



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.

May 13, 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!

"All Sports Awards"

This year's "All Sports Awards" evening will take place in the church **next Wednesday, May 19**, starting at **6:30pm**. **All students who participated in any sports this school year**, and their families, are invited to show up about 6:20 in the church on the 19th to receive their honors. Due to COVID regulations, students will need to sit with their families, and all still need to maintain social distancing. We look forward to seeing you and your families for your moment in the spotlight!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for May are Thomas Dornoff and Ralph and Madonna Knotts of East Chi-na, and Ron Martin of Clay Township. Congratulations--and thank you for supporting our school raffle!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F May 14: food drive for parish pantry
- **W May 19: all-year, all-sports awards 6:30pm in the church**
- May 25-27: eighth graders' class trip!
- **M May 31: Memorial Day--NO SCHOOL**
- W June 2: Field Day after lunch
- **W June 9: 8th grade graduation at 9am mass (last mass of the year)**
- F June 11: last day of school for K-7

Field Day June 2!

Field day activities are being planned for after lunch on Wednesday, June 2. We are hopeful that the weather will allow us to be outside (in cohorts)! LOTS of volunteers will be needed: please contact Becky Bryson via email: becky-bryson123@gmail.com or by phone at 757-334-9662 to join her team of helpers.

Holy Cross Teacher of the Year

The Archdiocese of Detroit asked its schools to each submit a teacher for an Archdiocese-wide "Teacher of the Year" award. After asking all our teachers to nominate someone, Mrs. Davenport reports that **Ms Tersigni** is representing Holy Cross. Here is what "Ms T"'s nomination letter said:

"Ms. Tersigni goes above and beyond each and every day. She works with students during her prep period and lunch to support them in their academic mastery and understanding. She meets several times per week with her virtual learning student to work on fine motor development and other academic skills to ensure the student's success. Earlier this year, Ms. Tersigni had to take a short leave of absence for a medical procedure. During her absence, she continued to go above and beyond. She was "in the classroom" virtually throughout the day, each day. She came in on the weekends to get things set for the week for her students and the substitute teacher. She fielded questions from her substitute teacher, graded papers, and used those assignments to determine who needed further instruction. She con-

tinued to communicate with her families and to support her students, even from a distance. Ms. T is always willing to jump in when help is needed. She helps with lunch supervisor shortages, substitute teacher shortages, technological issues, and wherever else she is needed. Ms. T is a team player. She is collaborative, shares suggestions and ideas at staff meetings, and is well respected among her colleagues.

"Ms. T has a willingness to grow, learn, and develop professionally. She asks questions and continually seeks feedback and insight from her peers. She is reflective in her teaching. Ms. T strives to meet the needs of each student in her class. She utilizes four different spelling lists based on the needs of her students. She spends time finding new and innovative ways to teach and present content to her students. Ms. T is well organized and well prepared. Her lesson plans are completed in a timely manner and are detailed. She has a great understanding of curriculum planning and best practices in teaching. Ms. T's classroom is warm and nurturing. There are clear and effective routines in place. She has a great rapport with her students. Ms. T is deep rooted in her Catholic faith and she shares that passion with her students. She connects all subject areas back to our Catholic faith.

Ms. T's colleagues describe her as a leader, committed, collaborative, and thorough. She utilizes her dedication and compassion to accomplish the school's mission of fostering a setting to ignite a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in a personalized learning environment. This is shown through the interventions she provides to students and her utilization of best practices to serve Holy Cross Catholic School in the best ways possible. She is an incredible asset to our school community and a true blessing."

No matter whom the AoD selects, we are proud of our Ms T, and very glad she chose Holy Cross!

Bingo

Our bingos are open--and workers are needed all summer. To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's: please contact **Paul Burger at 734.837.5807**.

Registration for 2021-2

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

Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week special this year! From flowers to gifts to love notes: all were gratefully received by your teachers. Special thanks to the PTO for the lunch they provided for the teachers on Thursday (as well as the time they spent organizing other celebrations). It's so nice to know we're loved!

Things to Remember EVERY DAY...

-your mask;
-your charged ChromeBook;
-your lunch and drinking water;
-be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
-have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
-appropriate **clothes and shoes** for recess./ church / gym (depend -ing on the day!).

Food Drive at Mass

Tomorrow is the second Friday of May. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and feminine products are also always needed, and the pantry will need to stock up for summer. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're 3/4 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 will 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: even during the summer.

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22 ARE DUE SOON

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page. If you've been putting it off: totally complete grant applications (including all supporting documentation required) are **due next week: by May 21.**

For general information about the grant program, go to

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Your application will require your pastor's signature (which could take a few days): the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o718lwuacwdv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS CRITICAL STEP!
(Several families who have begun applications still need to do this!)

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. (Your application will likely be rejected without this step having been completed.)

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

Service Credits For 2020-21

Statements were mailed recently. Just a reminder that service credits (and payment for credits not worked) need to be completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owed their final payment on April 1. **All obligations must have been met to receive final report cards and to re-register for the next year.**

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--especially the wonderful people who have already completed their credits and return just because we need them. **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.

