



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 5, 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).

Girls' Basketball

The girls' first game was on Monday as they hosted IC: this nail-biter was tied 10-10 at the buzzer! IC pulled away in overtime 12-10. Great job, team! Last night the girls traveled to MCA in Port Huron.

Next week: the Landmark-at-HC game on Monday, Dec 9 HAS BEEN CHANGED to an away game--it will **start at 5:30 at Landmark**. Then on Monday Dec 16 the girls are on the road again, to IC, for their last game 'til January.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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 Shoppe all day at school; Christmas program 5:45pm in church (dress code: Christmas best)**
- F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch
- **M Jan 6: back to class!**

Thanksgiving Feast

Seems so long ago already! Thank you again to **Ms Trish Babel** for organizing the feast. Thank you, too, to her crew of workers: **Mr. Duane and Mrs. Cheryl Hurt, Mrs. Laura Bailey, Mrs. Marisol Zammit, Mrs. Josie Thomas, Ms. Jodi Farrand, Mrs. Deb Callahan, Ms. Marnie Fencyk, and Mrs. Rochelle Aprile**. Thank you as well to **Mr. Gary Barr** and the middle schoolers for set-up and tear down of the room. It was a wonderful meal and a great memory!



Auction 2020

All families' auction donations were due by the end of November. Statements will be in the mail next week and will include the \$80 charge for those who missed the deadline.

Marine City Christmas Parade



Holy Cross was well represented in the parade! (Who IS that pink bunny???)

Next "Early Release" Day

Wednesday, December 11, 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.

Dress for the Weather!

As winter draws near, this is a reminder to students to wear coats, gloves, hats, boots, snow pants. We try to get outside for lunch recess whenever it is reasonable to do so, and we want to be sure of your children's comfort and safety. No boots / gloves / snowpants / coat = no playing in the snow!

Spirit Wear

Pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest can be ordered at

<https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>

Christmas Program

...will be on Dec. 17. (Attendance is mandatory for all students.) Wear your Christmas best! Meet your teacher in church by 5:45pm. Watch for more directions from your teacher.

Camp 2020

The 5-8th graders will be away at winter camp the week of Feb. 10-13, 2020. Families: your third camp bill should hit your mailbox next week. Late fees will have added if half of the bill hasn't yet been paid.

Attached elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of equipment suggested for all campers.

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/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

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.

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)

The Day After Christmas (or: Don't Let This Happen to YOU!!!)

by Mrs. Steinmetz

The day after Christmas, somewhere in some house,
a gift-buyer started to whimper and grouse:
"I spent so much money! Made so many trips!
Things would have gone better if I had used SCRIP!"

I bought extra food and made sure I had drinks—
two or three hun-der-ed dollars' worth, methinks;
But I SPENT CASH!! Had I used SCRIP instead, it
would have earned me some tuition credit!

"Johnny's eyes sparkled, imagining the elves;
mine misted--I'd emptied out Toys R Us' shelves!
Another small fortune; and at four percent,
I'd've saved a sum equaling half a month's rent.

"Susie was lovely in her new Christmas clothes.
Kohl's offered me 5% back, but: NO--
I'd forgotten to order pre-holiday SCRIP,
so deeper into my wallet I dip.

"I did think ahead--sent, to loved ones afar,
certificate gifts--but the toll on my car!
Drove to Applebee's, Best Buy, Old Navy, Lowe's--
and into a world of vehicular woes.

"To think: all I needed to do was to call--
the SCRIP office could have ordered them all!
My friends got their gifts, but I got no break.
(My mechanic, though, loves the fortune he'll make.)

I finally get it!--next vacation fare,
I'll be calling for Hyatt and American Air;
I'm learning to plan: gonna take a long trip--
So Happy Holidays, all: and
don't forget to use SCRIP!"

"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>

Santa Shoppe

PTO's "Santa Shoppe" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 (during the school day). Students will receive informational flyers next Tuesday 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. "Santa Shoppe" promises to be a fun day for all--thank you for considering helping!

"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.)

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

K of C Christmas Party

...for kids ages 3-11 (with an adult companion), this Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1-3pm in St Catherine's gymnasium. All kids invited!! (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.)

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.

Hat, Mittens, Gloves, Socks Drive

Our NJHS is collecting winter gear to share with our needy neighbors (via the Old Newsboys). They set up a Christmas tree near the school office to "decorate" with those items. If you can help, please send those winter wear items to school before Friday, Dec. 14. Thank you!

ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΦΟΒΙΑ!


(or triskaidekaphobia, if you prefer lower case letters...)

Next week there will be a special day for the superstitious: FRIDAY THE 13th!! The word meaning "fear of the number 13" is written in Greek, above; in English, it's "tris-kai-deka-phobia" ("three-and-ten fear"). There's a word you can use to impress your friends!

We'll also have our monthly food drive that day to help replenish the parish's pantry's shelves.

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.





