



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.

January 21, 2021

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!

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.

Basketball and Cheerleading

As you probably already know, the state has put off winter sports games 'til the beginning of February. We are feeling our athletes' disappointment at yet another postponement of their fun--but we try to remind ourselves (and them) that we're lucky not to be sick! Stay posted; we'll keep you abreast of changes as we hear them. Meanwhile: athletes are reminded that they **need to have had their sports physical before practices start.**

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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)**
- **F-M, Feb 12-15: midwinter break- NO SCHOOL**

Beginning of Third Quarter

...is TODAY! The school year is more than 1/2 over as of today! (Report cards will go home with students next Wednesday, Jan. 27.)

Winter Sports Pictures

The photo session that was scheduled for tomorrow is being postponed: the new date is **Wednesday, February 24.**

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

PTO still has a few Hungry Howie fundraiser cards available: for the \$10 cost, you get a free large one-item pizza, along with a number of pizza discounts. There are also a few "vintage" t-shirts (old logo) and caps available for \$5 each: all at the school office.

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** next Thursday and Friday (January 28 and 29), or on Monday, February 8 (a catechetical training for teachers just announced by the Archdiocese of Detroit). Thank you for your continuing flexibility with our ever-flexing schedule.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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.

Thanks to the new folks who have been helping in January! Looking ahead, **we will really need your help beginning February 2.** 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.**

"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>

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** and **Mrs. Julie Wolf** for their donations of masks!

...to **the Gray** and **the Westrick families** for donations of goodies for our "Indoor Recess Store" inventory! (Can't wait for the next sale!!!)

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/newbtfe>

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.

"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 provided 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!)

CAMP!

While COVID is preventing our 5-8th graders from going to camp next month, we are happy to announce that camp will be 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.

Free Reusable Masks!

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

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account. Watch FACTS to see when the application "window" opens!

For general information about the grant program, go to

<https://https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Your application will require your pastor's signature: the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o7181wuacwdv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

Applying for the Archdiocesan grant is **required** to be eligible to apply for any other tuition assistance, so you are strongly encouraged to apply!

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.

Please let us know of any changes in your child's daily bus routine so we can help him/her remember whether or not to get on the bus in the afternoon!

Winter Wear!

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

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

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

...will be celebrated Feb. 1-5. Fun activities are being planned....

Dress down day(s): there will be a

Google vote among students;

M Feb. 1: PTO will sponsor an ice cream social;

Tu Feb 2: 1-1:45pm Vicariate-wide virtual comedian (sponsored by CMC);

W Feb 3: movie day (teacher's choice);

Th Feb 4: popsicles with the principal!

F Feb 5: mass/adoration--thank you cards and letters to parents.

We are so glad to be part of a Catholic school--especially THIS one! Definitely something to celebrate!

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/>

The background of the entire page is a vibrant, repeating pattern of tropical leaves. The leaves are in various shades of green, yellow, and blue, with some having distinct holes or splits, characteristic of Monstera or similar jungle foliage. The pattern is dense and fills the entire frame.

**Attention Actors/Actresses
and Techies!!
“Jungle Book Kids” is
coming!!**

We are seeking kids (and adults) who are interested in helping with this production. There is a spot for everyone!!

A Zoom audition will be set up for those interested in the leading roles.

Rehearsal location is TBD, but we are considering Wednesdays after school. Possibly some weekend dates as well.

Please contact Noah Phelan or Katie Bryson via school email!!