



# 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.

May 21, 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?

**"Curbside" SCRIP hours:**

**Mondays 5-6pm and**

**Fridays 9-10am**

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

## In Person Masses at OLR

...resumed this week, beginning on Tuesday at St. Catherine's. (You should have received notice from the parish last week.) Weekend masses will be: on Saturdays--4pm at St. Catherine in Algonac and 6pm at Holy Cross (which will be livestreamed); and Sundays--9:30am at Holy Cross, 10am at St Mark on Harsens Island and 11:30 at St Catherine. Weekday masses will be held at 9am on Mondays and Tuesdays at St Catherine and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at Holy Cross. The beginning of our return to "community"!

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW  
or MONDAY--  
Memorial Day weekend**

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **Through May 27: "Virtual Field Day" activities**
- F-M, May 22-25: no school—Memorial Day weekend
- **F May 29: last day of school for 2019-20 school year**

## Tuition Payment for 2020-21

Hoping to lessen COVID's possible "cash flow" impact to our families, **we are delaying the standard, 10-payment tuition plan by a month.** Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the first tuition payment will be due by the end of June, and the last by the end of March.

## Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

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

## Archdiocesan Grants

**Second round applications for tuition assistance (for smaller awards) from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted.** For information go to:

[detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships](http://detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships)

**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** according to the published deadlines 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—PLEASE APPLY ASAP if you will be asking for any "local" tuition assistance for 2020-21!**

## Virtual Field Day

The PTO hopes you have been enjoying their "Virtual Field Day" activities! Our thanks to them for coming up for those fun things for our students to do!

## The Rest of This Year

**NO SCHOOL** May 22-25 (that's tomorrow through Monday, May 25).

The last day of school for both Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney will be Friday, May 29.

## Virtual Awards Ceremony

Next Friday marks the end of this school year. We're proud of our students, who have risen to the challenges presented this quarter, and of their parents--who have faced challenges of their own these past few weeks. Our partnership in the education of your children has never been more apparent than during this quarantine period.

The last day will begin with 9am mass with Cardinal Mooney--watch next week for Mrs. Davenport's email with the link to join the service.

Since we are still not allowed to gather, a second link will invite you to this year's awards ceremony, which will be conducted online this year (and is planned for 11am next Friday).

After that, the year will be done!

Teachers will work on report cards next week. Final report cards, student awards, and any other student-owned "stuff" we find at school will be available for you to pick up **on Wednesday and Friday, June 10 and 12 (times will be announced next week).** When you come to pick up your student's items, **please bring your student's Chromebook, textbooks, library books, and any other school-owned property** you have. Report cards may be withheld at that time if those items are not returned, so please be sure to round them all up between now and then!

## Yearbooks

....are in! We ordered a few extra: if you missed ordering, there's still a chance! They are \$15 each: first come, first served. Mail your payment (checks should be made out to "OLR") to the school--618 South Water Street, Marine City 48039. (Mrs. Steinmetz will acknowledge receiving it.)

### **"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>

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>.

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

### **VG's Receipts**

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are almost 3/4 of the way to our next \$1000 award, and 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.

### *Thank You!*

...to our anonymous "gardening angels" for weeding, and to Tommy's Lawn Service for mulching the school's flower beds: they are beautiful!

### **"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>

Please complete a "review" on our Holy Cross School Facebook page:

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

You can follow us on Instagram:  
**#mcholycross.**

### **East China School District "Grab and Go Meals"**

East China Schools are offering free "meals to go" (breakfasts and lunches) for students under age 18: pickup is on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm at both Marine City Middle/High School and St Clair High School. For more info go to the district's website:

<https://eastchinaschools.org/>

### **T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards**

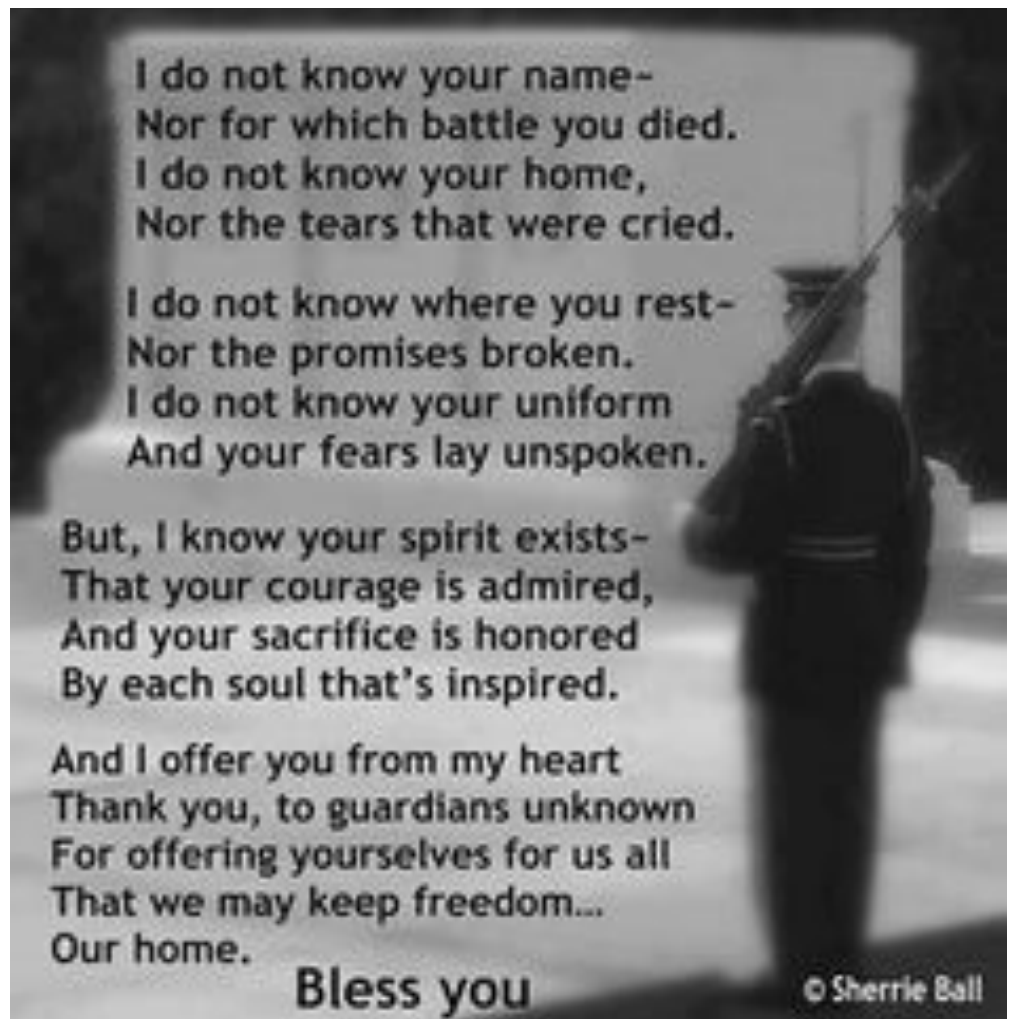
The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong! PTO also has a few "vintage" t-shirts (last year's logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5.

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

### **Memorial Day**

As you enjoy a day of leisure and play, maybe a cookout with your family, please save a few minutes for a grateful prayer for the service people who, over the years, offered their lives for the freedoms we enjoy and cherish.



### **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.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:  
<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>