



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 3, 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?

**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

If Your Child Needs Immunizations or a Sports Physical:

Try your doctor, of course. You can try the Health Department for immunizations: call first (810.987.5300) to make an appointment. Sports physicals are available at the "Teen Health Center": call for appointment for your 10-21 year old (810.987.1311). Some pharmacies offer physicals and/or immunizations: call first to check.

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).

Mark Your Calendar....

- F-M, Sep 4-7: Labor Day week-end: no school
- **Sep 8 6:30pm: "SeeSaw" tutorial online with Mrs Davenport**
- Sep 9 6:30pm: "Google classroom" tutorial with Mrs Davenport
- **F Sep 11: first school mass at 9am in Holy Cross church**

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: four shifts worked will equal one credit. We are in need of help on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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

Lunch Time

Please be advised that, due to COVID concerns, we NO LONGER have microwaves in the lunchroom. All lunches from home will have to be ready -to-eat. Also, be sure to include any utensils your child will need to eat his/her lunch with.

East China Bus Riders:

Busing is available for residents of East China School District (beginning Sep 8). Call the District's Transportation Department (810.676.1100) for information about stops and times.

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.

"School Committee"

The "School Committee" is the principal's advisory group. Comprising 6-9 members, the Holy Cross School Committee meets regularly during the school year (generally on the first Tuesday of the month, 6pm, in the school).

The meetings are open (unless designated as "executive sessions"), and school parents are welcome to attend. However, to be sure there is adequate room, please contact Mrs. Davenport 24 hours ahead of time. Also, if there is something you would like to bring up, 24 hours' notice is required to get your item added to the agenda.

Water Bottles

COVID distancing requires that we close down our water fountains. So it will be more important than ever that students bring their own water. Since we can't share the water fountains, **water bottles are not re-fillable** for now.

We advise that everyone bring **two bottles** of water (labeled with the owner's name) every day, to be sure we all stay adequately hydrated.

Mrs Wade and our NJHS have water bottles for sale every day--25¢ each.

"Specials" Teachers

We were able to meet most of our "specials" teachers from Merritt Academy this week. It was a special treat to be able to see **Mrs. Basilico**, who came for one last time before beginning at a position nearer her home. Best wishes to Mrs. Basilico: we'll miss you!

Welcome to **Ms Robin O'Neill**, who will teach art on Mondays; **Ms. Kelly Suchomel** will teach tech on Tuesdays; **Ms. Lissa Volz**, with music classes on Wednesdays, **Mr. Andrew Middleton** in gym on Thursday, and **Ms Sharon Choate** for library on Fridays.

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.

Dress Code

...is available on the school's website: www.holycrossonline.net/uniform.

A reminder that **neither sweatshirts nor school logo'd T-shirts is approved as uniform wear.**

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:
#mcholycross

Parents' Meetings on How to Use "SeeSaw" and "Google Classroom"

At 6:30pm on Sep. 8 and 9, Mrs. Davenport will host online meetings to explain the online classroom platforms "SeeSaw" (grades TK-3) and "Google Classroom" (grades 4-8). She will invite you to those online meetings--watch for her email invitation.

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.

"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.

Altar Server Training / Refresher

...for students in grades 4-8 who currently are altar servers or who are interested in becoming a server. The session will be on Friday, September 11, at 3pm. Meet Fr Lapeyre in church (remember masks & social distancing!).

Clothes Hangers for "The Blue Room"

We have TONS of clothes: so much 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!

First School Mass

...is at 9am next Friday, September 11, in Holy Cross church. Students should follow the mass day dress code that day: dress shirt/blouse, skirt/jumper for girls, conservative tie for boys.

Thank You!

...to **the Guyor and Westrick families** for donating cleaning supplies and toys for lunch recess to the school!

...to **Aunt Jodi Farrant** for helping teachers with copies!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for supplies she donated to school!

Lunch Recess

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

We do still need help with lunch supervisors (earn service credits!): please contact school if you're interested in helping on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

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 "classroom-mates." Each group has its own balls to play with outdoors, as well as sidewalk chalk and jump ropes.

