



# 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.

April 8, 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!**

**The SCRIP OFFICE will be closed as long as school is.**

## COVID Impact

As you all know by now, by order of the Governor, we will not be able to return to "in-school" classes before the end of this school year. However, that does not change our working online: and Mrs. Davenport and the teachers are proud of how hard their students have been working.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has assured us that its schools are not subject to the recent questions on the acceptability of distance learning, and that our students are on track to finish the year as planned.

## Third Quarter Report Cards

—should be in your mailboxes within the next day or so, if you haven't already received them.

## Holy Thursday and Good Friday

...two of the holiest days in the year, are tomorrow and Friday. They will be days off from school distance learning in respect of Our Lord's Passion and sacrifice for us. Please set aside some time for prayer and reflection those days.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **TODAY: YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE IN SCHOOL!**
- Th & F April 9&10: Holy Thursday and Good Friday—distance learning attendance NOT required
- **April 13: Easter Monday: distance learning attendance NOT required.**

## ...and Easter Monday

...also off from distance learning. Remember to thank Jesus—and to enjoy the people you are quarantining with.

## Registration for 2020-21

Registration packets for the 2020-21 school year went home with your oldest "Crusader" in a blue folder in March. Look for the "early registration" discount!—noting all obligations for the current school year (including tuition, fees and service credits) must be completed to be eligible. The packet also included financial aid information--it's time to apply for that, as well!

## 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/f230lua8zrtvv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

**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. After you have his signature, fax or email the Pastor Signature page to the school office: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net).

**Your application and all supporting paperwork must be complete and submitted by the deadline posted on the application** in order to qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit. **Applying for this grant is required if you plan to apply for "local" tuition help, as well.**

**APPLY ASAP if you plan to apply for any tuition assistance for 2020-21.**

## Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available through the school office. **Applications are due May 29.** But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the preceding paragraph.

## YEARBOOK

Did you remember 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 May. There is an order form in this newsletter--**orders need to be in the school office by 10:00 AM TODAY.**

**Please note that extra books will NOT be ordered: if you want one, your order must be at school today.**

## VG's Receipts

Please keep saving 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

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

Please note that hoodies will NOT be approved as uniform wear for 2020-21.

**You can follow us on Instagram: #mholycross--and write a review for our school's Facebook page!**

## PTO's Annual Flower Sale

People will still be wanting flowers and other garden/landscaping plants after the quarantines. Watch for PTO's annual sale order information in next week's newsletter! The sale will be online this year (to comply with distancing restrictions); plants and digital gift certificates from Vandebossche Greenhouses will arrive on Friday, May 8: just in time for Mothers' Day.

## CORONAVIRUS

We continue to stay in daily contact with the Health Department, and are reviewing and updating our protocols and procedures.

The Health Department advises all to maintain cleanliness of frequently-touched surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, light switches, desks, keyboards, countertops, bathroom surfaces...). They also advise teaching and reviewing proper handwashing techniques and other ways of reducing disease transmission (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a tissue or elbow) with children.

When we are able to return to school: school policy requires students who have flu-like symptoms or a fever to remain away from school. Reducing a fever with medication does **not** eliminate the cause of the fever, and **the student must still stay away from school** until the fever is gone naturally.

We are lucky in already being set up for distance learning. With our Chromebooks and Google classroom / IXL work, online learning is already in place for our 1-8 students, and electronic (and other) communications are being planned for our Kindergartners to keep them learning, too.

## 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 **734.837.507**. Help will be needed most Wednesdays once public gatherings resume: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0\\_OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHUdAS6gNvLE0_OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb)

## “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.

## “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>

## 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.

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

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## “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 after the quarantine order is over, and we’ll figure a time for you to check it out.



## Student Highlights

...for March:

Kindergartner **Gabriel Pettinger** is the middle child in his family. He has an older brother and a sister who is younger. Gabe is, however, the oldest of the Kindergartners. While in school, Gabe enjoyed interacting with his classmates, especially during Free Time. He really had fun building with the wooden blocks and playing games. Gabe is very good at math. At home, he enjoys watching and playing soccer. He was always willing to help out at school, and is a big help at home.

