



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.

February 4, 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

We think the game schedule is in place, now. (Of course, any new mandates from the government could change our plans.) The boys' first game is at 6:30 at home on Feb. 22. Both girls and boys play at Landmark on Feb. 23: the girls will start at 4:30 and the boys' game will be after, about 5:30. Go, Crusaders!!

Winter Sports Pictures

...will be taken on **Wednesday, February 24**. (Athletes will need their uniforms at school that day.)

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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**
- **W Feb 17: Ash Wednesday; no East China buses home**
- **W Feb. 24: Winter sports pictures (bring your uniform!)**

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.

Teacher Meeting: No School

.....on **Monday, February 8** (a catechetical training for teachers announced by the Archdiocese of Detroit). Thank you for your continuing flexibility this year with our ever-flexing schedule.

Registration for 2021-2

Re-registration for the 2021-2 school year will begin in a few weeks. A packet will be prepared for your family and sent home with your oldest "Crusader" by approximately February 19. Current families will be offered the opportunity to register before it is offered to the general public.

To register, the registration paperwork must be completed and returned to the school office with the appropriate fees. Also, all prior years' tuition and other obligations must be completed in full before a family's registration is complete.

With the uncertainty still caused by the pandemic, we must plan to have to continue distancing, so our class sizes will continue to be limited. Therefore, it will be more important than ever that you reserve your children's spaces for the upcoming year in a timely manner.

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.**

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/1tqQWXY86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjT9zNJXEhIFE/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 helped in January! Starting now, **we really need your help!** 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.

...and Fish Frys

The parish fish frys will start on Friday, February 19. COVID regulations (as of today) allow only take out meals; therefore, workers to serve/bus tables...will not be needed. However, the fish fry committee says what is really needed is cleanup people.

Cleanup is expected to take under 3 hours each night, and the shift would start at 6:30pm. School workers will earn 1 service credit for each full cleanup shift.

Fish fry contact info has been sent to families who indicated at registration they were interested in helping with the fish frys. Please be sure to email "Mary Agnes" to schedule your shifts.

"MOBILE CAMP"

A reminder to all participating 5th-8th grade families that their payment for "Camp" was due Feb. 1; if you haven't sent it in yet, please do so today!

Also--there will be **NO virtual learning for 5-8th graders on those two "camp" days next week**, but no changes for students in grades K-4.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're over 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.

"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>

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.

Camp and Valentines' Day Dress Down Days

Next Wednesday, Feb. 10, will be a dress down day for all students.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, all students may dress down in red, pink or white for Valentines' Day. Kindergarten-4th grade teachers will be in touch regarding Valentines' Day celebrations for that day.

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

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

Attention All Actors!

The Brysons and Phelans invite all student actors (and parent helpers!) to join them in a socially-distant production of "Jungle Book Kids." Families of students who have already expressed an interest in participating should have already received an emailed packet of information from Becky Bryson and Katie Phelan. Please contact either Mrs. Bryson at 757.334.9662 or Mrs. Phelan at 810.434.5416 with any questions!

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page.

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/2o7l8lwuacwdv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

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

Free Reusable Masks!

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

East China Buses

Students who live in the East China School District are eligible for free bus-ing 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN!

Thank you to the PTO and the **Westrick family** for Monday's ice cream treat!

Tuesday's virtual comedy show was enjoyed by all--thank you to Cardinal Mooney for sponsoring the show.



Yesterday ("Wacky Wednesday"), we dressed in our craziest clothes (and hair), and enjoyed movies in our classrooms. Today is "Popsicles with the

Principal" day! We're looking forward to that special treat with Mrs. Davenport.

Tomorrow we will end the week dressing up for mass and adoration. We made thank you cards and put them in the church pews, and will do other letters to our parents. Tomorrow is also the end of our "Penny Wars" to benefit the parish pantry--so far we're up to nearly \$300!



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

Remember EVERY DAY...

-your mask;
-**your charged ChromeBook**;
-your lunch;
-be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
-have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
-wear **warm outer clothes** for recess.

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 parish-ioners and other donors.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:

<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>

Student Highlights

...for January:

Kindergartner **Lana Bogdan** is a 6-year-old whose favorite animal is a unicorn. In fact, she wishes she could own one! Lana enjoys animals, and would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Lana's older brother also attends Holy Cross. Like many little girls, Lana's favorite color is pink. She enjoys going to the beach and riding her bike. Lana is well liked by her classmates, and always has a smile (through the mask) on her face.

Lara Cherro is a kind, hard working first grader. She tries her best to make everyone feel included. Lara's favorite food is apples. Her favorite subject is math. At home, she likes to tumble down the stairs and play with her baby sister, Ava. Lara isn't quite sure yet what she wants to do when she grows up, but she thinks she might like to be a firefighter. **Eli Gryszkiewicz** is a smart, silly boy. He loves to make his friends laugh. Eli's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. His favorite special is gym. At home, he likes to play with his truck "The Animal" and go on rescue missions with all of his pups. When Eli grows up, he would like to be a dad and a construction worker/builder.