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		CATERED BY		\$300 per table of 8
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Date: February 8th 2020 Time: 6:00PM Doors Open

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



Student Highlights

...for November:

Lydia Zammit is the youngest of the four Zammit children. All have attended, or are attending, Holy Cross. Lydia enjoys going to Frankenmuth with her family. She is very good at following directions and helping others. Lydia has a good time playing dinosaurs and building with her Kindergarten classmates! Her favorite color is green, and she wishes she could have a real lion as a pet. When Lydia grows up she wants to follow in her parents' footsteps and be a Marine.

First grader **Joey Esplin** is a wonderful addition to our Holy Cross family. He seems to fit right in with his first grade friends. When asked what he likes, Joey's reply was, "creating and inventing!" He loves to work on his Chromebook during his free time. Keep up the good work Joey. We're all happy to have you in our school family.

Leo DeVeny's greatest contribution to our school family is his ability to ALWAYS work hard, work carefully, work respectfully, and follow directions. He's a role model for all his classmates, Most of all, Leo loves a challenge! His favorite subject is math and his favorite thing to do outdoors is play soccer. Keep your positive attitude Leo and keep up the great work.

Dominic DeVeny has been a student at Holy Cross since Kindergarten! He loves school and shows respect and kindness to

all who cross his path. He loves to participate in Drama Club, Choir, and enjoys playing Prodigy, and with Pokemon. Dominic has gone over and above collecting the tabs from pop cans for my dad, who in turn gives them to a foundation that recycles them to purchase medical supplies for kids with muscular dystrophy. If you pass Dominic in the hallway, ask him any multiplication fact, and he will answer it correctly. Congratulations on being this month's STAR Student Dom!

Fifth grader **Gabriel Jacobs** is a wonderful young man with compassion for others and a willingness to help. He is the first to offer his assistance or just say a kind word. Gabe is not afraid to face a challenge, which will help him on his path to achieve his goals.

Nolan Babel is a kind-hearted, interesting sixth grader who has a never-ending sense of wonder. He is able to see all sides of a problem and adds greatly to our class discussions. Nolan has a desire to do well and always tries to do his best.

Olivia Ogden is a very intelligent, diligent, and hard-working seventh grader who especially enjoys ELA class. She's also a country music fan who enjoys a thick, juicy, sirloin steak cooked to perfection (medium). She's an outstanding basketball and soccer player, and wants to be a teacher when she's an adult.

Suggested Equipment Guide for Camp

Use this list as a guide when packing for camp. Make sure you have clothes to dress warmly and be able to change if you get wet. Also, pack in a **SMALL** space—NO large or hard-sided suitcases or huge duffel totes. We may have to go up stairs and large pieces are difficult to move (let alone store) in the dorms. We recommend you pack in something watertight—30 gallon "Steel-Sack" bags (with your name taped on them) or soft-sided luggage with your name in a prominent place work great. Bedding must be in one bag and clothing and essentials in another. Girls—no makeup needed! **WE MUST CONSERVE SPACE** as everything has to be packed under the bus. **Please label all items clearly with your name.**

WINTER CLOTHING

3 pairs pants	1 pair snow pants
3 warm shirts	1 pair long thermal underwear
1 sweatshirt or sweater	1 scarf or other face covering
1 warm winter coat	2 pairs waterproof tennis shoes or hard soled slippers
1 pair high, warm snow boots ESSENTIAL	1 pair pajamas
2 pairs gloves/mittens	1 warm hat (no headbands)
4 sets underwear	4-5 pairs socks

PERSONAL ARTICLES

comb/brush	toothbrush/toothpaste	wash cloth	bath towel
soap	shampoo	chap stick	tissues
deodorant			

BEDDING

2 sheets 1 pillow 1 comforter
We prefer no sleeping bags. However, if you bring one, use it as a comforter and bring one fitted sheet.

MISCELLANEOUS

pencils	laundry bag	sunglasses	writing paper
reading books	hand warmers	hand lotion	flashlight
playing cards	magnetic compass	crossword or search-a-word books	

1 small carry-on allowed to take on bus
disposable camera (cell phones are NOT allowed to be used as cameras)

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

Candy or food of any kind in the dorms (anything left over from the bus ride is disposed of). The snack bags for the way home will be stored in sealed containers.

LEAVE YOUR CHROMEBOOK HOME!

Knives, weapons, drugs, tobacco, etc. are not allowed.

For bus use only: iPods, iPhone watches, cell phones, DVD players, other devices—these items will be collected as we get off the bus and stored in an air-tight container, and will be returned as we get back on the bus on Friday.

No use of cameras in dorm areas unless an adult is present and gives approval.

FORGET YOUR FEARS AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!




Festival
OF
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BENEFIT FOR
MCLAREN PORT HURON

Family Event

Sunday Morning, December 8

Seatings at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Bring your appetite, Christmas wish list, and holiday spirit because Santa would love to have breakfast with you!

Reservations are required to attend this event.

Your reservation to this family event also include general admission to the *Festival of Trees*. You can easily register and pay online, or return the attached registration form to McLaren Port Huron Foundation. Reservations will be taken as space is available.

Your tickets will be held at the door.

Register & Pay Online: mclaren.org/phfestival

**For questions, please call
McLaren Port Huron Foundation
at 810-989-3776.**

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