



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.

October 29, 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. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

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!

Congratulations to the 15 Holy Cross families sharing nearly \$2800 in SCRIP credits from the third quarter of the year! Were you among them? Would you like to be?--call Patty to learn how!

End of First Quarter

...is tomorrow! Report cards will go home with students on Nov. 6.

*League of Catholic Women
Scholarship Contest*

The Bluewater League of Catholic Women has provided funding for a **scholarship** for us! Entry/application information is on page 3 of this newsletter. Entries need to be **in the school office by TOMORROW.**

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Oct 30: end of first quarter of the school year; **half day of school (dismissal at 11am)**; classroom Hallowe'en celebrations (costume or dress down)
- **Th.&F. Nov 12-13: no classes--parent-teacher conferences**
- F Nov 20: "Thanksgiving Feast"

Hallowe'en Half Day

Tomorrow (October 30) will be a half day, with dismissal at 11am Classrooms will have their Hallowe'en celebrations that day, and students may wear their costumes to school that day (or dress down, if their class isn't wearing costumes). No doubt it will be a fun day for all!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 12 & 13. Both inperson and virtual conferences will be available. Next week's newsletter will include a form to request a conference with your child's teacher(s).

Volleyball

Monday evening's game brought the girls a victory! The team has another home game this evening, and the last game (on Monday, Nov 2) will be at home, as well.

With COVID restrictions, we are not allowed to invite the public to watch games: however, each athlete is allowed four spectators at our gym. Go, Lady Crusaders!

Remember Your Charged ChromeBook Every Day!

Students: **you need your Chrome-Book EVERY DAY at school--charge it every night and bring it every day.** We don't often have spare ChromeBooks to loan out!

There Are More Bingos!

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac) are now able to do so! To schedule work shifts: please contact **Paul Burger at 734.837.5807.**

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides! (A reminder to sign up for shifts in advance to be sure you receive the credit: if you just show up and we have enough workers already, we can't offer the extra credits.) The signup schedule is online at:

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

--and runs through the end of the school year. You can take any open slot: just fill in your name. However, remember that everyone working at lunch must be an adult, must have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class (which you can do online!--see the first paragraph of this newsletter) and submit to a background check.

Signups have been lightest on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and we would really appreciate having four aides all days before anyone signs up to be the 5th person on any other day. You can earn your service credits while seeing your kids! If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

Sports Program Fundraiser

So that our families do not have to "pay to play," the Holy Cross Booster Club funds our junior high sports program, from the costs of uniforms through league, tournament, and referee fees. Athletes' parents are asked to help with admissions and concessions at home games to help generate income to cover all those costs.

The Boosters also sponsor a magazine sale every year. This year the fundraiser is entirely virtual, and continues all year! You'll find many popular magazines, as well as gift items (think: holiday time?). Renewals and digital subscriptions can also be processed through this program, so that Holy Cross athletes benefit from items you're buying, anyway. To see what's available, follow this link (or copy and paste into your browser URL line):

<http://www.gaschoolstore.com/landing.aspx?SID=2709251>

Basketball and Cheerleading

As soon as volleyball season is over, basketball and cheer begin. **Athletes: get your sports physical taken care of ASAP** so you don't miss any practice.

PTO Pies

Who doesn't love pie? PTO sent flyers home with all students last week describing their pie coupon fundraiser: use the coupons yourself for Achatz's delicious pies for your dinner table, or give them as gifts. Orders need to be in the school office by Nov. 10.

First Communion / Princess Dresses!

We have received the donation of several beautiful white little girls' dresses, perfect for First Communion or other special dressup occasion. The dresses are in the "Blue Room--" come to check them out if you're interested.

"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>

Tardiness!

Our morning dropoff routine is working smoothly--thank you for your help! Students enter (and go directly to their classrooms) beginning at 7:15am. The first bell rings at 7:28am, and the "tardy" bell, at 7:30.

Students arriving after the second bell are tardy. We had been a little lax on enforcing that rule while we learned the new routine. However, our entry policy is comfortably in place and working well. Students arriving late will now ring the bell to be allowed into the building, and will stop at the office to check in on their way to class.

Thank You!

...to **JoAnne Westrick** for joining Becky Bryson, Suzy DeVeny and Tiffany Mensen on PTO's board as its secretary!!

VG's Receipts

Please keep saving the entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We have started compiling them for our next reward, and will continue to collect 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.

School Photo Orders

Families may order online any time, or through the school office by returning their request with payment (made out to "HR Imaging Partners") no later than tomorrow.

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.

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

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

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mcholycross

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

On behalf of all of our student athletes: thank you!

