



# 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.

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## 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!

Final SCRIP credits for 2020 have been posted--18 smart Crusader families are sharing **over \$3400** in credits for the quarter!

Learning to let SCRIP help pay your tuition would be a great new year's resolution! If you're interested but not sure how it works--call Patty (above) or the school office. It's easy: and doesn't cost you a penny more than you'd pay, anyway!

## Bingo

Our bingos are open again! To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's: please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Jan 20: end of 2nd quarter**
- **F Jan 22: winter sports pictures**
- **W Jan 27: report cards go home**
- **Th&F Jan 28&29: NO SCHOOL** (teacher prof. development)
- **Feb 1-5: Catholic Schools Week**
- **M Feb 8: Archdiocese of Detroit prof. development for teachers: NO SCHOOL**
- **W&Th Feb 10&11: Camp LOC at Holy Cross program for 5-8th graders (no virtual classes for 5-8th graders those days)**

## Basketball and Cheerleading

**Bill Guyor** returns to coach our boys: 5th graders **Anthony Boedeker, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington, Gavin Remier** and **Xavier Zammit**; 6th graders **Micah Arlow, Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon, Gabe Jacobs** and **Charles Zech**; 7th grader **Kaden Remier**, and 8th graders **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor** and **Evan Jacobs**. Our AD **Samantha Duncan** will mentor our cheer team: 5th graders **Bella Smalley** and **Makenna Toupin**; 6th graders **Ali Maykowski** and **Abby Westrick**; 7th graders **Katie Kowalewski** and **Lylah Schaening** and 8th graders **Ava DeVeney** and **Skye Moss**. **Nick Zech** rounds out our winter coaching staff with our girls' basketball team: 5th graders **Mila Mkrtychyan** and **Bella Smalley**; 6th grader **Abby Westrick**; 7th graders **Katie Kowalewski** and **Lylah Schaening**, and 8th graders **Ava DeVeney, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden** and **Angie Winne**.

MDHHS is currently placing limits on winter sports. We may still be allowed to start practicing on Saturday. We'll keep you posted as the situation evolves--meanwhile, coaches will be in contact with their team members to let them know about practices.

Athletes: remember that **you need to have had your sports physical before you may attend practice.**

## Water at School

Remember to pack your drinking water!!

## Extra Teacher Meeting Dates

Please note that there are three teachers' professional development dates coming up within the next few weeks. Due to those sessions, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on January 28 and 29, or on Monday, February 8 (a catechetical training for teachers just announced by the Archdiocese of Detroit).

## Service Credits

The service credit portion of the "tuition contract" calls for families to be assigned to "Plan A" (simply paying for their service credits) if they have not signed up for credits (which need to be worked by the end of April) by September 15. With all the uncertainties this year were been more lenient with that deadline than in the past, but have to enforce that policy: **families who did not sign up for their service credit work shifts by the end of December were assigned to "Plan A" on January 1.** A copy of your service credit record was mailed to you earlier this week.

## 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/1tqQWXOy86EdedEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEhIFE/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.

Thanks to the new folks who are helping in January! Looking ahead, **we will really need your help beginning in February.** As a lunch supervisor, you can earn your service credits while seeing your kids! If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the office.

## **Auction 2021**

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 helping with on online 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 was extended to January 5, 2021. As that date has passed, families who haven't yet donated their item are being billed \$80 instead.

## **"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/>

## **VG's Receipts**

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're just about half way to our next reward.

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" with expiration dates on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.

## **Holy Cross on Facebook:**

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

## **"Indoor Recess Store"**

As nastier weather approaches, indoor recess will become more frequent. That brings the complication of having fun under "COVID" regulations (e.g. not being able to share things that students handle). Students each have a ziplock bag with items that only they may use during indoor recess. No doubt those items will become boring very soon!

So--we have come up with an incentive program for the children to earn things to play with during indoor recess. Students earn one "Holy Cross Buck" every day they come to school in full uniform (including shoes, socks and mask), bring their fully-charged Chromebook, and bring all of their completed homework.

They save their money in the labeled ziplock bag we gave them until Mrs. Davenport announces the next "Indoor Recess Stuff Sale!" Then they can spend the "bucks" they've earned on the items we've collected for them.

(We would gladly accept donations of "recess stuff" to sell! We're looking for small items like toy cars, yo-yos, small puzzles or magic tricks (with all their pieces, please!), small single-player games, stickers, simple craft projects, coloring or puzzle books: things students of all ages could use to amuse themselves at a desk. "Gently used" things that can be sanitized before being sold would be OK!, too, if you've been cleaning out your children's toy box since Christmas!)

## **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.

## **Catholic Schools Week**

...will be celebrated Feb. 1-5. Fun activities will be planned--stay tuned!

## **CAMP!**

While COVID is preventing our 5-8th graders from going to camp next month, we are happy to announce that camp is coming to us! On Feb. 10&11 we will be hosting two Camp LOC counselors, who will meet with our middle schoolers in groups during the day, leading them through many of the activities they would have been enjoying at camp.

The per-student cost for the program is slightly higher than anticipated (\$70) due to the number of participants; bills were mailed on Tuesday to all (with payment in full due by Feb. 1).

There will be NO virtual learning for 5-8th graders on those two days, but no changes for students in grades K-4.

## **Raffle Calendar Winners**

The first winners for 2021 were drawn on Monday: congratulations to Laura Janski of Cottrellville Township, John McQuade of Clay Township, and Jerry Heath of Plymouth, who each won \$100!

(Tickets are still available at the school office for 30 more chances at \$100 and the 2021 grand prize of \$1000!)

## **Food Drive at Mass**

Every month, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry. That collection will be tomorrow, at mass time.

The pantry always needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, paper toweling, laundry detergent, cleaning solutions (such as bleach and pine cleaner), shampoo and feminine products are also usually in short supply. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

## **Free Reusable Masks!**

Do you need (washable/reusable) white face masks? We have lots (FREE!): call school (810.765.3591)!

## **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/>