



# 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 20, 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](http://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

### "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.

### 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>

### Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Feb 21: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry**
- Sat. Feb 22: Academic Olympics at St Augustine School in Richmond for 5-8th graders
- **W Feb 26: Ash Wednesday: 9am mass with high school (church dress code)**
- F. Feb 28: regular Friday mass; Stations of the Cross 2pm
- **W Mar 11: next Early Release day (dismissal at 12:50pm)**
- **F Mar 13: food drive for parish pantry**
- Tu Mar 17: dress down in green and white for St Patrick's Day
- **Th Mar 19: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE: pizza lunch**
- F. Mar 20: end of third quarter
- **Sat Mar 21: boys' basketball tournament at St Augustine**

### Archdiocesan Grants

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

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/f230lua8zrtv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

**To apply:** go to your FACTS account and look for "apply for tuition assistance". There is a small fee to apply. You will also need to print the "Pastor's Signature" page and get your (Archdiocese of Detroit parish) pastor's signature as part of your application. Your application and all supporting paperwork must be submitted and complete by April 30 in order to qualify for assistance.

### Applications for Bartons Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

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

### Boys' Basketball

The boys played last night at St. Augustine School. Next Monday, they play at St Mary School in St. Clair; Tuesday finds them playing at Richmond Middle School; and on Thursday they host St Mary McCormick. Go, 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 c/o school to offer your help. The boys' basketball team has already played its first home game and has a few more: so your help will be needed soon!

### Academic Olympics

This annual academic competition among our local Catholic schools will be held this 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. All events are individual except problem solving, which requires a team of 3-5 students. Olympians: dress code for all students is your school uniform.

### YEARBOOK!

It's time to order your 2019-20 Holy Cross yearbook! It will be full-color, 28 pages long (much like last year's), and it is available by pre-order only for \$15 each. The yearbooks will arrive in mid-May. You'll find an order form elsewhere in this newsletter--orders need to be in the school office by Friday, March 20.

### Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to give to the parish's pantry. Since we didn't have school last week, on February's second Friday, students will have the opportunity to bring pantry items tomorrow instead.

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, cleaning liquids, and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

### Lent / Stations of the Cross

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney will be together in church for mass at 9am (church dress code for this day). Mass again on Friday, Feb. 28.

Also, on each Friday that we are in school during Lent, students will head over to church at 2pm for stations of the cross. Parents--you are welcome to join us.

### 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/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.)

### Spirit Wear

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

### "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.

### "Crusader Cadets"

Parents of future Crusaders: you and your 0-to-5-year-old are invited to "Crusader Cadets!" Mrs. Davenport will be leading these brand-new parent-and-child gatherings from 6-7pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month until the end of the school year. "Crusader Cadets" little learners' group will meet for the first time on Thursday, March 5 in the Fine Arts Building. Hope to see you there!

# Crusader Cadets

## Little Learners Group



1st & 3rd Thursday of Each Month 6-7 PM

Holy Cross Catholic School's Fine Arts Building  
618 S. Water Street, Marine City

## ORDER YOUR 2019-20 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books will be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Students' names \_\_\_\_\_

# of yearbooks ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

---Orders need to be in the school office **by Friday, March 20.**---



## *A Rejoyceful Animal Shelter Service Project*

The seventh graders at Holy Cross have taken on a service project to help animals. We will be collecting clean old t-shirts and lightweight fleece to donate to *A Rejoyceful Animal Shelter*. We will be making Snuffle Mats for the abused, homeless, sick, aggressive, abandoned, neglected, and unwanted animals. Snuffle Mats are homemade toys that provide dogs and cats a chance to sniff around and have fun searching for food. We are also looking for donations of paper towels and cleaning supplies (such as spray disinfectants and wipes). We will accept donations until Friday, March 27th. Please consider contributing to our cause. Thank you for your generosity and time.

- Holy Cross 7th grade class



The Holy Cross 2020 camp group!