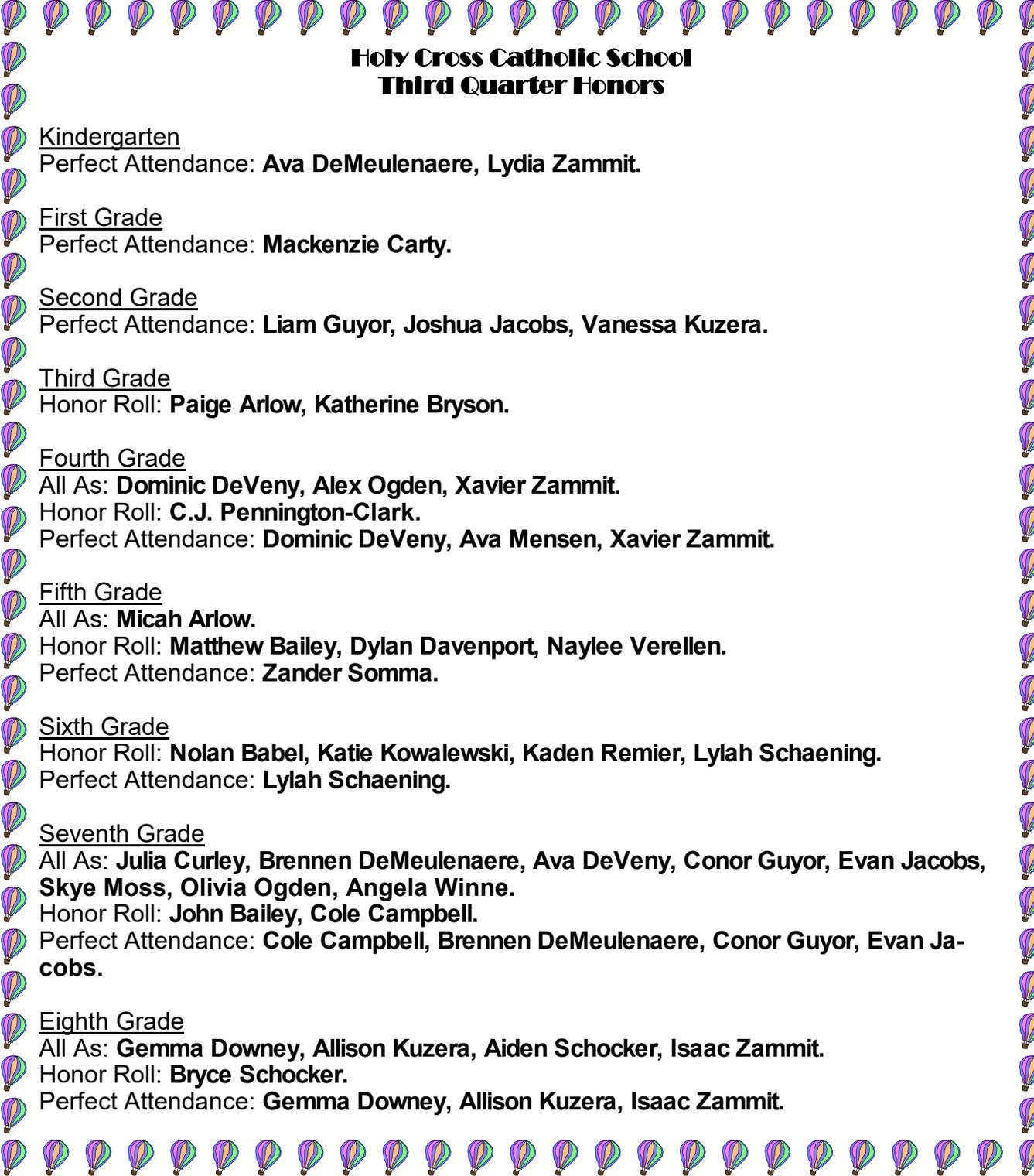
Second grader **Veronica Daugherty** is new to Holy Cross this year, and she made friends quickly because she is so caring. In class Veronica’s leadership abilities really stand out. Some day Veronica hopes to become a hair stylist. Keep up the great work.

**Jack Curley** is a wonderful addition to our third grade classroom! He is creative and bright, and his humor always brightens our days. His favorite subject in school is math (especially on IXL). At home, he likes to relax and watch TV, and he also takes piano lessons. When Jack grows up, he would like to start a charity to raise money for schools and for people who need it.

Fourth grader **CJ Pennington-Clark** is everyone’s friend! He has a keen sense of humor, a caring heart, and a profound love for Jesus. CJ loves school and gives his best effort, every day, in each subject. He is especially good at math and reading. When he grows up he wants to be a lawyer, actor, scientist, and a doctor. Outside of school, CJ loves to connect with his friends online to play Fortnite. He is also an aspiring child actor. His loves to eat pizza and burgers. I am glad I had the opportunity to be CJ’s teacher for third and fourth grades.

Eighth grader **Isaac Zammit** is an intelligent, funny and helpful young man. He sets a great example for his peers. He has a wonderful sense of humor. He is always willing to help and he is brutally honest. Isaac’s favorite school subject is English. He attends Cardinal Mooney for Algebra and Italian. He excels in all sporting events, especially cross country and track. Isaac is a wonderful asset to the eighth grade class.





**Holy Cross Catholic School  
Third Quarter Honors**

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Ava DeMeulenaere, Lydia Zammit.**

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Mackenzie Carty.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Liam Guyor, Joshua Jacobs, Vanessa Kuzera.**

Third Grade

Honor Roll: **Paige Arlow, Katherine Bryson.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Dominic DeVeney, Alex Ogden, Xavier Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **C.J. Pennington-Clark.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dominic DeVeney, Ava Mensen, Xavier Zammit.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Naylee Verellen.**

Perfect Attendance: **Zander Somma.**

Sixth Grade

Honor Roll: **Nolan Babel, Katie Kowalewski, Kaden Remier, Lylah Schaening.**

Perfect Attendance: **Lylah Schaening.**

Seventh Grade

All As: **Julia Curley, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Angela Winne.**

Honor Roll: **John Bailey, Cole Campbell.**

Perfect Attendance: **Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Aiden Schocker, Isaac Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **Bryce Schocker.**

Perfect Attendance: **Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.**

**A Plea On Behalf of your Parish:**

Your parish needs you now more than ever. Please keep your pastor and his staff in your prayers during this pandemic crisis. And--if you are able--please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of Governors' orders, your parish, also, has such needs, and no other way to meet them than its parishioners and other donors.

For Archdiocese of Detroit Easter services and other worship opportunities: go to <https://www.aod.org/livemasses> .