



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.

November 19, 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!

If you're not sure how SCRIP can help pay your tuition (at no cost to you), please call Patty or the school office for a quick lesson!

East China Buses

Students who live in the East China School District are eligible for free busing through the District. For more information, please contact ECSD's transportation department at 810.676.1100. (Students in the St. Clair area: your bus would leave Holy Cross at 2:25, so you'd miss part of your last class if you were to take the bus. Talk to your teacher about how to make up any classwork missed.)

**Next Newsletter will be
Thursday, Dec. 3**

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Nov 20: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **W-F Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving break--no school**
- M Nov.30: back to class!

Bingo

Bingo halls are "on pause" right now, but will be eager to re-open as soon as the "pause" is lifted. To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's after the "pause": please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**.

"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! 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, and carry a few extras in your glove box, or purse.

Washable Fabric Masks

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.

Remember Your Charged ChromeBook Every Day!

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

"Clowning Around!"

We were greeted at dropoff and pickup on Tuesday by an upside-down clown! (Keep smiling during these crazy times!)



"Thanksgiving Feast"

...tomorrow! A million thanks to our mysterious anonymous donor for covering the entire cost of this year's feast: we have so many amazing friends! Thank you, also, to Ms Babel and Mrs. Bryson and their volunteers. It is so evocative of what Holy Cross is about: 'family' and sharing.

Auction 2021

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during recent 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! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too.)

Due to the pandemic, this year's Auction is being planned as a virtual event. This means that fewer service credit work shifts will be available than in the past. Please contact the school office if you are interested in earning credits by working the Auction.

Due, also, to the pandemic causing the event to go virtual, there is a little more time to gather items. The due date for families' donations has been extended to **January 5, 2021**.

PTO Happenings

PTO is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events (see last week's newsletter for more details about the events):

1. St. Clair Parade-CANCELED;
2. Marine City Christmas Parade-Dec 1: contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662;
3. Santa Shoppe-Dec 9-10. Contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662.

Thank You!!

...to **Champion Auto Ferry** for donating a large case of the special disinfectant required for our COVID sanitizing, and to **Bill and JoAnne Westrick** for a case of paper toweling!
...to **Ms Brigitte Pennington** and **Mrs. Jodi Farrand** for staffing last week's bookfair!

Winter Wear!

Especially this year, we want to get the kids outside as much as we can. Please be sure your student has appropriate outer wear for cold weather recess --coat, hat, gloves, snowpants, boots.

Service Credits: Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides--special thanks to **Mrs. Deb Callahan** and **Mrs. Jodi Farrand** for coming on short notice to cover "aide-less" days!

Please to sign up for all service credit shift 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.

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

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

Basketball and Cheerleading

Basketball/cheer season has been postponed by the state until January.

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>

School Closings

A reminder: 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.

You can request text notifications, via your SchoolSpeak account:

1. Log in to School Speak and click "Start profile update."
2. Scroll down to "Please enter your mobile phone number and carrier."
3. Enter your mobile phone number, choose your carrier, "uncheck" the box to "receive all school text messages, and "check" the box to receive only emergency notifications.
4. Click "done" to save your changes.

VG's Receipts

We have received a check for \$1000 from VGs from the last box-ful of receipts we turned in--thanks to everyone who saves them for us!

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.

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.bboxtops4education.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.

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

"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>

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mcholocross

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/>

With the holidays fast approaching, a unique gift with special meaning is always great to give. Our Holy Cross 8th grade students are offering that gift! They are making beautiful **Holy Cross Crusader Christmas ornaments** that would be perfect for family, alumni, parishioners or that special someone. The sale of these ornaments will help support our 8th grade students fund their class trip in the spring. This will be their last big event together as Crusaders and they would love to make the best of it.

If interested in ordering, there is an order form on the back. Orders need to be returned to school by December 3rd so the ornaments will be delivered in time for the holidays. We are asking for a **suggested donation of \$10** per ornament. Payment can be cash or check made payable to "cash".

Thank you for supporting our fantastic 8th grade class and we hope you love the ornaments as much as we do.



Archdiocesan Grants

...have arrived! Eight Holy Cross students and their families are sharing in \$8200 in grants from the Archdiocese of Detroit's "Stewards for Tomorrow" tuition assistance program. (Their grants have already been applied to the families' FACTS tuition accounts.)

Congratulations to those families!

Tuition assistance from local sources will arrive later, and will show up as credits on FACTS tuition accounts at the end of the first semester of school (around January 20).

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Who: The first graders

What: Canned Food Drive

When: November 9th –
November 24th

Why: To give food to the poor.

Most needed items: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, canned soup, spaghetti, canned fruits and vegetables, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies



Our goal is to bring in 300 items. If we meet our goal, Mrs. Davenport will get a pie in the face!



Holy Cross 8th Grade Ornament Fundraiser

Name	Phone #	Quantity	Payment (cash/check)

- If paying with a check, please make the check payable to "cash".
Please include phone number and name of person to contact when order is finished _____.

Suggested donation of \$10 per ornament is greatly appreciated.
Turn orders in by December 3rd to: Holy Cross School Office
Attn: 8th Grade Class
618 S. Water Street
Marine City, MI 48039

Thank you again for your support toward our 8th grade school trip.
With any questions, please contact Rebecca at rebecca_moss_1999@yahoo.com

ATTENTION CATHOLIC LEAGUE STUDENTS

\$20,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



LIVE IT. SHOW IT. SHARE IT.
SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

MODERN-DAY PARABLES



Alliance Catholic Credit Union is awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to students that will be attending a Catholic League school in the 2021-2022 academic year. 10 students will receive scholarships!

Grand Prize is a \$6,000 scholarship!

THE ASSIGNMENT is to write and submit a **modern-day parable** that illustrates a universal truth or moral lesson.

Visit AllianceCatholic.com/scholarship for complete details, official rules and to enter.



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December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 29 T	Nov 30 Back to class!	1 Marine City's Christmas parade- marchers meet at Holy Cross at 6pm	2	3	4 Bishop Fisher here for mass 9am	5
6	7	8 Holy Day mass 9am PTO meets 630pm	9 "Santa Shop" all day at school No East China buses home	10 "Santa Shop" all day at school	11 Mass 9am-- nonparishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry	12
13	14	15 School Committee meets 6pm	16	17	18 Mass 9am Last day before Christmas break; no East China buses home	19
20	21 No school 'til January 4, 2021	22	23	24	25 We wish your family a blessed Christmas!	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1 Happy 2021! Back to school next Monday	Jan 2