



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.

December 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. 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!

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.

"Make a Difference" Scholarship Contest

Entry/applications are due in the school office before the end of the school day TOMORROW. We can't wait to see all the ways Holy Cross students see themselves MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Dec. 4: 9am mass with Bishop Fisher**
- Tu Dec 8: holy day of obligation: mass at 9am
- **W&Th, Dec 9&10: PTO's "Santa Shop" at school**
- F Dec 11: 9am mass with food drive for parish pantry
- **F Dec 18: last day of school before Christmas break**
- M Jan 4: classes resume after Christmas break

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. (Of course, there are no buses running while East China District is entirely "virtual.")

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.

"...and 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 have spare ChromeBooks to lend.

Giving Thanks for our Feast

A million thanks to our mystery donor for covering the entire cost of this year's feast: we have so many amazing friends!



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who put everything together for us: to **Ms Trish Babel, Mrs. Becky Bryson, Mrs. Deb Callahan and Mrs. Jodi Farrand**, who procured, prepared, served and cleaned up after. Everything was delicious--thank you! (We're looking forward to all being able to help again in 2021!)

Auction 2021

It's time 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 something, 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.**

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Thank You!!

...to another amazing benefactor who underwrote the entire cost of our IXL subscriptions for this year. This helps us stay as prepared as possible for "virtual" learning, and allows us to individualize each student's learning plan. Thank you to that wonderful person!!!

PTO "Santa Shop"

To help students do their Christmas shopping, our PTO is sponsoring a Santa Shop next week--Dec 9-10. (Students all received flyers, with QR code to preview the shop, last week.) Would you like to help students shop and wrap?--Contact Becky Bryson at 757.334.9662 to offer your help!

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!

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. We'll keep you posted as to sports seasons' start dates!

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>

"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest

Our local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a poster contest to help us remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Children in each of three age groups (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14) are invited to create 11x17" posters reflecting that theme. Please put your name, age and phone number **ON THE BACK** of your entry, and drop off by Dec. 18 at Holy Cross school or OLR parish office. (Posters will not be returned.) Judging will take place at St Catherine's after their 11:30 mass Dec 20. (Students are working on these in art class, too.)

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us!

Please keep saving the entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are already about a third of the way to 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.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.

"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>

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.

Gym Clothing

TP Logos has come up with school-approved and logo'd PE wear! Here is a link to TP Logos' ordering information for Holy Cross:

<https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>

Look at the bottom of the form, under "accessories," for the T-shirts and jogging pants approved for PE classes.

(Thank you to Mrs. DeVeney who has offered to be the contact person for picking up completed clothing!)

Mass Tomorrow

Bishop Fisher will be joining us for our Friday am mass tomorrow: we hope all our students make him feel welcome! Remember to follow the church dress code!

"Snow Days"

As wintry weather becomes our reality, all are reminded to check their email and the news before leaving for school each morning! Sometimes school cancellations are for weather; other times, something like a building problem. In any case, you'll receive an email at the same address this newsletter comes to.

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mcholycross

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.



“Warming Tree”

The Holy Cross Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is collecting scarves, hats, and mittens or gloves for its “Warming Tree” in school. The items collected will be given to local needy children.

If you are able to help, please send any of those items to school to put on the tree. We will be collecting them through next Friday, December 11. Thank you for your concern for our neighbors in need!

Calendar Raffle

It is time for our annual **Calendar Raffle** to raise money to help our wonderful school with financial support used toward educational needs to best support the students. If you are new to this fundraiser, the **Calendar Raffle** is full of prizes, with 34 cash drawings totaling \$4,300 available. Drawings will be held on the second Monday of each month throughout 2021. There are a total of 33 drawings at \$100 each and one grand prize winner drawn in December 2021 of \$1,000. And--yes, if your ticket is drawn, it is re-entered into the raffle for the next drawing, giving each entry multiple chances to win. Tickets are \$25 each and make great gifts for family, friends or that special teacher. Tickets are available in the school office with Mrs. Steinmetz or at the church office.

Holy Cross Alumni Earning Honors at CMC

The following Holy Cross alumni received first quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List (All As): Claire Campbell, Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Dresden Scott, Cole Tite, Matthew Zammit.

First Honors (Minimum of 3 As with no grade lower than A or B):

Ashton DeMeulenaere, Sophia Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Scarlett Scott, Isaac Zammit.

We are proud of you--congratulations!!

