMC/HC 8:30am to approx. 2:10pm SMMCA @ HC	28	29	30 Catholic Schools' Week mass at Cathedral	31	



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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2019 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



We are proud to announce our fourth annual
Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

- The children's age groups will be 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14.
- Each child can create a 11"X17" size poster.
- Posters must include a slogan reflecting the message of the drawing including an original visual image.
- If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- Please have the child write their name, age, phone number on the back of the poster.
- Posters will not be returned.
- Submit posters and entry forms to OLR parish office or deliver to the St. Catherine's Activity Center – 1103 Washington, Algonac January 5, 2020 between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Judging will take place after 11:30 mass January 5th, 2019**
- For entry forms and rules, contact GK7227@mikoofc.org or GK856@mikoofc.org



Wise men still seek Jesus!
Councils - Algonac 7227 & Marine City 856