



# 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.

## September 17, 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.

Mrs. Davenport is sending instructions for taking the class online.

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?

**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!

If you don't quite understand SCRIP, contact Patty (above) or the school office for an explanation of the program.

### 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 on its way to your snail mailbox.

### 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**. When bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

### Mark Your Calendar....

- Tu Sep 22: picture orders due
- **M Sep 28: NO SCHOOL--teachers' professional development**
- W Oct. 14: school picture retakes
- **F Oct 16: NO SCHOOL--teachers' professional development**
- "STAR" testing: Sep 29-Oct 9

### Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to the folks who have answered the call already--we are still looking for a couple lunch supervisors! You can earn service credits being a lunch aide: four shifts worked will equal one credit. We are most in need of help (10:30-11:30am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**NEW SCHEDULING OPTION--by the day!** The schedule is at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1>

You can take any open slot: just fill in your name. However, remember that everyone working at lunch must be an adult and must have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class (which you can do online!) and submit to a background check. If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

*Thank You!*

...to **Grandpa DeVeny** for helping with cross country practices! First meet is next Thursday, Sep. 24.

*Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...**Mr. Barr** and his family on the recent death of his brother, James.

...6th grader **Grant Myatt** on the recent death of his friend, Zack.

### 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.

### Lunch Recess

Little by little we're working out the kinks in our "COVID" schedule!

We do still need help with lunch supervisors (earn service credits!): please contact school or sign up by the date at the webpage listed earlier in this newsletter if you can help. (There aren't many opportunities to earn service credits that allow you to see your child, during the day!)

In addition to supervision, keeping the kiddos occupied is proving to be a challenge. In order to be able to take breaks from wearing their masks, the classes are having their recess time grouped with only their own classmates. Each group has its own balls to play with outdoors, as well as sidewalk chalk and jump ropes.

Finding fun things for the students to do that fit within "COVID-safe" parameters has also been taxing! We have begun putting together bags of play things for indoor recess for each child--things like crayons, paper, and small toys. These items will not be shared, but will be used only by the owner of the bag.

We will gladly accept donations of such things! We are imagining things like small coloring books, small reading books or comic books, jacks, yoyos,... If you have little things like these that you can part with, we would love to have them. Thank you so much for your cooperation as we navigate these challenging times together!

### School Pictures and Retakes

Students who had the pictures taken on "Crusader Day" received their proof sheet last Friday. You may order prints online, or you can send your order and payment in to the school office (make checks out to "HR Imaging Partners"). If you choose to send your order to the school office, it needs to be here by next Tuesday, September 22.

The school picture retake day will be Wednesday, October 14. Students who did not have their pictures taken during "Crusader Day" will be able to have them done on this day. They may either wear their school clothes or treat the day as "dress up".

Fall sports teams will have their photos taken that day, as well. Remember your uniform!

### **Birthday Goodies**

In deference to the virus, we must request that any goodies sent in to celebrate birthdays be **store-bought** and **individually wrapped**.

Parents of children with food allergies: if you are concerned that such items may not comply with your child's dietary restrictions, please send in a few approved treats that your child's teacher can hold for him to enjoy during his classmates' birthday celebrations.

### **Spirit Wear**

Approved school logo'd spirit wear may be viewed and ordered at:  
<https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>

### **Calendar Change: Extra Day Off!**

A reminder to all that the 2020-21 school year calendar has been changed: **there will be NO SCHOOL Oct. 16** (teachers' inservice that day).

(Also no school on Monday, Sep. 28, as already published.)

### **"SchoolSpeak"**

Our "student information system" for such info as assignments and grades is called "SchoolSpeak." We use it to give parents access to such things as students' homework assignments, grades, and other communication between home and school..

Every family should have received an email from the system either asking you to update your family information. Please take a minute to make sure we have your info entered correctly so that you and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) have this valuable and convenient avenue of communication in place.

### **"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>

### **"A La Carte" Cafeteria Prices**

On the next page, you'll find an "a la carte" price list for items for sale every day in the lunch room.

### **Free and Reduced Lunches**

Funding for the current "free lunch" program WILL end at some point. Families are encouraged to apply for continued free/reduced cost lunch benefits. The application form was included in your "first day" folder (and can be found at

<https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/07/2020-21-Free-and-Reduced-Price-Lunch-Application.pdf>

(Go to [ecsd.us](http://ecsd.us), select "departments"--"food service"--then scroll down for the application and other information.)