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/>



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

#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

ORDERS DUE AT SCHOOL OFFICE first thing in the morning Friday, Dec. 4 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
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GRAND TOTAL

What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: December

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>30</p> <p>Chicken Tenders w/Dinner Roll Golden Corn Baby Carrots Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza Toss Salad Orange Wedges Choice of Milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bacon Cheeseburger Curly Fries Fresh Apple Choice of Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick Mashed Potatoes Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Applesauce Choice of Milk Treat with Lunch</p> <p>POPCORN CHICKEN today</p>
<p>7</p> <p>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Hash Brown Craisins Apple Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Meat & Cheese Nachos Toss Salad Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets W/Dinner Roll Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lasagna Roll Up Green Beans Diced Pears Choice of Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sandwich Bag of Chips Carrots Fresh Apple Choice of Milk</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Baked Beans Rosy Applesauce Choice of Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Cucumber Slices Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Dipping Sauce Baked Tots Orange Wedges Choice of Milk</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick Garlic Mashed Potato Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pasta w/Meatballs Treat with Lunch Steamed Carrots Diced Pears Choice of Milk</p>
				<p>Questions or Comments? Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.676.1112 or jhumphrey@ecsd.us</p>

 Vegetarian  Locally Grown

NOW HIRING

Apply at:

<https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/>

Search by key word: East China Schools

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.

HC PTO SANTA SHOPPE

Wednesday, Dec. 9th & Thursday, Dec. 10th

8:15am-2pm (each class attends individually)

The School Gymnasium

Hohoho and Merry Christmas!

Tis time again for our annual Santa shoppe, where the students may shop for gifts for their loved ones. Each Crusader was sent home with an informational flier and money envelope from Fun Services. For those who wish to participate, please send them with Cash or a Check (written out to OLR). The money envelope also has a handy Chart to fill out with the names of loved ones to shop for, as well as how much money was budgeted for each person. The students will purchase their Chosen items and gift wrap them to take home to put under the tree. Please direct any questions to Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662!

As we implement the safest possible shopping experience for the students, plenty of volunteers will be needed. Contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 if you are willing and available to help!!



PTO Particulars: November 2020

Greetings Holy Cross family!! We hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving and a picturesque first snow day!

Thank you everyone who was able to participate in our Fall Achatz "Pie" Sale! An especially big shout out to Grandma Deb Callahan for taking the lead on our second fundraiser of the year! We hope everyone enjoys their tasty treats!

We would also like to thank Brigette Pennington for coordinating our Scholastic Book Fair! And a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped work the room-Aunt Jodi Farrand, Suzy DeVeny, Becky Bryson...and if I am missing anyone-my apologies. We look forward to another, possibly expanded, fair in the spring!

The Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 20 was a huge success! Thank you Trish Babel for coordinating this shindig...and thank you so much Jodi and Deb for collecting all the food and paper items needed to feed the hungry crowd. A huge thank you as well to our "mystery donors" that so GENEROUSLY donated money and potatoes-it was greatly appreciated! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces that day. I'm sure the cookies had nothing to do with it!! I would say that Becky, Jodi and Deb had some fun dancing in the kitchen as well!

Sadly, both the St. Clair and Marine City Santa Lighted Parades were cancelled. We are holding out hope that next year we will be able to participate in both of these wonderful, family friendly events!

****In one week**** Wednesday, 12/9-Thursdays, 12/10 brings us our Santa Shoppe! This is a fantastic way for students to shop for their loved ones...and hone their math and budgeting skills! Each class will have a specific time slot during the day for shopping and wrapping their gifts. More information is included on the Fun Services flier and money envelope that came home with each student on Monday. In addition, attached to this newsletter, as well as coming home with each student, is an informational PTO flier. As we implement the safest possible shopping experience for your child, we will need plenty of volunteers on hand to make this a safe and pleasurable experience! The shop will run from 8:15am-2pm both Wednesday and Thursday. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662. Thank you!!

Looking for that perfect stocking stuffer? There are still a few \$10 Hungry Howies fundraiser cards available for purchase at the school office. They pay for themselves with the first coupon-a FREE large pizza!

In January and February we will have Memories with Mom and Drawing with Dad, respectively. These are precious moments spent with our kiddos!! Look for more information coming out about these events after Christmas.

We hope you will join our next meeting which is Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30pm via Zoom. 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! We ask this instead of a sending out a blanket invitation to the whole school to try to avoid any hacking incidents.

Warmest regards, HC PTO