



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.

March 11, 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.

Things to 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.

Mark Your Calendar....

- THIS SUNDAY March 14: change your clocks!
- **Tu Mar 23: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE--everyone will need to bring a lunch AND drink from home**
- All Fridays in Lent except Good Friday: 4-7pm fish fry at St Catherine activity center in Algonac
- **April 1-11: Easter break**
- M Apr 12: back to class

March is Reading Month!

Coming up this month....

- Students: listen for "Stop, drop, and read" three times a week (always keep a book handy!);
- Book Cover Contest--students will redesign their favorite book's cover. The book covers are due by Monday, March 29. Age groups are: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8;
- Bookworm--students can come to the office to get a segment of the bookworm and write the book (or a chapter or two) on it. It will be displayed in the school's main hallways;
- Dress as your favorite character - Wednesday, March 24; and
- (everyone's favorite:) Read-In Day, Wednesday, March 31--students may wear pajamas that day, and bring blankets and one stuffed animal.

Open House

Last night's Open House was cozy and enthusiastically received by our visitors. Thank you to all the teachers for staying late on a school night! Special thanks, too, to school committee member Mrs. Sandy Favrow for coming to help, and to Mrs. DeVeny for serving as a parent liaison for our guests. We look forward to post-COVID Open Houses, where we can show off more of our students and their families to our guests!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for March: Leonard Verlinden of Harsens Island, Christopher Rettig of China Township and Louis Rochon of Algonac. Congratulations--and thank you for supporting Holy Cross School!

Basketball and Cheerleading

On Monday we hosted Landmark's girls' team (Landmark's boys will visit on March 23). On Tuesday, our girls played at IC. Last night, the boys took on St Augustine. This evening, our boys and girls will both have home games: the girls will play MCA at 6:30 and the boys, St. Augustine, right after the girls' game. Each athlete is permitted to bring up to two spectators (admission will be \$5 for each)--only to their own game, please.

On March 15, the boys travel to McCormick and to Richmond on the 16th. (The game that was scheduled for the 17th has just been canceled due to the other team having a COVID positive.) The next week we'll have home games: on Tuesday, March 23, the girls host IC (6:30) and the boys, Landmark (about 7:30), and on the 25th, both the boys' and girls' teams take on NLCA at home. The final girls' game is at home on April 13.

Parents of athletes: players' families are all expected to work two admissions or concessions shifts over the course of the season. (That raises the money to pay our coaches, refs, league fees and other sports teams' expenses.) A million thanks to Mrs. Janine Winne who coordinates our concessions and workers--even when her daughter isn't playing! Please contact her to offer your help.

Go, Crusaders!!

TRACK

Still a few weeks left in the basketball season--but soon after, track will start. We have several experienced helpers who just can't take on the entire coaching job, but are eager to help--but **we do need to find a coach** to be able to have a team. If you're interested, please contact school.

"STAR" Assessments

Our students took the new STAR tests in October and again a few weeks ago. **Most Holy Cross students increased their scores significantly** as compared with students in the rest of the country taking these assessments. We expect "Star" to send our detailed student scores within two weeks, and we will send your students' scores to you as soon as we can.

Registration for 2021-2

Re-registration for the 2021-2 school year is open! A packet was sent home with your oldest "Crusader" in time for all current families to have the opportunity to register before it was opened to the general public (this week).

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 satisfied 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. **Registration HAS BEEN opened to the general public, and spots are being offered now on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Tuition / Service Credits For 2020-21

Just a reminder that all tuition needs to be paid in full by the end of March, and service credits completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owe their final payment on April 1. All obligations must have been met to complete re-registration for the next year.

Service Credits...Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides!

Please sign up for all service credit shifts 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/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHI/FE/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.

We are really grateful to all of our lunch supervisors!! **We really need a little more help, though,** most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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

Thank you to all who have been working the fish frys! There are still opportunities to work: to sign up....

1. Go to <https://signup.com/go/MvhpUvS> and sign up directly for the shifts you want to work; or
2. Contact the Knights of Columbus: gk856@mikofc.org; or
3. Call the parish office: 810.765.3568.

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 (or SCRIP) office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

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://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/2o7l8lwuacwadv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT STEP: Download the pastor's signature form, fill it out, and deliver to your pastor to sign. After he signs it, the form needs to be delivered to your child's school.

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

ORDER YOUR 2020-21 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (just like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books will be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students' names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

---Orders need to be in the school office **by Friday, March 26**---

YEARBOOK

Don't miss out on this year's Holy Cross yearbook! It will be 28 pages long, and filled with color photographs. The price will be the same as last year: \$15 per book; we expect they'll be delivered in mid-May. The order form is above--**orders will need to be in by Friday, March 26** to be included in this year's printing.

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/>