



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.

February 13, 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>

Camp 2020

We know the big kids have been having a super week up at Camp Leelanau! Can't wait to hear all their stories! They'll be leaving camp around noon tomorrow, and should arrive back at Holy Cross between 4:30-5pm.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **TODAY: mass day for grades K-4; campers return to school between 4:30-5pm**
- F-M, Feb 14-17: no school (midwinter break)
- **F Feb 21: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry**
- Sat. Feb 22: Academic Olympics at St Augustine School in Richmond for 5-8th graders

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/f230lua8zrtv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

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

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...will be out soon. But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the prior paragraph--

Auction 2020

Thank you to co-chairs **Mrs. Tiffany Mensen** and **Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera** (and their families!) for the amazing job they did with this year's Auction! No one realizes the amount of detail that all needs to be coordinated to pull off an event like this--and Jen and Tiffany not only pulled it all together with class, but made it look easy. Thank you to our maintenance men, **Gary Barr** and **Mike Rzeppa**, for their labors moving tables and chairs, hanging lights and decorations, and prep and takedown of the gym; to **Mr Barr** for tending bar during the auction; and to **Judy Beauvais** for her help with checkout and other technical matters. No doubt Tiffany and Jen relied on other helpers as well--but we wanted to be sure to mention the ones we know about. We are lucky to have the support of so many amazing people!

Boys' Basketball

No games this week as our athletes have been away at winter camp. Their next game is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 19 at St. Augustine School (playing at their parish center near Memphis).

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 boys' basketball team has already played its first home game, so your help is needed now!

Not Feeling Well?

With health issues in the news: a reminder that, per Health Department regulations, a student may not attend school if s/he has a fever, and **may not return to school for 24 hours after the fever is gone (WITHOUT medication)**. Of course, any time your student is truly not feeling well--fever or not--we hope you'll keep him/her home, for his/her sake and for the sake of teachers and classmates.

"Snow Days!"

Just a reminder to pay attention to the weather, and the morning news: if East China School District is closed due to inclement weather, then Holy Cross will also be closed.

Academic Olympics

This annual academic competition among our local Catholic schools will be held next 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. (Dress code: school uniform.)

EMC Honors

Holy Cross alumni earning second quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney were: Principal's List: All As: Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Dresden Scott, Cole Tite and Matthew Zammit

First honors (Minimum of 3 As and not grade lower than A or B): Maggie Bartholomew, Ashton DeMeulenaere, Sophia Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Scarlett Scott, Nicole Zawadzinski. Congratulations to these students--we are proud of you!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for February: Marilyn Zimmerman of East China, Alvoy Westrick of Cottrellville Township, and Chris Stocki of St Clair. Congratulations!!

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.

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.

"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>

(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.)

"The Blue Room"

Are your children outgrowing their school clothes? Remember our "Blue Room"--full of used school clothing donated by school families, and free to school families. Call the school office for a time to check it out.

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Next Friday (Feb. 21) 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.

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

Spirit Wear

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

Fun At School While The Campers Were Gone.....

We've had some fun while the've been away! On Monday, we copied their camp dress with a "flannel and jeans" dress down day. On Tuesday, classes made banners and had an afternoon of playing board games with each other. Yesterday we gathered around our "campsite" for s'mores and songs. This afternoon we're playing bingo. Well, maybe not quite as much fun as "Pioneer Tools," or sledding, or "Dune Exploration" like the campers get to do (see pictures, next page)--but we still enjoyed it.

Immaculate Conception presents

good cheer
good friends

Winter Wine + Down

saturday, february 22, 2020 6:00pm

Wine Tasting Et Dinner Event Benefitting Immaculate Conception

Wine Tasting * Delicious Dinner * Cash Bar * Exciting Raffles and Auctions
Cedar Glen Golf Club 36860 Twenty-five Mile Road, New Baltimore
\$100 Donation Per Person

For more information contact: Colleen Wooten 586.531.8908 cwooten@icatholic.org

Reservations

would like _____ ticket(s) at \$100 per person. (Must be 21 to attend)

Please reserve _____ table(s) of eight at \$800 per table OR _____ table(s) of ten at \$1000. (Full payment required)

Table reserved in name of: _____

Please make check payable to: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Sorry, non-refundable)

Mail this form with your check before February 14th to:
Immaculate Conception ATTN: Winter Wine-Down • 9764 Dixie Hwy, Ira Township, MI 48023

Please check one box: Mail my tickets to me I will pick my tickets up at the parish office

Pictures from camp:



...and from around school this week:

