



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 27, 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

Athletes are reminded that they **need to have had their sports physical before they may attend practices.**

The game schedule IS STILL in flux, due to the latest government mandates. Keep on practicing, Crusaders!

Report Cards

...are going home with students today.

**NO SCHOOL
TOMORROW OR FRIDAY!**

Mark Your Calendar....

- **TODAY: 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
- **W Feb 17: Ash Wednesday; no East China buses home**
- W Feb. 24: Winter sports pictures

Winter Sports Pictures

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

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

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 our online Auction.**

"Snow Day" Yesterday

Thank you all for paying attention yesterday, and to your continuing flexibility with scheduling during this crazy year! Not a single student's car pulled up to school despite the late notice. Keep up the great work--and please keep paying attention to those e-notifications!

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.

...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.

If you are interested in helping with the fish frys but haven't yet heard from the fish fry crew, please contact the school office.

“MOBILE CAMP”!

A reminder to all participating 5th-8th grade families that their payment for “Camp” is due Feb. 1.

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

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.

“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/newbtfte>

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

Wednesday, Feb. 10, will be a dress down day for all students. (Maybe “camp theme?”)

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.” For more information, contact Katie or Noah via school email. (Parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Bryson at 757.334.9662 or Mrs. Phelan at 810.434.5416 for more info.)

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

...will be celebrated next week! 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!

Free and Reduced Lunches

Funding for the current “free lunch” program WILL end at some point. Families are encouraged to apply for continued free/reduced cost lunch benefits. The application can be found at

<https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/07/2020-21-Free-and-Reduced-Price-Lunch-Application.pdf>

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 parishioners and other donors.

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

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



Holy Cross Catholic School
Second Quarter Honors

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Josie Cherro, Lillian DeVeney.**

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Luke Borys, Lara Cherro, Ava DeMeulenaere, Lucas Mayea, Svetlana Mkrtychyan, Lydia Zammit.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Gavin Williamson.**

Third Grade

All As: **Preston Davenport, Ella DeFauw, Leo DeVeney, Liam Dixon, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Liam Guyor.**

Honor Roll: **Hayden Borys, Veronica Daugherty, Grace Heinrich, Joshua Jacobs, Vanessa Kuzera, Blake Mayea.**

Perfect Attendance: **Hayden Borys, Leo DeVeney, Liam Dixon, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Joshua Jacobs, Blake Mayea.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Paige Arlow, Luke Bogdan, Emma Mensen, Noah Phelan, Blake Schocker, Madison Trombley.**

Honor Roll: **Brennen Toupin.**

Perfect Attendance: **Luke Bogdan, Gracelin Cusumano, Emma Mensen, Noah Phelan, Blake Schocker, Justin Williamson.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Dominic DeVeney, Vivian Gray.**

Honor Roll: **Ava Mensen, Mila Mkrtychyan, Alex Ogden, Gavin Remier, Xavier Zammit.**

Perfect Attendance: **Xavier Zammit.**

Sixth Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Matthew Bailey, Miles Dixon, Abigail Westrick, Charles Zech.**

Perfect Attendance: **Micah Arlow, Miles Dixon.**

Seventh Grade

Honor Roll: **Nolan Babel, Katherine Kowalewski, Lylah Schaening.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Michael Kiell, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Angela Winne.**

Honor Roll: **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Evan Jacobs.**

Perfect Attendance: **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Michael Kiell, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden.**

February 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week:		1 PTO sponsoring ice cream social	2 Virtual comedian	3 Movie day	4 Popsicles with the Principal	5 Nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry	6
7	8 NO SCHOOL-- teachers' profession- al development	9 PTO meets 6:30 -Zoom	10 Camp LOC visits HC 5-8th graders! Dress down day for all students	11 2nd day of "Camp At Home" for 5-8th graders Dress down in red, white or pink for Valentines' Day	12 NO SCHOOL-- midwinter break	13	
14	15 NO SCHOOL-- midwinter break	16	17 Ash Wednesday No East China buses home	18	19 Stations of the Cross First OLR fish fry at St Catharine activity center--carry out only 4-7pm	20	
21 Basketball games: home games will start at 6:30pm (away games, at 6pm) unless otherwise noted:	22 Basketball boys MCA @ HC 6:30	23 Basketball-boys HC @ LAND 5:30	24 Winter sports photos 1-3pm (affiliates: bring your uniforms!)	25 Basketball-girls HC @ MCA 7:30	26 Stations of the Cross Fish fry at St Cath- arine activity center-- carry out only 4-7pm	27	
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**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!!



Hot Chocolate and
CHAT

Let's have some grown up time!!

Place: Front yard of Holy Cross

Date: Friday, February 5th • Time: 2:30pm onwards

Contact: Becky Bryson • Call: (757) 334-9662

• Email: beckybryson123@gmail.com

Holy Cross PTO would like to invite HC parents and caregivers to savor a cup of hot chocolate while chatting with fellow parents and caregivers!!