



# 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 7, 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](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 will be calculated and posted to tuition accounts soon!

## Virtual Christmas Production

Thank you to Ms Volz for putting together Holy Cross students' work for the "virtual" Christmas program! If you missed it, you can still see it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kqx35lrCkMw&feature=youtu.be>

*Thank You!!*

...to all of you for your kindness and generosity at Christmas! The teachers and I came back to school this week rested and with renewed energy and dedication to your children.

## 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)**
- **M Feb 8: Archdiocese of Detroit prof. development for teachers: NO SCHOOL**
- **W&Th Feb 10&11: Camp LOC at Holy Cross programs for 5-8th graders (no virtual classes for 5-8th graders those days)**

## Congratulations!

...to Mrs. Davenport on the completion of her Masters in Educational Leadership program!

## 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.**

## 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 by September 15. With all the uncertainties this year we have been more lenient with that deadline than in the past. However, as the year nears its halfway point, we need to know our families' plans. Please be advised that **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.**

To sign up for Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac), contact **Paul Burger at 734.837.5807.**

## 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.

## Basketball and Cheerleading

Basketball/cheer season will start in about a week! Thank you to **Mr. Bill Guyor** who returns as our boys' coach, to **Ms. Sam Duncan** for cheer, and to our new girls' basketball coach, **Mr. Nick Zech!** Next week we will introduce the teams.

Athletes: remember that **you need to have had your sports physical before practices start.**

## 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>

## Alumni Athletes In the News

**Matthew Zammit** (Crusader Class of 2019) represented Cardinal Mooney in cross country regionals this past fall! Receiving "All League" and "Catholic League" honors in volleyball were HC alumnae **Claire Campbell** (class of 2019) and **Sophia Goulette** (Class of 2017). Congratulations!!

## Gym Clothing

TP Logos has come up with school-approved and logo'd PE wear! Go to <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.

### 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 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 school 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 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 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/>

### 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 just announced by the Archdiocese of Detroit).

### 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.

### 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, no buses ran while East China District was entirely "virtual.")

### 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.

There is a cost for the program (as there would have been for camp, but much less). Parents of all 5-8th graders: please respond to the letter we sent you on Tuesday to let us know if your student will attend our "at home camp" those days. Bills will go out to participating families early next week. (There will be NO virtual learning for 5-8th graders on those two days; regular school for grades K-4.)

### 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/>

Choose  
Nonviolence  
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JESUS IS BORN  
He calls us to be  
Merciful . . . and . . . Just  
PaxChristiUSA.org



## Student Highlights

...for December:

**Vincent Valente's** family is comprised of his parents, a twin sister (who is also in our K-TK class), and the family dog/ When Vinnie grows up, he wants to be a police officer. He enjoys being outside as much as possible and playing football. Vinnie likes snakes, and his favorite color is orange. His favorite thing to eat is chicken wings and, if he could, Vinnie said he wishes he could "cuddle all day." Vinnie is well like and gets along with all his classmates.

**Isaac Arlow** is a great leader in our first grade classroom. He is always willing to step up and do the right thing. Isaac's favorite food is mac and cheese. He loves playing with his kitten, Ozzy, and playing video games. His favorite part of school is recess, but he's a hard worker too! When Isaac grows up, he would like to become an archaeologist .

**Matty Phelan** is new to Holy Cross School this year, and has quickly fit right in. Matty says a fun place to visit is Disney World because it has Toy Story Land. His favorite foods are pizza and macaroni and cheese. His favorite color is green and his favorite sport is golf. I am so happy that Matty is part of our second grade family.

Third grader **Liam Guyor** has been at Holy Cross since Kindergarten. Liam's favorite sport is running. This past fall, he was the youngest member of the HC Cross Country team! He likes to run because he gets to race people and challenge himself each time he runs. When he is not running, he enjoys playing soccer with his friends. Liam's favorite holiday is Christmas and he enjoys sharing traditions with his family. Two fun facts about Liam are that he loves to snack on peanut butter crackers and his favorite color is blue. Liam is a hard-working and compassionate student, and Holy Cross is blessed to have him as a part of our community! **Claire**

**Gryszkiewicz** is new to Holy Cross this year and joins us from Pine River! Claire enjoys playing softball because she likes that there is a lot of teamwork involved. Claire is an excellent writer and enjoys reading. Her favorite place to travel is to Tennessee, where she once saw a bear on the front porch of her cabin! Two fun facts about Claire are that she loves the color purple and her favorite treat is "fruit by the foot." Claire is a creative and caring student, and Holy Cross is lucky to have her as a part of our community!

