



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.

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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?

**"Curbside" SCRIP hours
(continuing through the summer):
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!**

Summer Office Hours

When the "stay at home" order has been lifted, the school office will resume its regular summer hours. We will be open from 8am-1pm daily in June and August. The office closes for cleaning in July, but we will continue to monitor phone and email messages.

Virtual Field Day

Hope you all had fun with these activities! More word next week about outcomes.....

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F May 29: last day of school for 2019-20 school year!--9am mass, 11am virtual awards ceremony**
- W&F, June 10 & 12: drop off students' Chromebooks/textbooks and pick up report cards and awards

Congratulations!!

...to soon-to-be-Holy Cross Alumni **Gemma Downey** and **Aiden Schocker!** Each has won a \$500 scholarship toward their first year expenses are Cardinal Mooney in our recent essay contest.

Our winners attest to the strong nurturing environment they have found at school. Gemma wrote that: "The bonds that I have already made while attending Catholic school have been extraordinary." Aiden says: "When learning in a Catholic school, I've always felt welcomed to learn and have the freedom to pray in a setting that supports me."

Thank you to all of the students who wrote essays and entered the competition. We're proud of each of you for trying, and for the consideration you each gave to the topic. Our best wishes to you all as you embark on your high school careers!

End of School / Virtual Awards Ceremony

TOMORROW marks the end of this school year. The last day will begin with 9am mass with Cardinal Mooney: here is the link for the mass--

<https://meet.google.com/bsk-dbpk-xnb>

Since we are still not allowed to gather, this year's awards ceremony will be conducted online this year (and is planned for 11am tomorrow). Here is the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72716616673?pwd=NkxIOExVeE9BemlqdnZiN3M3eGN6Zz09>
Meeting ID: 727 1661 6673
Password: 12345

After that, the school year will be officially 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, June 10 (from 8am-noon and 6:30-7:30pm) and Friday, June 12 (8am-noon)**. When you come to pick up your student's items, **please bring your student's Chromebook and charger, textbooks, library books, sports uniforms, 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!

Graduation!

With the government's easing of restrictions we are able to have a graduation ceremony for our eighth graders! They will officially graduate on **Friday, June 12**, at the 9am mass at Holy Cross. All may attend (masks and social distancing will be required: see the parish's website for details--www.ourladyontheriver.net). The eighth graders' awards and diplomas will be presented in person at this time. More info will be sent to the eighth graders and their families early next week so they know what time to show up and are prepared for the ceremony.

"Summer Study"

A packet prepared just for your family will be ready at the June 10 & 12 pickup times. It will have some ideas about how to keep your children's minds sharp during the summer to avoid "summer slide." More summer enrichment activities will be posted on our website during the week of June 15.

Attention Parents of Cheerleaders and Boys' Basketball Team Members--

If your athlete still has his/her uniform, **please be sure to return it when you come June 10 or 12** for report cards. Not returning your uniform will result in not getting your report card! Thank you.

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available through the school office. **Applications are due by TOMORROW.** 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: detroitcatholicsschools.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.

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!**

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mholycross.

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.

"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.

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.

"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/>

East China School District "Crab and Co 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.

Yearbooks

....are in! They will be ready for pick up at the same time as students' report cards and awards.

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 your request and let you know if there's still a book available for you.)

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/>