



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 9, 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

Final SCRIP credits for 2019 have been calculated and posted to families' FACTS (or camp) accounts. 17 Holy Cross families are sharing nearly **\$2800** in credits for the last quarter of 2019. That is a lot of "free money"--kind of like a rebate on money those families were spending, anyway, at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, superstores,.....

Still not too sure how SCRIP works?--but want to join this crew of smart shoppers? Call Patty (above), or contact the school office! What a great New Year's resolution--paying off tuition during your regular spending.

(Did you know you can even use SCRIP for utilities?--Call to find out how!)

End of Second Quarter

...is next Friday! (How can the school year be half over already?) Report cards will go home with students on Friday, Jan. 24.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Jan 10: food drive at 9am mass**
- **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)**

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>

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

...music teacher Mrs. Meldrum as she continues to work on recovering from surgery.

...Ms Jondron's mom, who is ill.

...Ms. Choate, whose sister passed away this week.

Auction 2020

It's time 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.

Girls' Basketball

The girls hosted St Augustine school last night, and they have another home game tonight, as St Mary McCormick comes to Marine City. Game time is 630pm.

The girls' tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 25 at St Mary St Clair. More info to follow.

Girls' Basketball Photos

Our photographer will be here on Friday, January 24, to take individual and team photos.

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 c/o school to help.

Next "Early Release" Day

Next **Wednesday, January 15, 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. (A note for next month: we will NOT be doing the "Early Release" on Feb.12 with East China, so there will be no afternoon East China buses that day.)

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. (If you haven't already received it, your family's final camp statements should be in your mailbox by tomorrow!)

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to give to the parish's pantry.

This month the pantry needs breakfast items, canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, paper towels and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

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) it's possible students might bypass the protections we have in place.

If a student is discovered to be using "Guest" (or any account other than his own holycrossonline.net account, or

CMC account for "dual enrolled students") the 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.

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.

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.

Spirit Wear

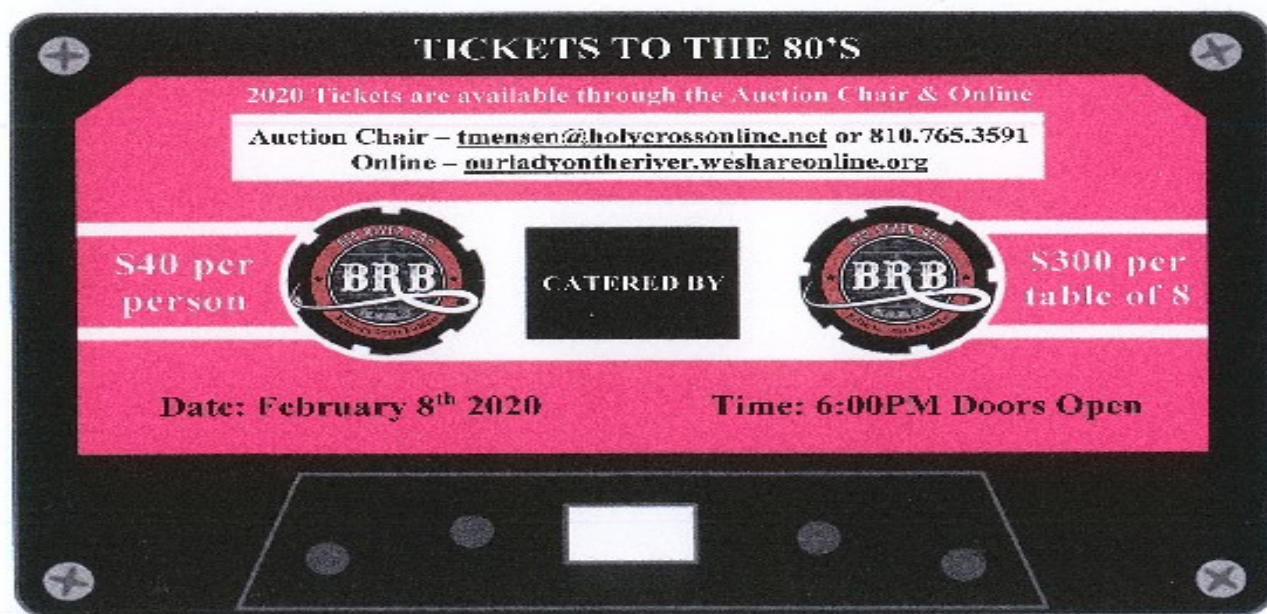
Pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest can be ordered at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/> sale.

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



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

Student Highlights

...for December:

Liam Guyor loves to attend the Indy races with his family. His favorite driver is Alexander Nossy. In school, Liam is a role model student when it comes to writing. He includes lots of detail and remembers punctuation and capitalization. Liam is a friend to everyone and is an excellent cleaner...way to go Liam!

Third grader **Katie Bryson** is a bright, hard-working student. She is a very creative writer and artist. Her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Katie says she likes to watch tv and have sleepovers. She's also involved in dance and karate. Katie has a love of moose, and she would love to have a pet moose one day. When she grows up, she wants to be a dentist or a hair stylist.

Naylee Verellen is a wonderful young lady with a kind heart and a compassionate soul. She has many interests and is always willing to share. Naylee adds insight to fifth grade class discussions and strives to do her best at all times.

Katie Kowalewski is an outgoing, well-traveled young lady with many talents. She is helpful to others and is a great person to call friend. Katie is always willing to share or step forward and defend what is right.

Seventh grader **Evan Jacobs**'s favorite subject is history. He recently won the Holy Cross Geography Bee and will test at the state level this month. In his spare time, Evan participates in sports. He plays 3rd base in baseball. He also plays basketball and has played for the Holy Cross team since 5th grade. Evan plans to attend Cardinal Mooney for high school. His favorite food is Jet's pizza and his favorite video game is Fortnite. Evan has a good sense of humor and we are blessed to have him as a part of our Holy Cross community!

Eighth grader **Audrina Guldemon** is a caring, considerate young lady. She enjoys taking care of her horses, bunny rabbit, turtles and dogs. Audrina travels around during the summer months on her grandparents' boat. She enjoys spending time with her friends and caring for animals.

"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.bboxtops4education.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.)

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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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