**Alex Path** is quite the artist! In the past two years, he has taken FIRST place in the Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest. Additionally, Alex loves to read about animals. He absolutely adores his cats. In the summer, he and his family spend much of their time camping and exploring nature. While at school, he enjoys fourth grade math and science. Currently Alex is doing his part to help out at home with the care of his father. **Luke Bogdan** is new to our Crusader family this year! We have learned so much about him in our short time together. First, he is an amazing athlete. His favorite sport is soccer and he plays with a travel team. He also enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his family. At school, he excels in math! Luke loves a good challenge and gets along very well with all his new peers. When he grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player.

Fifth grader **Mila Mkrtychyan** is a caring and compassionate young lady who is always looking out for others. Her upbeat attitude and positive outlook help her make new friends easily. Mila has the ability to put people at ease and always strives to do her best.

**Abby Westrick** is a very energetic and intelligent young lady with a lot of potential. Her sense of wonder and her ability to seek knowledge make our class discussions enjoyable. Abby has the determination to achieve whatever goals she sets for herself.

Seventh grader **Kaden Remier** is a courteous classmate and enjoys playing sports. Basketball and football are two of his favorites. Kaden would like to be a professional athlete of some sort when he gets older.

**Skye Moss** is one of the most caring young ladies I have ever met. She is polite, considerate, compassionate and just has an overall warm personality. She is extremely talented and sings so beautifully. It's hard to believe that such a booming voice can come from such a petite young lady. Skye is also artistically talented. Skye excels in her academic subjects and puts forth 100 percent effort. Skye is always willing to help out and lend a hand to those who need it. Skye makes me very proud.

# #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



## HOLY CROSS SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Order Questions Contact: **Deb Callahan 810-650-3140**

Make Checks Payable to: **Screen & Stitch LLC**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDERS DUE AT SCHOOL OFFICE first thing in the morning Friday, Jan. 15 for items needed this month.**

# PTO Particulars: January 2021

Greetings Holy Cross family!! Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and is settling into the new year nicely.

Wednesday, 12/9-Thursday, 12/10 brought us our Santa Shoppe! The students came in and followed directions wonderfully...and had a blast spending money! Things were a bit different this year, and they handled it with aplomb! Hopefully all their family members enjoyed their gifts. We would like to thank all the volunteers that were able to help-without you there would be no Santa Shoppe! A big round of applause to Jodi Farrand and Nancy Trombley who helped not only with the shop, but with set up and tear down, Will DeVeney and Rachel Arlow who were able to help with the shop and tear down, the "Shoppe Elves" Amanda Smalley (this is her favorite event!!), Jessica DeFauw, Matt Sr. & Marisol Zammit, and a most gracious THANK YOU to Joanne Westrick (and hubby) who not only helped out with the Shoppe, but donated a TON of items for us to sell!! We would also like to thank the parents and students for their support and enthusiasm!

Tired from cooking over the holidays? 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!

Speaking of fundraising, basket donations for the Holy Cross Auction were due by January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Auction will be virtual this year and we cannot wait to see the fabulous goodies up for grabs! Still looking for ideas? Think of items or activities in which you would be interested-chances are, someone else will be as well!

In January and February, we usually hold Memories with Mom (alternately Muffins with Mom) and Drawing with Dad (alternately Donuts with Dad), respectively. Presently, we are unable to hold our "normal" events due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we are exploring alternative options and we will keep you updated as plans develop!

Do you find yourself wondering about certain things such as...how do Dress Down Days work, what are appropriate sock colors, how do service credits work, etc.? We would like to present a lifeline for these questions and more! If your child is in Lower Elementary (TK/K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)) or Tiffany Mensen (810-335-2719 or [tiffany.mensen@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.mensen@gmail.com)) and we will be happy to answer your questions or even just chat with you about your experience at Holy Cross. If your child is in Upper Elementary (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) the same is offered by Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or [csdeveny@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveny@gmail.com)). We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting which is Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30am 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 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