



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.

January 30, 2020

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

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>

Tuition Assistance

Congratulations to 12 Holy Cross families who started the new semester out with more \$20,000 in total local tuition assistance! It really is worth applying. Watch the newsletter for information on applying for the 2020-21 school year.

Mark Your Calendar....

- Sat Feb 1: girls' basketball tournament at IC
- Tu Feb 4: School Committee meets 6pm
- W Feb 5: "Donuts with Dads" 7-7:30am in cafeteria
- Sat. Feb 8: Holy Cross Auction! --get your ticket today!!!
- M-Th, Feb 10-13: students in grades 5-8 go to camp
- Tu. Feb 11: PTO meets 6:30pm--library
- W Feb 12: full day with regular 2:50 dismissal; no East China buses home
- Th Feb 13: mass day for grades K-4; campers return to school about 5pm
- F-M, Feb 14-17: no school (midwinter break)

Archdiocesan Grants

Applications for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted. For information visit aod.org at this page:

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/f230lua8zrtvv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

Go to your FACTS account to apply for the grant. You will need to print the "Pastor's Signature" page and get your (AoD parish) pastor's signature as part of your application.

Auction 2020

It is time! Get your tickets to the Auction--it will be held next Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Holy Cross Activity Center. Tickets (available at the school and church offices) are \$40/person or 8 for \$300. Lots of raffles and fun items to bid on, hors d'oeuvres, a full meal (catered by Big River BBQ) and open bar: you're sure to have a good time with the finest folks in the world--other Holy Cross supporters!

Camp 2020

The 5-8th graders will be away at winter camp the week of Feb. 10-13, 2020. Students' paperwork needs to be completed and turned in, and all payments must be completed, by the end of January: that's TOMORROW!

Girls' Basketball

The girls played their last game of the season on Monday, Their tournament is scheduled for **this Saturday, Feb. 1 at Immaculate Conception**. Our girls will take on St Mary McCormick during game 1 at 9am. The winner of that game goes on to game 4 at 1pm; the other team plays its second game at 12 noon. Go, Lady Crusaders!

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. The first home game of the boys' season is next Monday: so your help will be needed soon!

Boys' Basketball

The boys' first game will be at home on Monday, Feb. 3, as they host St Mary School. Game time is 6:30--all Crusader fans welcome! The boys will have their first away game next Wednesday at St Mary McCormick.

Academic Olympics

This annual academic competition among our local Catholic schools will be held on Saturday, February 22, at St. Augustine School in Richmond. Competitions are open to 5-8th graders in the areas of math, forensics (humorous and serious prose and poetry), problem solving, and religion quiz bowl.

5th-8th grade students interested in entering: please contact your teacher. All events are individual except problem solving, which requires a team of 3-5 students.

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.

Catholic Schools Week

We have all had fun with our "special" activities this week! Here's the fourth grade on PJ day:



..and second graders during "Carnival" day:



Friday is our usual mass day (and it's also "Dress Up Day"--dress up or regular church dress code today). Boys still need to wear ties and girls' dresses may not be sleeveless--see dress code for "Dress Up" days. PTO is providing an ice cream treat after lunch.

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith, Mrs. Julie Wolf, and Mrs. Gretchen Rogus** for providing popcorn and cotton candy for everyone during Monday's "Carnival", to **Mrs. Jodi Farrand** for supervising little ones with their teachers, and to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette and Ms. Trish Babel** and their donors and helpers for feeding all the schools' staff that day!

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 at church.

"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/newbtf>

(There's a short you tube video with hints on how to scan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>)

(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.)

Right to Life March

Seventh grader Ava DeVeney and her dad traveled with a group to Washington DC last week for the March for Life. She was grateful to be surrounded by hundreds of thousands of joyful pilgrims reflecting God's love for all human life. Ava said it was a great experience. (This picture shows her friends at the Lincoln Memorial.)



Sodas and Juices for Auction

The Auction committee is still accepting donations of juices and sodas for the Auction. Still needed are cranberry and orange juices, club soda, tonic water, 7Up and diet or regular Coke. (We have plenty of Solo cups: thank you!) Thanks so much to everyone who helps with the Auction's success in this small but very significant way!!

"Books are Fun/Collective Goods"

The traveling display is here! Nice items at good prices; orders with payment need to be at the school office by next Thursday morning, and items will go home with students on Friday (or can be held at the office).

Spirit Wear

You can order pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>.

Auction: Saturday, February 8!

Come have a great night of fun as we take it back to the 80s! Tickets are \$40/person or table of 8 for \$300. (Online purchasing available for this event at <http://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org>.) Your ticket includes appetizers, a full dinner catered by Big River BBQ and--oh, yes: a fully stocked open bar.

--not to mention all the raffles and great items to win such as a Blackstone griddle station; 4 Detroit Red Wing tickets with parking; a car detailing package; 1/2 carat diamond earrings; a flight with Marine City Aviation; 50-50 raffle; over 25 amazing baskets in the basket raffle that include two 2-night stays at Forrester Park in Sanilac County with a cooler-ful of goodies; win the guitar display that is filled with a variety of gift cards for shopping, food and fuel; and many more items.



Tons of fun--all while you are supporting your children's school. Hope to see you there--get your tickets today!



**Holy Cross Catholic School
Second Quarter Honors**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Preston Davenport, Leo DeVenly.**

Third Grade

All As: **Katie Bryson.**

Honor Roll: **Paige Arlow.**

Perfect Attendance: **Alex Path.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Alex Ogden, Xavier Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **C.J. Pennington Clark.**

Perfect Attendance: **Gavin Remier, Xavier Zammit.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Naylee Verellen.**

Perfect Attendance: **Naylee Verellen.**

Sixth Grade

Honor Roll: **Nolan Babel, Kaden Remier, Lylah Schaening.**

Seventh Grade

All As: **Ava DeVenly, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden. Angie Winne.**

Honor Roll: **John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Evan Jacobs.**

Perfect Attendance: **Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **Audrina Guldemond, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker.**

Perfect Attendance: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.**

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Basketball games start at 6:30pm unless noted otherwise:	Student leadership meeting at lunch St M @ HC	School Comm. meets 6pm	"Donuts with Dads" 7-7:30am cafeteria HC @ SMMCA			Holy Cross School Auction --6:30pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Grades 5-8 leave for camp!!	PTO meets 6:30 in the library	No East China buses home: K-4 dismissal at 2:50pm as usual	Grades K-4: mass at 9am Campers return btwn. 4:30-5pm	Midwinter break--no school (CMC too)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Midwinter break--no school (CMC too)	Classes resume	HC @ St A		Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry	Academic Olympics 8:30am-1pm at St Augustine
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	IC @ HC PLAYING at St Mary St Clair	HC @ RMS	Ash Wednesday: mass at 9am w/CMC	SMMCA @ HC	Mass 9am Stations of the Cross 2pm	