### **When You Call Your "Dual Enrolled" Student in Sick at Holy Cross....**

Please call Cardinal Mooney as well, to let them know your child won't be attending their CMC class as well. Thank you!

### **Attention: Cardinal Mooney Bus Riders**

CMC is NOT dismissing early on Thursdays this year, so there will be no schedule changes for that day.

However, CMC does have some half days that are not part of Holy Cross's calendar. Our best advice is to compare our schedules now and to stay in communication with CMC and/or the bus driver.

It would also help us enormously to know what days your child will be riding the CMC buses (if s/he doesn't ride both ways every day). Thank you!

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

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

You can follow us on Instagram:  
**#mholycross**

### **Clothes Hangers for "The Blue Room"**

We have TONS of clothes: so much that we've run out of hangers. If you have any (especially the ones with clips) that you can part with, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **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.

### **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 (old logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5 each.

### **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.

### **Raffle Calendar Winners**

...for September are Larry & Helen Iminski and Patrick Lomasney of Algonac, and Charles Novack of East China. Congratulations!

### **Volleyball!**

We are now allowed to offer a girls' volleyball season! **However, a coach is needed BY MONDAY** to be able to put together a team. Interested?--call Mrs. Davenport!

### **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/>

## 2020-21 Cafeteria Price List

Elementary student lunch	\$2.40
Adult lunch	\$3.75

### A LA CARTE ITEMS

	<u>Student/Adult</u>
"SUPER" Elementary ( <i>Second entrée – students only</i> )	\$1.35
Entrée ( <i>secondary students &amp; staff</i> )	\$2.65/\$3.00
Bottled/canned beverages	\$ 1.50
Mt. Dew Kick Start	\$ 2.75
All chips	\$ .90
Cookie	\$ .60
Goldfish crackers ( <i>Cinnamon and cheddar</i> )	\$ .50
Milk/juice	\$ .60
Fruit/vegetable	\$ .75
Fruit Roll Up	\$ .75
Rice Krispie treat	\$ 1.50

### **"STAR" Testing**

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit has chosen to use "STAR" as its standardized testing, replacing the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills that we have used for years.

The testing "window" is September 29-October 9. Testing helps us identify individual students' strengths and weaknesses, and class trends help us "tweak" our curriculum to be sure we are presenting lessons appropriately and effectively.

The best test preparation is to ensure that your child is well rested and well fed: get to bed early and have a good breakfast to perform your best!

### **Middle School Athletes:**

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

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

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

# 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	<b>NO SCHOOL: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS</b>
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

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# PTO Particulars: September 2020, Part C

Greetings Holy Cross family!! As our first full week of school draws to a close, the HC PTO would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the **Mum Sale Fundraiser**. Folks, we knocked it out of the park. Thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication we sold **TWICE** as many plants as we predicted!! And we were able to support a local business in the process. Thank you, **Vandenbossche Farms**, for collaborating with us on this sale! Proceeds from our fundraisers benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school.

Speaking of fundraisers, a **Fall Achatz Pie Sale** will be coming in October. What a great way to ease your burden for Thanksgiving and Christmas desserts! Achatz also carries savory pies that are fabulous meal on a cold night. Be on the lookout for more information! (We promise not to overwhelm you too much-our third, and last, fundraiser is in the spring.)

Our **Family Bike Ride** is coming up Saturday, September 26 from 2-3pm at East China Park. We will meet at the playground parking lot starting at 1:30pm for an enjoyable ride through the park. If the weather does not cooperate, we hope everyone snuggles up with a warm cup of cocoa or a good book!

Mark your calendar for **Walk to School Day**, Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am. We are proud to be a part of this national event that has been running since 1997! Distance Learning? No problem-join us "virtually" by walking around the neighborhood!

The **Gifts and Talents Survey** should have come home with your eldest Crusader, and an electronic copy is attached to the school newsletter. We hope you will consider filling it out and returning it to the school. You may be surprised at the many ways your talents can be harnessed!

Also, be sure to check out our **calendar** which is available as a hard copy (in the lobby of the school on the PTO board) and electronically (as an attachment to this newsletter).

We hope you will join our next meeting!! Please contact Becky at:  
[beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com) or 757-334-9662 with your email address so we can get the Zoom meeting codes to you!

