



# 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.

June 11, 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**  
(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

The school office will be open from 8am-noon daily in June and August. The office is closed for cleaning in July, but we will continue to monitor phone and email messages throughout the summer.

## End of School

Report cards, student awards, and any other student-owned "stuff" we find at school will be available for you to pick up **tomorrow (Friday, June 12) from 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.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- F, June 12 (8am-noon): last day for drop off of students' Chromebooks/textbooks and any other school property and pick up of report cards and awards
- **F June 12: 8th graders' graduation ceremony at 9am mass**

## Congratulations to the Holy Cross Class of 2020!

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 eighth graders, who will officially graduate tomorrow morning 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](http://www.ourladyontheriver.net)). The eighth graders' awards and diplomas will be presented in person at this time.

The soon-to-be newest alumni of Holy Cross Catholic School are **Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldmond, Allison Kuzera, Lauchlan McDonald, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker and Isaac Zammit**. Congratulations to these fine young people--it has been our honor to be part of your education!



## First Communion

Our second graders are finally able to make their First Communion over the last two weekends of June. They will attend mass and receive the sacrament in the company of their families. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants--may God shower His blessings on you, now and always.

## "Summer Study"

A packet prepared just for your family was readied for the June 10 & 12 pickup times. It contains 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.

## 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!**

You can follow us on Instagram:  
#mholycross.

## Spirit Wear and Dress Code For Next Year

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

Please note that neither sweatshirts nor school logo'd T-shirts will be approved as uniform wear for 2020-21.

An updated dress code publication is included in your family's awards packet. (It is also available on the school's website: [www.holycrossonline.net/uniform](http://www.holycrossonline.net/uniform).)

### **Raffle Calendar Winners**

...for June are James Furtah and Marybeth Schindler, both of Marine City, and Winnie Gutt of East China. Congratulations!

### **"Box Tops for Education"**

Just a reminder about "how to" digital-ly 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.

### **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.

### **"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/>

### **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 a book available for you.)

### **Talent Show**

Look for a compilation of our HC talent coming soon!

### **"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.

### **Last Newsletter of this School Year**

You can expect our next newsletter in the first part of July. 'Til then--have a wonderful summer!!!

### **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. You are invited to join in Our Lady on the River's daily and weekend services. However, if you prefer not to venture out into crowds just yet, please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations, as you are able. 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/>

### **Holy Cross on Facebook:**

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

# St. Clair County Health Department Offers Virtual Summer Programs



## LifeSkills

Program for 6th-7th graders

### Personal Self-Management Skills

- Enhance self-esteem
- Develop problem solving abilities
- Reduce stress and anxiety

### General Social Skills

- Overcoming shyness
- Communicating clearly
- Building relationships

### Drug Resistance Skills

- Build effective defenses against pressures to use tobacco, alcohol and other drugs

- 11 sessions, 30 minutes each
- Tuesday's and Thursday's
- 2-2:30 pm

#### First Course

June 9, 11, 16,  
18, 23, 25, 30  
July 2, 7, 9, 14

#### Second Course

July 21, 23, 28, 30  
August 4, 6, 11, 13,  
18, 20, 25

## Project ALERT

Program for 7th-8th graders

### Motivates Against Drug Use

- Consequences of drug use
- Alternatives to using
- Correct misleading messages on drugs

### Skills/Stragies to Resist Drugs

- Internal/external pressures
- Resistance techniques

### Create Non-Use Attitudes/Beliefs

- Benefits of not using drugs
- Data and trends on teen drug use

- 11 sessions, 30 minutes each
- Tuesday's and Thursday's
- 3-3:30 pm

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18, 23, 25, 30  
July 2, 7, 9, 14

#### Second Course

July 21, 23, 28, 30  
August 4, 6, 11, 13,  
18, 20, 25

## Vaping 101

Class for age 10 and up

### What are e-cigarettes?

- Describe how e-cigarettes operate
- How to identify e-cigarettes

### Public/Health Consequences

- Vaping aerosol
- Toxic substances
- More than e-juice

### Predatory Marketing

- Enticing flavors
- Social media influencers
- Sleek, cheap, and false advertising

- 1 session, 1 hour
- Wednesday's
- 2-3pm
- June 17, or 24
- July 1, 8, 15, 22, or 29



For questions or to sign up:

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