Second grader **Oliver Lehman** is new to Holy Cross School. His favorite trip was going to Cape Cod over the summer with his family. He enjoyed watching the whales and sharks. He also surfed on his stomach in the ocean. He plays soccer, baseball, and enjoys singing and dancing. He performed in two plays called Alice in the Wonderland, and Lion King. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite meal is a cheeseburger and fries. I'm so proud of Oliver and all of his hard work. I can't wait for him to sing and dance in the school's talent show! **Mackenzie Carty** is fairly new to our class because she started off virtual. It was a pleasure to welcome her into our room. She recently went on a trip to New York with her parents. She attended an auction there. Her favorite part of the trip was when she got to visit the auctioneer's three dogs. Mackenzie loves to climb trees at her house. Her favorite foods are spaghetti, and hot dogs. I'm so proud of Mackenzie and all her hard work. Way to go Mackenzie!

Blake Mayea is new to Holy Cross this year and joins us from St. Mary St. Clair! He enjoys going on his dirt bike because he gets to go fast! The last fun place he visited on vacation was Mackinac Island, because he got to ride on a ferry to get there! Blake's favorite sport is soccer and his favorite color is red. A fun fact about him is that he likes to drink slushies and snack on Doritos. Holy Cross is blessed to have him as a part of our community! **Gianna Ringeisen** loves to color and do art projects! She is very creative! Her favorite color is pink and her favorite animal is a cat. A fun fact about Gianna is that Christmas is her favorite holiday and

she likes to watch the Grinch. She enjoys playing basketball and would like to play for the Holy Cross team. Holy Cross is lucky to have her as a part of our community, too!

Fourth grader **Blake Schocker** is an all-around great student. He has been a Crusader since kindergarten!! He is responsible and organized with his schoolwork. Blake is kind and very helpful to his classmates. Being athletic, he absolutely loves GYM class, and has enjoyed playing hockey. He is the youngest of 4 children, and has many animals to care for at home. Keep up the hard work and dedication Blake! **Gracelin Cusumano** joined Holy Cross this year. We are so happy to welcome her to our Crusader family. She has brought so much joy to our classroom. Gracelin is especially helpful with her classmates and younger students. She has acted as a role model, which is why others look up to her. Gracelin recently took up snowboarding, and has done exceptionally well! At home, she is the only child, however she does have fur babies (dogs) named Evie and Reef. We are so glad Gracelin's family chose Holy Cross.

Alex Ogden is a very outgoing and intelligent fifth grader. He excels at extracurricular activities, but doesn't let them get in the way of his school responsibilities. Alex has many friends and is always willing to step up and help when needed. **Makenna Toupin** is a wonderful young lady with an upbeat attitude and a constant smile! She is very caring and compassionate toward others. Makenna is very polite, always saying please and thank you, and she is willing to be friends with everyone.

Sixth grader **Dylan Davenport** is a wonderful young man who looks out for others and includes everyone in his group of friends. Once he sets his sights on something Dylan strives to learn everything he can about it. He is an avid reader and has knowledge about many things.

Katie Kowalewski's favorite class is ELA because she likes to read. Katie has aspirations of being a college professor of history. Katie has one sister and brother who are both older than her. I really enjoy having her in my classroom!

Cole Campbell became a student at Holy Cross in the second grade shortly after Christmas vacation. Cole's favorite subject in school is history because he enjoys learning about WWII. Cole's least favorite subject in school is math. During his free time, Cole enjoys playing video games such as Halo and Call of Duty. Cole also enjoys dirt biking, listening to music, and having group chats with friends. After Cole graduates from Holy Cross, he plans on attending Marine City High School. Cole has really opened up this past school year and is a very funny young man with a great sense of humor. Keep up the great work, Cole!

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-Thursdays, 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 "Shophe 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 5th. 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-4th grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or beckybryson123@gmail.com) or Tiffany Mensen (810-335-2719 or 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 (5th-8th) the same is offered by Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or 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 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



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Rank	Team	Score
#1	Team A	\$11
#2	Team B	\$7
#3	Team C	\$22



Navy/Black
DUFFEL BAG
embroidered pocket



Navy
50/50 cotton/poly
Crew
screened front



Navy
1/4 Zip 50/50 cotton/poly
embroidered left chest

Uniform Approved

What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: February

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Hash Brown Dirty Curries Chilled Peas Choice of Milk	2 Meat & Cheese Nachos Toast Salad Fresh Cherry Slices Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk	4 French Bread Pizza Green Beans Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	5 Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Baked Beans Power Peas Roxy Applesauce Choice of Milk
6 No School	9 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Cucumber Slices Baby Carrots Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk	10 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Tots Casserole Salad Fresh Bananas Choice of Milk	11 Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick Washed Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Strawberry Milk	12 No School Mid-Winter Break
15 No School Mid-Winter Break	16 Walking Taco Baked Beans Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	17 Macaroni & Cheese Curry Inks Romaine & Spinach Salad Fresh Orange Choice of Milk Lucky Lunch Day	18 Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll Steamed Green Beans Power Peas Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Applesauce Choice of Milk
22 Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple Choice of Milk	23 Chicken Patty on a WG Bun Potato Rounds Baby Carrots Chilled Peas Choice of Milk Strawberry Milk	24 Pasta w/Meatballs Golden Corn Romaine & Spinach Salad Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk	25 Popcorn Chicken w/Breadstick Fresh Broccoli Strawberries Choice of Milk	26 Cheese Pizza Steamed Green Beans Romaine & Spinach Salad Fresh Apple Choice of Milk Treat with Lunch

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