



# 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 8, 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. 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!

SCRIP credits through September 30 are being calculated, and will soon be credited to FACTS tuition accounts.

Are you wondering how to take advantage of this opportunity--how to use your everyday purchasing to help pay your tuition bill? Call Patty, or the school office, to find out how!

## Calendar Reminder: Day Off!

A reminder to all that **there will be NO SCHOOL** next Friday, **Oct. 16** (another day for teachers' inservices).

*Welcome!*

...to our new art teacher (from Merritt), Ms. Rebecca Novak! Ms. Novak met our students on Monday for their first classes with her. We look forward to a great year together!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- "STAR" testing: ends tomorrow
- **F Oct 9: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry; advanced altar server training 3pm at church**
- Tu Oct 13: PTO "Zoom" meeting
- **W Oct. 14: school picture re-takes**
- F Oct 16: NO SCHOOL--teachers' professional development
- **F Oct 30: end of first quarter of the school year**

## We Can Finally Resume Bingo!

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**.

## Phoning In Student Absences

Parents are reminded to **call the school office (810.765.3591)** any morning their child will not be coming to school.

*Thank You!!!*

...to **Timbers** for the donation of a new basketball pole and hoop for our playground, and to **Mr. Marc Schocker** for installing it! It has quickly become a favorite lunch recess spot: the students LOVE being able to shoot hoops at lunch time. Thank you so much!!!



...and to **Mrs. Wade** for donating child-sized face masks to the school: they have come in so handy!

## Cross Country

The team's second meet was last Thursday. Coach says his team ran well and hard, and he was proud of their team spirit, and how they cheered each other on. Eighth grader **Ava DeVeny** came in first among Varsity girls and **Skye Moss** (also in eighth grade), in fourth.

The team's last meet is this afternoon: go, Crusader runners!

## Volleyball

The team began practicing this week. Their first game is next Monday, Oct. 12. With COVID restrictions, we are not yet allowed to invite the public, but will certainly let you know when that changes. Bump, set, and spike, Lady Crusaders!

## Masks for ALL Students

As of Monday, October 5, **ALL STUDENTS**, including those in grades **K-4**, are required to wear masks all day in school, whether or not they are with only their own cohort classmates. We will comply with all lawful directive, but we are actively participating in discussions regarding the science and data driving these decisions.

## Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to the folks who have answered the call already--and to those who have been filling in those empty spots! We are still looking for 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, 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. If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

### Food Drive at Mass

Tomorrow is the second Friday of October. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and cleaning/hygiene items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry is in need of canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats) and breakfast foods. Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

### "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>

### 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.

**NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 16**

### 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.)

### "STAR" Testing

--is almost done! 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Advanced Altar Server Training

Fr. Lapeyre invites those who would like to serve at weddings, funerals and other special events to a training tomorrow, **October 9**, at 3pm in the church.

### Middle School Athletes:

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

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

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

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

### PTO NEXT MEETS--

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm via "Zoom." Contact

[BeckyBryson123@gmail.com](mailto:BeckyBryson123@gmail.com)  
for the Zoom code!

### "Walk to School" Day!

A sizeable group (including a future "Crusader"! ) gathered at the beach yesterday morning, and braved the mist and dark to walk to school. They arrived with apple cheeks and full of energy!



### 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/>

## Student Highlights

At the beginning of each month, the teachers will introduce you to some of their students. In addition to fame and honor(!), the students receive a certificate and a small treat. The first group of students "in the spotlight" are:

**Elizabeth Bryson** is a new student to our Holy Cross family. Elizabeth has adjusted well to being in school in the Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten class all day. Her older sister, Katie, also attends Holy Cross. Elizabeth loves animals! She and her family have two dogs, who sometimes come after school to walk Elizabeth and Katie home. We are happy to have Elizabeth as part of our TK/K class!

First grader **Charlee Olivier** is kind to all of her classmates, and always eager to help. When she grows up, Charlee plans to become a veterinarian. Her favorite food is waffles. At home, she likes to work in her big math book or do arts and crafts. Charlee's favorite subject in school is math, and she's great with numbers!

**Lucas Mayea** is a good listener, and an even better helper. His favorite food is chocolate. When Lucas grows up, he would like to be a scientist. In his free time, he likes to play outside. His favorite part of school is snack time! Even though he likes the downtime, Lucas is always ready to learn!

Third grader **Liam Dixon** is new to Holy Cross this year! Liam's favorite color is orange and he enjoys playing basketball. Liam also really enjoys art. He likes it because its "fun and cool." Liam is great at math and it is his favorite subject in school! His favorite holiday is 4th of July! A fun fact about Liam is that his favorite animal is a wolf. **Hayden Borys** is new to Holy Cross this year, too, and joins us from St. Mary St. Clair! Hayden likes to ride his scooter and has taken on the big ramps at the skate park in St. Clair! Hayden also enjoys riding his dirt bike.

Hayden's favorite color is orange and his favorite animal is a tiger. A fun fact about Hayden is that his favorite holiday is Halloween which he will be able to enjoy very soon! Holy Cross is blessed to have these two boys as a part of our community!

This year we welcomed many new Crusaders to our 4th grade family. One of my new students comes all the way from the city I grew up in. **Madison Trombley** is a fellow Fraser RAMBLER. She has brought so much joy to our classroom. She's helpful, kind, inspiring, and smart. In school Madison has an incredible work ethic and is meticulous in completing her assignments. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her brothers, mom, dad, and grandma. I am happy Madison is part of our Holy Cross community.

Fifth grader **Dominic DeVeny** is a caring a compassionate young man. He is helpful to everyone, and is always willing to step up and make friends. Dominic is very creative, and he always adds to class discussions.

**Micah Arlow** is an energetic young man who knows when to have fun and when to get to work. He strives hard to always do his very best, and he has the ability to convey his knowledge when others need help. Micah shares great leadership skills with his sixth grade peers.

**Evan Jacobs** is a leader, helpful, trustworthy, intelligent, and witty. Evan has a wonderful sense of humor and loves to teach the class for Ms. Johnson from time to time. Evan is well liked by his peers and keeps things interesting in class. It has been a pleasure knowing Evan since he was in the first grade and being his teacher. I am so proud of Evan and look forward to a wonderful eighth grade year with the class of 2020.

# PTO Particulars: October 2020

Greetings Holy Cross family!! What a busy and productive month we have had here at HC. We held our first fundraiser, second community builder and our first school support event. Our first fundraiser, the **Mum Sale**, was a huge success for us in terms of fundraising. However, I would be lying if I said there weren't a few hiccups! **I want to once again thank everyone for their support, understanding and patience with us as we navigate new methods of fundraising amidst a pandemic.** Also, this sale would have never been successful without help-THANK YOU Aunt Jodi Farrand, Suzy DeVeney and Tiffany Mensen!!

Our second Community Builder was the **Family Bike Ride** on 9/26. The weather was lovely, and we would like to thank everyone who participated! And thank you DeVeney Family for being there to help guide this event!!

Our School Support "event" consisted of **start up funds** that were distributed to the teachers to help offset the cost of their classroom needs.

Our Community Builder for October was the **National Walk to School Day** that occurred Wednesday morning. We had a fantastic turn out, and we hoped everyone enjoyed the chance to chat and get out the wiggles first thing in the morning!! A little rain won't stop us from having a good time! Thank you, Suzy DeVeney, for coordinating this event and registering us on the national list of schools that participate in this event.

The **Fall Achatz "Pie" Sale** will be coming soon. Achatz has informed us that they will be doing coupon style fundraising. This means you will purchase a coupon for whichever products you like and then you pick up the product when YOU are ready! 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. Grandma Deb Callahan has been the driving force behind this sale-Thank You, Deb!! Be on the lookout for more information!

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.

We hope you will join our **next meeting** which is **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm** via Zoom. 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! We do this instead of a blanket invitation to the whole school to try to avoid any hacking incidents.

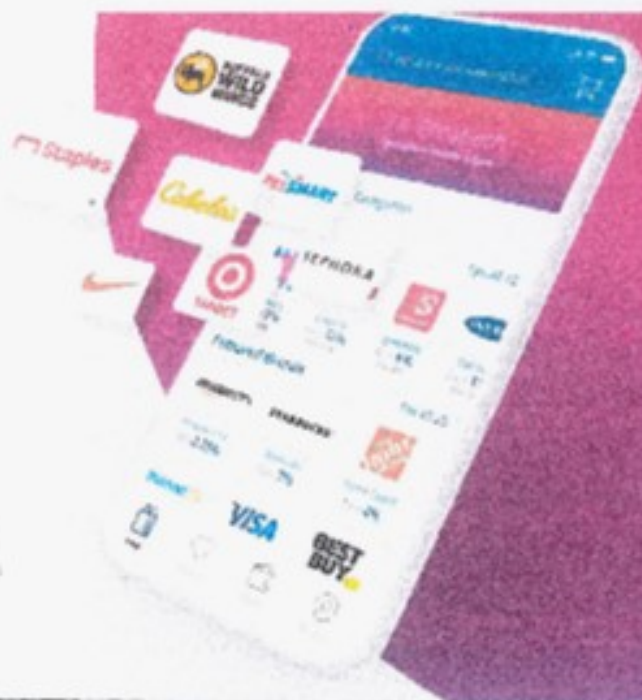
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HC PTO

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**ORDERS DUE TOMORROW MORNING (Oct. 9)**  
for items needed this month.