It is proving a challenge finding fun play for the students that fit within "COVID-safe" parameters! 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,... Thank you to the **Guyors, Westricks, and Steinmetzes** for donations to date. If you have little things like these that you can part with, we would love to have them.

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/>

PTO Particulars: September 2020

The Holy Cross PTO would like to welcome everyone to the 2020/2021 School Year! It's hard to believe we have already had one meeting (August) and been a part of TWO events-Crusader Day and Popcorn with the Principal. We would like to say how wonderful it was to see new and old faces!!

One new thing we are doing this year is all virtual meetings. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 am via Zoom.** We will be alternating times again this year; one month the meeting will be at 6:30pm, the next month at 7:30am. Since we are using Zoom, the meetings should be recorded as well.

A few things to look forward to this month include our first fundraiser-the **Mum Sale**-and our **Family Bike Ride** coming up Saturday, September 26 from 2-3pm at East China Park. A Mum Sale flier is coming home with your eldest Crusader. Also, make sure to check your email and the newsletters for all the details of upcoming PTO events! Proceeds from our fundraisers benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school. The PTO mission statement is *"Strengthening our Holy Cross school community through Parent-Teacher collaboration"*.

We hope you will join our next meeting!! Please contact Becky at: 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 PTO's Mum Sale Fundraiser

It's Fall Y'all! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our [Mum Sale Fundraiser](#)! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs. For example, last year we helped fund the **Leveled Reading Library**.

We are partnering with local **Vandenbossche Farms** to bring you a lovely pop of color for your fall garden!

- **Size**: "9x5", 9" inches around, 5" deep
- **Colors available**: White, Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Orange, Red
- **Order due date**: Monday, September 14th
- **Cost**: \$8 per plant, cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Mum Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment**: Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?**: Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available**: Friday, September 18th, 2:30-5pm. You may **pick up** your order from Vandenbossche Farms at 5225 Meisner Road in China Township. If you would like your mums **delivered**, please indicate this on your order form and we will deliver to your porch.

Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want mums-family, neighbors, etc!

Holy Cross Mum Sale!! Name, Address and Phone Number:	White	Yellow	Purple	Bronze	Orange	Red	Delivery or Pick Up


Holy Cross PTO thanks you for your support! Orders due Monday 9/14. Pick up Friday 9/18. ***Checks made out to OLR***

September 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST 30		AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 1	SEP 2	SEP 3	SEP 4	SEP 5
T						No school: Labor Day weekend	
6	7	No school- Labor Day	8 Classes resume PTO meets 7:30am in school	9	10	11 First school mass 9am	12
13	14		15	16	17	18	19
20	21		22	23	24	25	26
27	28	No school--teachers' professional development	29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3

What's on the Menu?

East China Holy Cross Lunch Menu: September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Paid Lunch \$2.40</p> <p>Reduced \$0.40</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Golden Corn Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Corn Dog on a Stick</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Tenders w/Mini Biscuit</p> <p>Tater Tots Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Bun</p> <p>Seasoned Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Golden Corn Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Beef Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p>Seasoned Wedges Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Classic Cheese Burger</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/Mini Biscuit</p> <p>Tater Tots Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Seasoned Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage</p> <p>Hash Brown Baby Carrots Red Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Meat & Cheese Nachos</p> <p>Spinach & Cranberry Salad Fresh Celery Sticks Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll</p> <p>Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Lasagna Roll Up w/Garlic Bread</p> <p><i>Lucky Lunch Day</i></p> <p>Roasted Carrot Fries Power Peas Banana Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick</p> <p>Savory Fresh Green Beans Baby Carrots Apple Choice of Milk</p>
	<p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Tomato & Cucumber Salad Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Baked Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Tater Tots Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick</p> <p>Garlic Mashed Potato Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>Strawberry Yogurt Parfait</p> <p> <i>World Smile Day</i> Potato Smiles Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Choice of Milk</p>

Questions or Comments?

Please contact
Julie Humphrey @
810.676.1112 or
jhumphrey@ecsd.us



Vegetarian



Locally Grown

Lunch: A full student lunch includes a choice of entree supplying grain and/or protein, two (2) side dishes and choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

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