



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 25, 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
CLOSED DURING EASTER BREAK**

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**.

Gone Virtual

Starting today, as you already know, we are proceeding with a few virtual days, out of abundant caution. Students took home books and other supplies yesterday so they'd be ready for their teachers' virtual instruction. We are still planning to enjoy our annual "Read In" day now: on Monday, March 29, and following it with Easter break starting on Tuesday, March 30. We hope everyone is planning a visit to their church on Easter to praise Jesus for his sacrifice.

Mark Your Calendar....

- All Fridays in Lent except Good Friday: 4-7pm fish fry at St Catherine activity center in Algonac
- **M Mar 29: "Read In" day: at home!**
- March 30-April 11: Easter break
- **M Apr 12: back to class**

March is Reading Month!

Yesterday our halls were filled with Dogmen, Things 1 and 2, "greasers," and LOT of princesses, as our students dressed up as their favorite books' characters:



Monday will be our annual "Read In" day--at home, this year.

Basketball and Cheerleading

Last week our boys' team had an away game at MCA. That turned out to be our last game for 2020-21, as the league decided on Tuesday to end the basketball season. Thank you to **Coaches Guyor and Zech** for guiding our players through this very odd year! Thanks, also, to our tireless Athletic Director, **Ms. Samantha Duncan**, who put in countless hours scheduling and re-scheduling games and practices, and to **Mrs. Janine Winne** who coordinated our concessions and workers all year.

Team members: please turn in all parts of your uniform (laundered, please!) at the school office the day we return to class: ON APRIL 12. (Uniforms cost in the \$100 range to replace, so please don't lose yours.)

TRACK

Welcome to **Ms. Nicole Kade**, who has offered to coach Holy Cross's team! We have several experienced helpers who are eager to help her mentor our runners this spring, and we expect track practices to begin right after Easter.

End of Third Quarter

...is tomorrow. Report cards will be mailed to your home next week.

Registration for 2021-2

Re-registration for the 2021-2 school year is open! 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 being 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 all spots are being offered now on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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/2o7l8lwuacwv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS CRITICAL 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! (The deadline for applying is usually mid-April--usually right around the deadline for filing tax returns.)

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.

Fish Frys

Thank you to all who have been working the fish frys! Tomorrow's event will be the last one: 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 2/3 of the 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.

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/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.

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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Auction 2021

This year's first ever "virtual" Auction is taking shape! The baskets families have donated will form the basis for a "Traveling Silent Auction and Raffle." Pictures and descriptions will travel among the OLR sites during the month of April, so that people from around the county will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the items offered. They will be able to leave "silent bids" on some of the items; other items will serve as the prizes in a huge raffle. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales have already begun!

Families will be able to earn service credits by selling raffle tickets in advance: sell a packet containing 20 (50-50) and 20 (raffle) tickets to earn one service credit. Also, the school family or staff member who sells the most tickets will win a \$50 SCRIP gift card! To sign out tickets to sell (or for more information), contact Tiffany at 810.335.2719.

Winning bids and raffle winners will be announced after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, May 9. The first raffle winner drawn will have first choice of the baskets in the raffle; the second one will have second choice; and so on. Silent bid winners will be able to pick up their prizes (in order) right after church on the 9th or retrieve them from school during the following week.

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. An order form is elsewhere in this newsletter--**orders will need to be in by THE MORNING OF APRIL 12** 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/>

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 THE MORNING OF APRIL 12---**

April 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
(March 28)	(March 29) Virtual "Read In" day	(March 30)	(March 31) Report cards will be mailed home this week	APRIL 1 NO SCHOOL until April 12: Easter break	2	3
4 A blessed Easter to your family!	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Back to class! Yearbook orders MUST BE IN first thing this morning	13 PTO meets 6:30pm Zoom	14 No East China buses home	15	16 Nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry	17
18	19	20 NO CHARTWELL'S LUNCH--everyone needs to bring a lunch and drink from home today	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1

What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: March/April

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31	April 1 Spring Break	2 April 1- April 9
12 Chicken Drumstick w/Cinnamon Breadstick Red Skin Potatoes Sliced Cucumbers Fresh Orange Choice of Milk	13 French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage Baked Tots Cherry Tomatoes Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk	14 Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Baby Carrots Fresh Banana Choice of Milk	15 Chicken Tenders w/Ranch or BBQ Sauce Emoji Shaped Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Cinnamon Applesauce Choice of Milk	18 Cheesy Baked Pasta Roasted Carrot Fries Romaine & Spinach Salad Fresh Apple Choice of Milk
19 Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple Choice of Milk	20 NO CHARTWELL'S LUNCH--everyone needs to bring a lunch and drink from home today	21 Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Peas Choice of Milk <i>Treat with Lunch- Rice Krispies Treat</i>	22 Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll Curly Fries Power Peas Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	23 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Applesauce Choice of Milk
26 French Bread Pizza Roasted Carrot Fries Cucumber Slices Apple Choice of Milk	27 Walking Tacos Corn Baby Carrots Chilled Peas Choice of Milk	28 Classic Cheeseburger Golden Corn Romaine & Spinach Salad Sweet Peaches Choice of Milk	29 Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Fresh Strawberries Choice of Milk	30 Cheese Pizza Toss Salad Green Beans Fresh Apple Choice of Milk

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Lunch: A full student lunch includes a choice of entree supplying grain and/or protein, two (2) side dishes and choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and 1% chocolate.

NOW HIRING

Apply at:

<https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/>

Search by key word: East China Schools

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Holy Cross PTO's Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser

Spring is here! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs.

We are partnering with local Vandenbossche Farms to bring you a lovely pop of color for your spring garden!

- **Geraniums, Begonias, Impatiens & More:** Your favorite Vandenbossche varieties are back and ready for your garden!
- **GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Make the perfect gift! Buy plants & produce throughout the season with this versatile option. **When filling out the order form, please cross out the "Total Items" line and write "Gift Certificates"** then fill out the number and denomination you would like.
- **Order due date:** Friday, April 30th. Please fill out the order form completely-**including your name and phone number**.
- **Payment:** cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Flower Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment:** Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?:** Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available:** Friday, May 7th, 2:30-5pm. You may **pick up** your order from Vandenbossche Farms at 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want flowers-family, neighbors, etc!

Questions? Please contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 or beckybryson123@gmail.com