Warmest regards,

HC PTO

# Holy Cross Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) Calendar 2020-21

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[www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net)

PTO is a collaboration of parents with teachers and principal to help meet the needs of the school/our students. Meetings times and locations are posted below and on PTO bulletin board in school entryway. We alternate meeting times with **morning one month**, then **evening the next month** (all meeting will be via Zoom/online). All parents, guardians and grandparents of Holy Cross students are welcome!

**FUNDRAISERS:** Proceeds benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school.

**FLEXIBILITY NOTE:** We acknowledge this calendar is tentative at best. We will adjust as needed throughout the year and communicate changes while keeping health and safety of our school community in mind.

<b>EVENTS &amp; GATHERINGS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
<i>PTO Meeting/Social</i>	<i>Wed Aug 19</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Bryson house 274 N. Main St</i>
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Crusader Day	Fri Aug 21	10am-2pm	School Caf�
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Popcorn w/Principal	Fri Aug 21	7-8pm	School Playground
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Sep 8</i>	<i>7:30-8:30am</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Start up funds to teachers in Sept			
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Family Bike Ride	Sat Sep 26	2-3pm	East China Twp Park
FUNDRAISER #1: PTO Mum Flower Sale in Sept			
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Walk-to-School Day	Wed Oct 7	7:00am	Meet at MC Beach
PARISH SUPPORT: Harvest Dinner	Sun Oct 11	12:30-6pm	Activity Center
FUNDRAISER #2: PTO Achatz Pie Sale in Oct			
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Oct 13</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Book Fair	W-Fr Nov 11-13		Classrooms
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Nov 10</i>	<i>7:30-8:30am</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Thanksgiving Feast	Fri Nov 20	11:00am	School Caf�
COMMUNITY BUILDER: MC Lighted Parade	Tue Nov 24	6:30pm	Meet in front of school
<i>PTO Meeting/Social</i>	<i>Tue Dec 8</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Bryson house 274 N. Main St</i>
COMMUNITY BUILDER: PTO Santa Shoppe	Tue Dec 8	All Day	Fine Arts Building
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Christmas Program	Tue Dec 15	TBA	School Gymnasium
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Jan 12</i>	<i>7:30-8:30am</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Memories with Mom	Wed Jan 20	7-7:30am	School Caf�
FUNDRAISER (ongoing): PTO Hungry Howie's Pizza			Cards can be purchased in school office
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Feb 9</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Drawing with Dad	Wed Feb 10	7-7:30am	School Caf�
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Mar 9</i>	<i>7:30-8:30am</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue Apr 13</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
FUNDRAISER#3: PTO Flower Sale in April (delivery	May 7 before Mother's Day)		
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Teacher Appreciation Week	May 3-7		
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	<i>Tue May 11</i>	<i>7:30-8:30am</i>	<i>Zoom/Online</i>
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Field Day (PK-8)	Wed May 26	After lunch	School Grounds
<i>PTO Meeting/Calendar</i>	<i>Tue Jun 8</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm</i>	<i>Bryson House 274 N. Main St</i>

**"Strengthening our Holy Cross school community through Parent-Teacher collaboration"**

President: Becky Bryson [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)

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**Holy Cross Catholic School**  
**Gifts & Talents Survey**  
**For Parents, Guardians & Grandparents**  
*\*Please fill out ONE (1) per person\**

We ask you to fill out the brief survey below to help us discover the gifts and talents God has placed within our school community. If an opportunity arises this school year for someone with your interests and abilities, you may be asked if you're interested in helping in a specific area. You always have the option to decline if you don't think it's a good fit. Thank you in advance for filling this out.

**Hobbies I ENJOY:** (please check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Yard Work            | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance/Music/Drama                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Social Events                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Social Media                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbooking                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinkering (take things apart/put together) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Videography        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Web Design           | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in my child's classroom            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports (please list):<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess/strategy games                       |
| _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |

**Which best DESCRIBES you?** (please check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behind-the-scenes helper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to work with people   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up/Decorating helper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanically inclined       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up helper                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Good with crunching numbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take-charge kind of person              | <input type="checkbox"/> Planner/Organizer           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader for small group (adults or kids) | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurous/likes to try new things     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                |

**Occupation/Training** (Current and/or Former)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone/Text:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*This information is for Holy Cross School only and will not be shared outside of school personnel/volunteers.

\*Thank you for your attention in filling this out and for being part of our school community. We appreciate you.

Please fill out and turn in to School Office

**Attn: Holy Cross PTO**