School Closings

Time to start thinking about "snow days"! Holy Cross will make every attempt to be included in the TV and radio school closing lists, but remember that if East China School District closes its schools for bad weather, Holy Cross will close along with them. (Cardinal Mooney may or may not with East China and Holy Cross; as their students come from more diverse areas, Cardinal Mooney may close on days when East China and Holy Cross remain open.)

School families will also receive email notification of closings.

CMC Bus Riders--

A reminder that the bus leaves at **11:30 today**. Also: CMC does not have school on election day (Nov. 3), so **no bus** that day.

Flu Shots

The St. Clair County Health Department is offering flu shots next Monday, Nov. 2, from 3-6pm at the Marine City Lions Hall (545 Ward Street). Register at www.scchealth.co or call 810.987.5300.

"Remember Your Mask!"

We seem to be getting more forgetful, and it's expensive for the school to keep buying masks. As long as it's the law, think of your mask as part of your uniform. Lay it out with your school clothes, or with your book bag or your lunch box: something you know you won't leave home without! You might even keep a disposable mask in your homework binder, just in case. Parents: please help your kids remember their masks when they leave home in the morning. Perhaps you could carry a few extras in your glove box, or purse: you know you'll need them everywhere you go.

Also: we received a donation of white, reusable fabric masks. Please call if you'd like us to send one home with your student so you will have an extra.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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 governmental 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/>

**League of Catholic Women Scholarship
Contest and Application**

The Bluewater League of Catholic Women has provided funding 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 League of Catholic Women scholarship:

Students are to write and submit an original essay on the following topic: "What Is God Asking Of Me In School?" 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, October 30.

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, November 5 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.

I am applying for the League of Catholic Women 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

Parent's printed name

ORDERS DUE AT SCHOOL OFFICE first thing in the morning Friday, Nov. 6 for items needed this month.




HOLY CROSS SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM
 Order Questions Contact: Deb Callahan 810-650-3140
 Make Checks Payable to: Screen & Stitch LLC

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE # _____

ITEM #	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	AXXL	NAME	NUMBER	QTY	TOTAL

GRAND TOTAL

#1 \$11

 Navy Winter Beanie
 Embroidered front

#2 \$7

 Navy youth or adult mask
 screened front w/Holy Cross only

#3 \$22

 13" H X 23.5" W X 11.5" D
 Navy/Black DUFFEL BAG
 embroidered pocket

#4 \$12

 Navy Cotton Long sleeve T-shirt
 screened front

#5 \$10

 Navy 50/50 cotton/poly T-shirt
 screened front

#6 \$19

 Navy 50/50 cotton/poly Crew
 screened front

#7 \$21

 Navy 50/50 cotton/poly Hoodie
 screened front

#8 \$40

 Navy 3 Season Jacket
 embroidered left chest

#9 \$25

 Navy 1/4 Zip 50/50 cotton/poly
 embroidered left chest
Uniform Approved

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time ends--change your clocks!	2	3 NO East China or CMC buses today	4	5	6 Report cards go home Nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry	7
8	9 PTO meets 7:30am FAB porch	10	11 No East China buses home	12 NO SCHOOL--conferences PTO's Book Fair	13 NO SCHOOL--conferences PTO's Book Fair	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 "Thanksgiving Feast" St Clair Christmas parade	21
22 OLR parish "chili take out" and bake sale	23	24 No East China buses home	25 NO SCHOOL until Monday Nov. 30: Thanksgiving break	26	27	28
29	30 Back to class!	Dec 1 Marine City's Christmas parade	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5

What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: November

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Golden Corn Cucumber Slices Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Beef Hot Dog on a WG Bun</p> <p>Potato Rounds Baby Carrots Chilled Pears Choice of Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bacon Cheeseburger</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Fresh Orange Choice of Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick</p> <p>Green Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Apple Choice of Milk <i>Treat with Lunch</i></p>
<p>9</p> <p>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage</p> <p>Hash Brown Baby Carrots Red Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Meat & Cheese Nachos</p> <p>Spinach & Cranberry Salad Fresh Celery Sticks Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets W/Dinner Roll</p> <p>Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>13</p> <p>No School</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick</p> <p>Baked Beans Power Peas Rosy Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Cucumber Slices Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Dipping Sauce</p> <p>Baked Tots Caesar Salad Fresh Banana Choice of Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick</p> <p>Garlic Mashed Potato Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Bosco Sticks w/Sauce</p> <p>Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Walking Taco</p> <p>Refried Beans Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No School</p> <p></p>	<p>27</p> <p>No School</p> <p><i>Questions or Comments?</i> Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.676.1112 or jhumphrey@ecsd.us</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Chicken Tenders w/Dinner Roll</p> <p>Golden Corn Baby Carrots Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<p> Vegetarian</p>	<p> Locally Grown</p>	<p>NOW HIRING Apply at: https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/ Search by key word: East China Schools</p>	

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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 1% chocolate.