



# 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.

July 9, 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!

SCRIP credits for April-June SCRIP purchases are in the process of being calculated. If you are expecting a SCRIP credit, it should show up on your FACTS tuition account about the middle of July.

## Summer Office Hours

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

*Congratulations!!*

...to 10 Holy Cross School families who have received financial aid awards (Archdiocesan, Fr. Bartone and other "local") **totaling \$26,800!** (That's why we encourage you over and over to apply for everything that is offered: it can be VERY worthwhile to apply.)

## Mark Your Calendar....

- F Aug 21: Crusader day 10am-2pm
- **Th Aug 27: First day of school!**
- W Sep 9: First day of preschool

## A New Financial Aid Opportunity!

Our local Knights of Columbus support Holy Cross in ongoing ways such as through their weekly bingo. They have also provided the award funds for four \$500 tuition awards! See page 4 of this newsletter for information on applying for this assistance.

## First Day of School

...will be Thursday, August 27! Please see the attached 2020-21 school year calendar.

## Archdiocesan Grants

**We understand 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:  
#mcholycross

## Supply Lists

...for 2020-21 are attached.

Please note that all students need ear buds or headphones. We advise headphones for younger students, who aren't as adept at volume control, to better protect their hearing. They don't need to be exorbitantly priced: we found a reasonably-priced set at "Five Below" stores.

## Service Credits

Don't forget that you have until September 15 to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

## To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. As bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

## Field Day and Talent Show Video Links:

Field Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnYW2h2bmjs>

Talent Show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70U8nD-bSy0>

## "Crusader Day"

Friday, August 21, will be "Crusader Day." From 10am to 2pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2020-21 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Wednesday, **August 27**), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete & leave forms that day, too, if you wish.

We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, and gear up for school--see you August 21st!!

## Service Credits: Lunch Aides

We are looking for lunch supervisors! (We hope that, if you were a lunch aide last year, you'll continue to perform that service again this year!!) You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: if you work, say, Mondays all year, that will give you four credits (two per semester); if you opt to do three days, you will have earned all of your credits (and had lots of quality time with your children and their friends!).

Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days, by the day of the week (e.g., you might choose to work Wednesdays). Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check. Mrs. Davenport will have a short orientation meeting for aides in August (date to be determined) so all will have an opportunity to learn the "rules" and expectations.

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

## Family Directory

At the beginning of each school year we prepare a directory of our families, listing parents' names and addresses, students' names, and family phone number. We can include your email address, if you would like that to be available to your fellow parents.

The directory will be printed and given to all families whose family entries are included. If you prefer that your family's information NOT be included, please let Mrs Steinmetz in the school office know before August 14. If you would like your email address included, please pass that info on to Mrs Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net) by Aug. 14, as well.

## 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 Marine City Middle School until August 12. For more info go to the district's website: <https://eastchinaschools.org/>

## Seventh Graders and New "Crusaders"

The Health Department assesses immunization records of all new students and all students entering 7th grade.

If your child is in one of these groups, please check with your doctor to see if your student's immunizations are up to date. Parents of students in these categories with immunization waivers will need to update the waiver: call the Health Department (810.987.5300) to make that arrangement.

## 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 available on the school's website: [www.holycrossonline.net/uniform](http://www.holycrossonline.net/uniform).

## Dress Code

The Holy Cross dress code is available on the school website ([holycrossonline.net/uniform/](http://holycrossonline.net/uniform/)). In line with our continuing efforts to keep our focus on academic excellence and educating the whole child, and noting that school uniforms eliminate distractions, create a sense of belonging and pride, and are cost effective, you will notice a stricter enforcement of our dress code this year.

As you start your back-to-school shopping, please check to be sure your clothing selections comply with the dress code. Pants and shorts should be "dress"--no overstretching or "cargo" pockets. Socks should be white, black or navy and completely cover the ankle. Blouses should be plain in style. **SHOES are to be "dress shoes: oxford / buckle / loafer in black, dark brown or navy (or black & white saddle shoe)".**

Look at the pictures on the website! There are so many options--you don't have to buy your clothes from any particular manufacturer, and there are many choices of styles. Our "Blue Room" is full of used clothing that is free to school families: call the office to make an appointment to check it out.

Our goal is to encourage a neat, professional, and "uniform" look among our students without causing our families a financial burden.

## Free School Clothes in "The Blue Room"

You KNOW they're not going to fit into last year's uniforms! How would you like to check out an air-conditioned room full of FREE replacements? Contact the school office with a few times you're available to come in, and we'll work to find a time that's good for everyone. The "Blue Room" is full of school-appropriate clothing that is FREE to Holy Cross School families.

## 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.

## Fall Sports

Looking toward the fall! As you may know, Holy Cross participates in athletics along with the other schools in the Blue Water Parochial League. The first sports scheduled in the league in the fall are cross country (coed, grades 5-8) and volleyball (girls, grades 6-8). Of course, we still don't know how the pandemic will affect school sports in the fall. However, if we are allowed to play, we want to be ready!

Please let us know (by July 13) if your middle schooler(s) are interested in participating in either of those sports, if it is allowed. Coaching and other adult help will also be needed to join cross country coaches **Mr. and Mrs. Zammit**: please let us know if you are interested (or know someone who might be) in helping in that capacity for those (or other) sports.

The Zammits are inviting all 5-8th graders interested in cross country to a summer conditioning event! Please contact Coach for info at 810.289.9488 or by email: [zammitmd@yahoo.com](mailto:zammitmd@yahoo.com).

**All school athletes need to have had a sports physical before participating in sports.** Parents and doctor each complete parts of the form.

A blank copy of the sports physical form was included in your family's "Summer Study Guide" packet. The form is also available on the school website: go to [www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net) and hover over "about," down to "athletics" and choose "sports physical form" from the dropdown box that appears.

If you think you might participate in any sports this year, summer is a great time to get your sports physical done and out of the way! If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinics" or the Health Department's "Teen Health" center. (And while you're there, you can check to be sure your immunizations are up to date!)

## "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.

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

### **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 90% 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.

### **Cafeteria Pricing 2020-21**

We don't yet know meal costs for the next school year, but expect to have those numbers by this time next month. Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits on the first day of school, but will need to re-apply for those benefits within the first couple weeks of school (the application form will be in your family's "first day of school" packet, available during "Crusader Day").

New families: if you received free or reduced-cost lunches at your old school, please contact Mrs Steinmetz in the office ASAP to see what needs to be done to continue those benefits at Holy Cross.

### **Yearbooks**

We still have a couple yearbooks left--\$15 each: first come, first served. You can mail your payment (checks should be made out to "OLR") to the school--618 South Water Street, Marine City 48039, and we can mail your book to you.

### **Auction 2021**

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

Auction time will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too.)

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn your service credits. When we are permitted to gather again, we will also be looking for a chairperson (or persons) for Auction 2021.

### **"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/>

**Enjoy the rest of your summer--see you in August!**

### **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/>

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship  
Contest and Application**

Our local Knights of Columbus have provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships\* for current Holy Cross students. Two will be awarded to students in grades K-4 and two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the Knights of Columbus scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What Does My Holy Cross Education Mean to Me?" The work must be the student's own. Younger students may wish to include (a) hand-drawn picture(s) to help explain their ideas. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application.

The bottom portion of this page must be completed and attached to student's entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office on Friday, July 31. (They may be mailed to arrive by that date, or left at the Holy Cross site / OLR parish office by the end of their office hours that date.)

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, August 6 school newsletter.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

\*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$200, and the other awards will be increased, equally, accordingly.

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I am applying for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin, or other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

Is entrant's father/guardian a member of the Knights of Columbus?    Yes    No

If so, what is his council's name and number? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's printed name

# Holy Cross Catholic School

## 2020-21 Calendar

Aug 21	Friday	"Crusader Day" 9am-3pm in school
Aug 27	Thursday	First day of school-No East China buses until Sep. 8
Sep 4-7	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 8	Tuesday	Classes resume / East China buses start
Sep 9	Wednesday	First day of preschool
Sep 16	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Sep 28	Monday	No school: professional development
Oct 7	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Oct 16	Friday	No East China buses home
Oct 30	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 6	Friday	Report cards go home
Nov 11	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Nov 13	Friday	No classes: parent/teacher conferences
Nov 25-7	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec 9	Wednesday	No East China buses home
Dec 18	Friday	No East China buses home
Dec 21-Jan 1	Mon-Friday	Christmas recess
Jan 4	Monday	Classes resume (East China buses run today)
Jan 15	Friday	No East China buses home
Jan 18	Monday	No East China buses (am or pm)
Jan 20	Wednesday	End of second quarter
Jan 28	Thursday	Report cards go home
Jan 29	Friday	No school: professional development
Feb 8-11	Mon-Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders go to camp
Feb 12-15	Fri- Mon	No school: mid-winter break
Feb 16	Tuesday	Classes resume
Feb 17	Wednesday	No East China buses home
March 8	Monday	No school: professional development
March 10	Wednesday	No East China buses home
March 26	Friday	End of third quarter
Mar 29-31	Mon-Wed	No East China buses (am or pm)
March 31	Wednesday	Report cards go home
Apr 1-9	Thurs-Friday	Easter break
April 12	Monday	Classes resume
April 14	Wednesday	No East China buses home
May 12	Wednesday	No East China buses home
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day: no school
June 1	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 10	Thursday	No East China buses home
June 11	Friday	Last day of school; honors assembly, report cards; no East China buses home

School day 7:30am-2:50pm  
Lunch 10:45-11:25am  
176 days / 1126.4 hours

(July 2020)

**Holy Cross Catholic School—Marine City  
Student Supplies Needed 2020-21**

**\* Replenish as needed—PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	—	1	1
Set of crayons (not "Twistables")	24 pack	24 pack	24 pack
Set of washable markers	1 (8/pk)	1	1
1 ruler (12 inches / 30 cm)	—	1	1
# glue sticks *	12 *	4 *	4 *
# bottles of glue (8 ounce)	1	1	1
Fiskars scissors, short blade	1	1	1
# boxes #2 pencils *	3 boxes *	3 boxes *	3 boxes *
# pink erasers *	2 *	1 pkg *	1 pkg *
Pencil tip erasers *	—	1 pkg *	1 pkg *
# dry erase markers	—	4	4
# boxes tissues	4	3	3
# rolls paper towels	4	3	3
# pocket folders (bottom pockets)	4 (solid color)	2 (1 w / holes)	2 (1 w / holes)
Hand sanitizer	1 bottle	1 bottle	1 bottle
Pkgs antibacterial wipes for desks	4	4	4
Gym shoes (white w / non-marking soles)	1 pr (labeled)	1 pr	1 pr
Composition notebook for writing	—	1	1
3-ring binder w/clear view pockets	1 (1" thick)	1 (1" thick)	1 (1" thick)
Post it notes	—	1 pkg	1 pkg
"Ziploc" bags, box	.	1 box gallon	1 box quart size
Plastic page protectors, pkg of 25	—	1	1

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grds 5-8
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	1	1	1
Set of colored pencils	1	1	1
Set of washable markers	1	1	1
Crayola crayons (pack of 24)	1 pkg	1 pkg	—
# glue sticks *	4 *	4 *	3 *
Fiskars scissors, short blade, pointed	1	1	1
# boxes #2 pencils * (not foil-wrapped)	—	—	3 *
Mechanical pencils	3 pkg *	3 pkg *	—
# pink erasers *	1 *	1 *	—
# red marking pens (non clicking) or pencils *	1 *	1 *	2 *
Highlighters, different colors *	2 *	2 *	4 *
Black "Sharpie" marker, fine point	—	—	1 *
# pkgs. blue or black erasable pens *	—	—	1 *
Dry erase markers, set of 4	2 *	2 *	1 *
Ruler (12 in/30 cm)	1	1	—
# rolls paper towels	1	1	2
Pocket folders (for LA, Rel, SS) white, wide ruled lined paper (not spiral bound)	1 w/holes	—	3
Graph paper, 1/4" grid (for math)	—	—	3 pkgs *
Spiral notebook for math (3 subject)	—	—	1 pkg
Spiral notebook for science (3 subject)	—	—	1
Spiral notebook for social studies (1 subject)	—	—	1
Composition notebook for religion or writing	1 writing	—	1 religion
Wireless mouse, optional	1	1	—
3x5 index cards for SS	—	—	2 pkgs
Pkg (lemon) Clorox wipes for desks	5	5	3
3-ring binder	1 1"thick	1 1"thick	1 2" thick
Books covers	—	—	3
Post it notes (colored)	—	—	1 pkg
Hand sanitizer	1	1	1 bottle
Boxes of tissues	2	2	2
Ziploc bags, storage size	1 pkg	1 pkg	—
Planner (available at school office for \$2)	1	1	1
For gym: dark shorts, white T shirt, white gym shoes w / non-marking soles	shoes only	shoes only	1 set

**In addition, ALL STUDENTS NEED:**

- ❖ Book bag no larger than 15"x16"x8" (no rolling bags, please)
- ❖ Water bottle, if desired (18 ounces or smaller, clear only, with no covering, and spillproof).
- ❖ A set of earbuds or headphones (we encourage headphones for younger students to better protect their hearing: a reasonably priced headphone set is available at "FiveBelow" stores).