



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.

March 5, 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

▲ Lunchtime Problem...

Please DO NOT send lunches that need preparation! It takes so long to cook raw pasta that students don't have time to eat it. Preparation such as assembling mini pizzas is also a lunchtime problem: it takes our lunch moms' time, and having to prepare food takes lunch supervisors' attention away from watching the students.

Please send lunches that are ready to eat, or that require minimal warming only. Thank you!

Boys' Basketball

Our boys played at home on Monday March 2, and away last night. They make up the "snow day" game tonight!

Next week, they're at IC on Monday and at home, hosting Richmond Middle School, on Thursday.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **This evening: first "Crusader Cadets" 6-7pm in FAB**
- Sun Mar 8: Daylight Savings Time: change your clocks!
- **M-F Mar 9-13: 7&8th graders Boaters' Safety course**
- Tu May 10: PTO meets 7:30am
- **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
- **Sun Mar 22: Open House 1-3pm**
- M Mar 23: "Read In" Day
- **Tu Mar 24: "Spring Fun" school pictures and winter/spring sports photos**
- F Mar 27: report cards go home

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>

To apply for the Archdiocesan grant: go to your FACTS account and look for "apply for tuition assistance". Application is done online, and there is a small fee. 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 complete and submitted by April 30** in order to qualify for a grant.

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available at the school office. But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the preceding paragraph.

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

Families interested in working some of 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>

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), available by pre-order only for \$15 each. The yearbooks will arrive in mid-May. There is an order form in this newsletter--**orders need to be in the school office by Friday, March 20.**

Lent / Stations of the Cross

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.

Food Drive at Mass Next Friday

Next Friday will be the second Friday of March. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and multipurpose cleaners are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

Next Early Release" Day

Wednesday, March 11, 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. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

“Rejoyceful Animal Shelter” Service Project

The seventh graders are collecting clean old T-shirts and lightweight fleece to make toys for shelter pets. They are also accepting donations of paper towels and cleaning supplies to help keep the animals’ areas clean. Items can be sent in to the 7th graders until Friday, March 27. The class thanks you for helping them help the animals!

“Books Are Fun”!

The traveling book display is expected back next week!

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.

Track Season

...is approaching! Thank you to Mrs. Ann Guldemond for agreeing to coach again. A few parent helpers will be needed (regularly or as your schedule permits!) to help supervise practices--please call school if you may be able to offer a few hours. Thank you!

“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>.

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

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.

“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.



On March 13, 2020 - 7:00PM at St. Catherine, Stations of the Cross will be focused on families and youth. We invite all families of the parish, religious education families, and school families to join us for this special evening!

Student Highlights

...for February:

Second grader **Vanessa Kuzera** is a careful worker who is always willing to help a friend. When she's not in school Vanessa helps with her dog and plays "Super Mario Brothers" in her free time. Some day Vanessa plans on becoming a teacher at the same school as Liam. I know Vanessa will be an awesome teacher because of her caring attitude and loving heart. Keep up the good work!

Fourth grader **Isabella Smalley** is a kind girl, with a great sense of humor! On a daily basis, she eagerly helps Mrs. Wade care for her Beta fish. One day Bella hopes to be a veterinarian and help out other animals. At home she has a rabbit and a cat. Her compassion and love for animals is only one of her remarkable attributes! Bella just wrapped up her first season of basketball at Holy Cross, and she is quite the athlete as well. She truly enjoyed playing and worked together with her teammates in every way. It is also a known fact that she is incredible at making the FREE THROW shot. At school Bella loves to participate in class, and truly enjoys science, reading, and GYM class. It's a pleasure to have Bella in my class.

Zander Somma is a very intelligent young man who has the ability to achieve whatever goal he sets his mind on. He is very knowledgeable about many things and can add great insight into fifth grade class discussions. His creativity and ability to think outside the box make him talented in problem solving.

Brennen DeMeulenaere's favorite subject is history and he attends Cardinal Mooney for French. He plays basketball for the Holy Cross team. Brennen's favorite food is fettuccini alfredo and he enjoys listening to Hip Hop music. He loves to play video games in his spare time and he even has his own YouTube channel. If you have a chance you should ask him about it! Brennen is a good leader--we are blessed to have him as a part of our Holy Cross community!

Eighth grader **Allison Kuzera** is bright, witty, intuitive, driven, responsible, and a genuine leader. Allison is a very mature young lady with world views beyond her years. She excels in ELA and literature which makes me proud. She attends Cardinal Mooney for Algebra and Spanish II. It is a pleasure teaching Allison--and learning from her, as well.

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.

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