



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 6, 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

The 5-8th graders leave for Camp Leelanau Monday morning! Campers should arrive with all their gear at the usual time on Monday: we'll load the bus and be on our way first thing!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Sat. Feb 8: Holy Cross Auction!**
- 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)
- **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/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

The Auction will be held THIS Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Holy Cross Activity Center. Last minute tickets are still available at the school and church offices for \$40/person. 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!

Girls' Basketball

The girls finished their season with the tournament last Saturday. Thank you to Coaches Smith and Kowalewski for stepping up to make the season a possibility for our team (and to assistant coaches Sarah Kehoe and Steven DeDalis for their technical and on-the-floor support)! The girls learned a lot about basketball and teamwork this year.

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 was on Monday: so your help will be needed soon!

Boys' Basketball

On Monday St Mary School was in town for our boys' first game of the season. Last night Holy Cross traveled to St. Mary McCormick.

Next week there will be no games as our athletes will be at camp!

Our boys' next game is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 19 at St. Augustine School (playing at their parish center near Memphis).

Cheerleading

Samantha Duncan returns as our cheer coach (continuing as our Athletic Directory as well)! Her team includes 6th grader **Lylah Schaening**, 7th graders **Julia Curley**, **Ava DeVeny** and **Skye Moss**, and 8th graders **Gemma Downey** and **Allison Kuzera**. Thanks for keeping the HC spectators and team members fired up!

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for replacing our ancient and worn-out cheerleading pom-poms!!! The girls are pumped to have pretty, new pomps to augment their dance routines!

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.

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. (Dress code: school uniform.)

Catholic Schools Week

We ended the week with "Twins Day" on Thursday and "Dress Up Day" on Friday. Students and teachers matched up with their favorite color scheme, artist, and local T-shirt personality ("Chris" who??):



On Thursday, our student leadership team represented Holy Cross (with Mrs. Davenport) at a special mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, where they ran into Fr. Rooney:



We also had a "penny war" all week to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. (Coming in first place in points was 7th grade, with 4332 points; Kindergarten came in second with 1577 points and first/second came in third with 625 points. Total donations added up to \$344.31!)

On Friday, we dressed up--and then enjoyed a special ice cream treat sponsored by the PTO. Thank you for helping to make Catholic Schools Week special!

Sodas and Juices for Auction

The Auction committee is can still use 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!!

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>

Service Credit Records

Your family's service credit is in the mail (or perhaps you've already received it). Please check it to be sure we've noted all the credits you've earned through the end of January.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Auction: THIS 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!

Student Highlights

...for January:

Ava DeMeulenaere is the last of the three DeMeulenaere siblings who do, or have attended Holy Cross School. Ava's favorite color is bluish green. She enjoys eating spaghetti and her favorite animal/insect is a butterfly. Ava has been involved in dance. This past season she danced in the Nutcracker. When Ava grows up she wants to be a police officer. If she were given one wish, she would want a dinosaur for a pet!

Second grader **Joshua Jacobs** is awesome at remembering his math facts and does real well in Mrs. G's class. I can always count on Joshua to be a First Grade Math Helper....when Josh is at home he likes to play chess with his brother, Gabe. Keep up the good work Josh and never stop challenging yourself to do new and exciting things.

Fifth grader **Dylan Davenport** is a caring young man who is willing to help others or just offer a kind word. He has the ability to achieve whatever he sets his mind to. Dylan is creative and can see a problem from all sides to create a unique solution.

Skye Moss's favorite subject is history. In her spare time, she participates in volleyball and is an avid singer. She even has her own YouTube channel called Blue Skye Boss Beats! Skye plans to attend Marine City for high

school. Her favorite food is pasta. Skye is a phenomenal student and is very meticulous with her work! She is always quick to participate in class and she is eager to help friends. We are blessed to have her as a part of our Holy Cross community! **Julia Curley** is another star seventh grade student. Julia joined Holy Cross in January! We are so excited to have her as a part of our dynamic group! Julia's favorite subjects are math and science. She enjoys playing volleyball and was on the Holy Cross team this past season! In her spare time, Julia loves to read fantasy novels. She enjoys listening to pop music. One surprising fact about Julia is that she does NOT like chocolate ice cream! We give a warm welcome to Julia and are blessed to have her as a part of our Holy Cross community!

Eighth grader **Bryce Schocker** is a hard working compassionate young man. Bryce is helpful and sympathetic to those who are struggling. His favorite subject in school is history. He attends Cardinal Mooney for Spanish II. Bryce enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, especially at their cabin in the UP. Bryce is a breath of fresh air for our class!

"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>

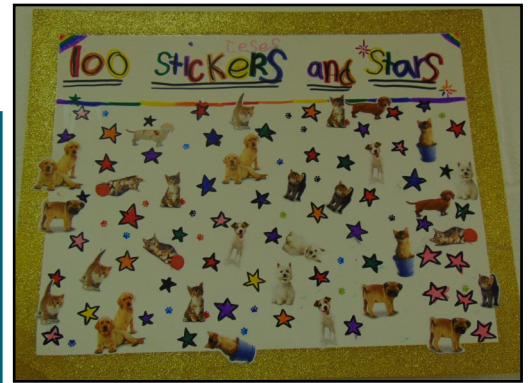
(There's a short you tube video with hints on how to scan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>)

(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.)

Spirit Wear

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

Grades K-3 celebrated the 100th day of school yesterday with posters:



...while the middle schoolers were performing their original music...



...and the eighth graders were taking things apart to see what's inside:

