



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.

August 6, 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 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;**

**beginning August 28--
Mondays 7-9am and 5-6pm,
And Fridays 7-9am**

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 have been calculated--kudos to the 15 Holy Cross families who earned about \$2650 in credits! If your family wasn't included, it's not too late to start, for the next quarter--call Patty or the school office for more info.

School Office Hours

We're here from at least 8am-noon daily in August until school starts.

Thank You!

...to maintenance staff for once again polishing our beautiful little building for a new school year! Everything is being buffed and sanitized for the first day.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Aug 21: Crusader day 10am-2pm
- **Th Aug 27: First day of school!**
- F-M, Sep 4-7: Labor Day week-end: no school
- **W Sep 9: First day of preschool**

COVID

The ongoing pandemic continues to affect everyone's lives and plans. Holy Cross School's plans for this fall and beyond continue to be guided by the state of Michigan, the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Michigan Department of Education, Holy Cross and Our Lady on the River Parish staff and administration. We will continue to keep you abreast of any changes and information as the situation evolves.

To that end, this newsletter is being emailed as well as "snail mailed" to you. **If you did not receive either, please contact school to help us correct our records for you.**

KofC Scholarship Winners

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!

We received a number of applications by the July 31 deadline. It was so hard to choose!! Congratulations to new Kindergarten student **Lily DeVeny**, new first grader **Robert Campau**, and fifth graders **Dominic DeVeny** and **Xavier Zammit!** Robert is eager to learn, and to meet new friends; after watching all of her older siblings go to school, Lily is excited to finally be able to celebrate her birthday at school! Dominic enjoys starting the day off with morning prayer with his class and schoolmates, and he likes that students who need extra help or more challenges can find it at Holy Cross. Xavier appreciates the daily religion classes that can't be found in a public school setting, and he is grateful that Catholic schooling has helped him become a well rounded student and a kind human being. Thank you to all the students who submitted entries!

First Day of School

...is scheduled for Thursday, August 27! (Of course, all Governor's decrees regarding schools will affect Holy Cross as well.)

School will begin at 7:30am as always. **However, the COVID ban on gatherings requires some change to our mornings. Beginning on the first day, students WILL NOT be able to enter until 7:15 am.** Mrs. Davenport will be outside to "pace" their entry into school (to maintain social distancing). They will proceed directly to their classrooms, where their teachers will be waiting for them.

All students will need to wear face masks every day when they enter the building. The state's COVID requirements allow students in self-contained grade K-4 classrooms to remove their masks when they are in their classrooms with only their class members; all other students and adults will have to wear their masks all day (except when eating). (Students who move to another classroom for any reason will have to wear their mask in while in the other room.)

Any student / adult with a condition that renders wearing a face mask medically intolerable may obtain a waiver form from the school office to be signed by his/her doctor and parent/self. Anyone without that signed waiver will be required to obey the face mask regulations.

Parents will be expected to screen their children **every morning** for symptoms. A child who shows symptoms after arriving at school will be sent home. A person sent home with a fever will NOT be able to return the next day, even if s/he feels better: they must be fever free for at least 24 hours with no fever reducing medication. If there are other COVID symptoms, the CDC's regulations will guide the return to school.

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note to school by the first day to let us know how your children will be getting home those first few days (as well as what their typical "going home" routine will be). (Remember East China buses won't be running on our first days) Thank you!

Preschool

Our preschoolers' first day will be Wednesday, September 9. **Preschoolers and their parents will need to wear face masks when entering the building;** the children will be allowed to remove their face masks when they are in the classroom with only the other preschoolers. Their session will start at 8:30am and end at 11am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Service Credits

Don't forget that K-8 school families have until September 15 to sign up for credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

A copy of your service credit record is being mailed to you with this newsletter.

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.

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!

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/>

"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 (Thursday, **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.

On that day, come to the front door of school **wearing your mask**. You will be directed where to go and what to do.

(Please be advised that proofs of your school pictures won't be available on the 21st: they are expected to go home with students a week or so later.)

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!!

Important Papers and Forms

We are preparing a packet of important papers for your family. They will be available to pick up at "Crusader Day," on August 21. If you don't pick up your packet up then, it will go home with your oldest "Crusader" on the first day of school. It will contain this year's school handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches, Chromebooks and the school directory. Please read all carefully and respond appropriately--thank you!

School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after school starts. The Chromebook insurance fee must have been paid, and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements signed, before the computer is released to a student. These forms will be included in the "first day" packets available for pickup at "Crusader day." (The packet will be sent home on the first day of school with your oldest student if not already picked up.)

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.

School 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. (Your proposed entry is in the mail to you!) 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.

Spirit Wear and Dress Code

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.

Dress Code

The Holy Cross dress code is available on the school website (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 over stitching 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.

2019-20 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.

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! A million thanks to **Mrs. Jen Kuzera and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Zammit** for agreeing to return as coaches for volleyball and cross country, respectively!

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 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!)

Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

Cafeteria Service / Lunch

Families who received free or reduced-cost lunches last year will be eligible for those benefits the first day Chartwells serves lunch, 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;" it is also available at this link: <https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/07/2020-21-Free-and-Reduced-Price-Lunch-Application.pdf>).

Regular priced lunches will still be \$2.40, and milk alone will be 50¢. We don't know yet if Chartwells will serve lunches on the first day of school, but will let you know when we find out.

New families: if you received free or reduced-cost lunches at your old school, you will need to complete a new application to receive those benefits at Holy Cross.

Please be advised that, due to COVID concerns, **we will NOT have microwaves in the lunchroom.** All lunches from home will have to be read-to-eat.

East China Bus Riders:

Busing is available for residents of East China School District. Call the District's Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about your bus stop(s) and time(s).

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.

"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/newbtfe>

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 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.

"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:
#mholycross

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for July were Veronica Gerow of Clay Township and Rita Roehrig and (former HC teacher) Margie Smith of Marine City. Congratulations!

Meningococcal Vaccine

We are required to notify you of the availability of the meningococcal vaccine. Please contact the county Health Department or your doctor's office for more information.

Asbestos

Federal law requires schools to inspect, test and identify known or suspected asbestos containing materials. All known asbestos containing materials at Holy Cross School were removed by a professional abatement company several years ago.

**Annual Pest Control Advisory
Notification for Parents**

In keeping with the State of Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 and Regulation 637, Holy Cross School has adopted a plan of action for controlling insects, rodents and other pests in and around our facilities.

The school's plan of action for controlling pests incorporates integrated pest management (IPM). IPM utilizes various means of pest control including, but not limited to, habitat modification and sanitation, mechanical control, biological control and chemical control.

Holy Cross School realizes that the use of chemicals can be harmful to the health and safety of humans and the environment; therefore, we will apply chemicals only as a last resort.

Any questions regarding Holy Cross's IPM program should be directed to Judy Beauvais at 810.765.3568 extension 15.

If you wish to be notified before a scheduled pest treatment, please complete the form found elsewhere in this newsletter and return to the school office.

Concussions

In order to keep people aware of the possibility of concussions, the law requires adult coaches to complete a (free) online training course (contact Mrs. Davenport for info). If a student is withheld from athletic activities due to a suspected concussion, s/he may not return to school that day. The student may return on a subsequent day ONLY with the written clearance of an MD or DO.

School Supplies Lists

Attached is a revised list. Masks have been included for all students. Also, to keep the children's belongings from making contact with other children's, we are asking each student to bring a plastic tote (18-30 gallon size). After the enter the classroom in the morning, students will store their coats, bookbags, lunch boxes and other personal belongings in their own tote.

Thanks to the virus, we will even more diligently wash and sanitize hands and environment. We would greatly appreciate donations of extra wipes, paper towels, and/or bulk hand sanitizer, if you are able!

Substitute Teachers

We're looking for substitute teachers to add to our list. If you know of anyone interested (a retired teacher, perhaps, or other person with a bachelor's degree) please ask them to contact Mrs. Davenport.

"Return to School Plan"

We are working on a "Return to School" plan which will detail our operations and regulations for in-person learning as affected by the COVID virus. The plan will be completed by August 15, and will be posted on the school website. Please watch for it: it should answer your questions about many day-to-day concerns and details regarding the return to in-person learning.

"Crusader Day"—Friday, Aug. 21

Don't forget to head to school any time between 10am-2pm to get your picture taken and meet your teacher! (Wear your mask, too!)

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 "tithes" 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/>

2020 PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION

In the event of an emergency you will be notified of the application after it occurs.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside the school building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment outside the building.

Parent / guardian's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: daytime _____ evening _____

Students' names _____

Parent / guardian's signature _____ Date _____

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 th -8 th 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: REVISED AUGUST 6, 2020
* 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 (B/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 (labelled)	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)	1 w/holes	--	3
white, wide ruled lined paper (not spiral bound)	--	--	3 pkgs *
Graph paper, 1/2" grid (for math)	--	--	1 pkg
Spiral notebook for math (3 subject)	--	--	1
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 pks
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:

- ❖ **Face masks to wear every day.**
- ❖ **Book bag no larger than 15"x16"x8" (no rolling bags, please)**
- ❖ **Plastic tote to safely hold personal belongings, size between 18-30 gallons.**
- ❖ **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).**