"Catholic Familyland"

In June, July and August, Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, Ohio will be having a "Holy Family Fest" which combines prayers, Mass and lots of family fun. Check out their website: AFC.org. For more info you can contact them by mail at 3375 County Road 36, Bloomingdale, OH 43910; by phone at 740-567-7700; or by email at: info@afc.org

PTO Spring Flower Sale

Thank you to all who participated in this sale. Special thanks to **Mrs. Becky Bryson** for chairing the sale! (We have The BEST volunteers!)

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 "tithes" 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/>

Senior Citizen Goody Bags

Our 4th grade students are collecting miscellaneous items to stuff into 30 busy bags for senior citizens. Our school has been a part of the Foster Grandparent Program, through the Council of Aging. We wanted to give back to this wonderful program by participating in this exchange of items.

The items we are collecting include the following: gently used puzzles, colored pencils, crayons, watercolor paints, adult coloring books, manicure supplies, puzzle books, small crafts, travel sized tissues, knitting items, bags, and anything else that may capture the attention of a wonderful senior. Our deadline is May 21st. The bags will be stuffed by the students and distributed by the programs facilitator of the Council of Aging in June. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity!

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.

On The Last Day...

June 11 will be our last day of school. The day will start at the usual time and be a dress down day. Family members may join us at 10:30am in church for an honors and awards ceremony.

NJHS will sponsor a pizza lunch at 11:30am (thank you to Grandpa Will DeVeny for his generous "seed" donation!). An order form for the lunch is on this page. (Students are welcome to bring their own lunches, too.) Family members may participate in this lunch, but orders and payment need to be in no later than June 4.

Students will be dismissed for the summer at 12 noon that day.

Talent Show!

Holy Cross School's annual Talent Show is set to perform on June 4! Thank you to Ms Tersigni (see page 1 of this newsletter!) for offering to direct the Show.

Info and permission forms were given to all students yesterday. Please return them by May 21 to assure your spot in the show. Acts, costumes, music, content need to be "Catholic school appropriate" and will be screened ahead of time.

We can't wait to see all of Holy Cross students' gifts unleashed and on display!

Eighth Graders' Class Trip May 25-27....no school for 8th graders only on Friday, May 28.

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.

"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>

NHJS Induction

...will be held tomorrow afternoon in the church. Congratulations to the students who will be inducted!

Auction 2021

The "Basket Raffle" and "50-50 Raffle" are behind us now. Raffle winners were announced after the 9:30am mass on Sunday. Wynne Achatz won nearly \$3000 in the 50-50 raffle, and **Jessica Smith** wins a \$50 SCRIP gift card for being the school person who sold the most tickets.

Now for the "Auction"! Another group of great prizes is being prepared for a virtual auction (as we may not yet gather in groups). Among the items to be auctioned are a week's stay at a Lake Huron cottage and an autographed Al Kalline jersey. Watch for more information on when and how to participate!

"Flag Patrol"

Two new Holy Cross "flag patrol" students raising the flag this morning:



Last Day of School Pizza Lunch

Lunch will include a large slice of Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza (1/8 of a large pizza), chips, cookies, and a drink, for a cost of \$2.50. Extra slices of pizza can be added on for \$1 each. To order lunches for that day, please fill out this form and return to school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Family name _____

_____ @\$2.50 = \$ _____

of lunches ordered

plus _____ extra slices @\$1.00 = + _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

PTO Particulars: May 2021

Greetings Holy Cross families!! We are in the home stretch!

Our **Spring Book Fair** was held April 19-23 and from the smiles I saw, I believe there were some happy shoppers! Thank you, **Bridgette Pennington** for organizing this event and for all those folks that were able to help out behind the cash register!!

Our **Annual Spring Flower Sale** fundraiser wrapped up this past Friday and went very well! I would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the families, friends and parishioners who supported our sale. And a big thank you as well to **Suzy DeVeny** for assisting-without her the wind would've gotten the better of us!

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 3rd-7th. We love our teachers and staff and wanted to show them how much of a positive impact they have on our children's lives! As you know, we had something planned for each day of the week and we thank all our families for participating in our efforts to make our teachers feel loved and appreciated!

The **Holy Cross Auction** closed out this week as well. This event is a huge fundraiser for our school and we thank everyone for their generous donations and ticket purchases. But most of all...a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Tiffany Mensen** for tackling such a challenge. She had to navigate organizing the auction in a whole new (virtual) way, and we know it wasn't easy. Thank you, **Tiffany**!!

As the year winds down, we will gear up for **Field Day 2021** to be held on **Wednesday, June 2nd** after lunch. "Traditional" games will be held outdoors, with indoor options available in case of inclement weather. **Plenty of volunteers will be needed-if you are available please let Becky Bryson know at beckybryson123@gmail.com or 757-334-9662!**

One last shameless plug! On **June 12** the **Holy Cross Drama Club** will be performing **Jungle Book Kids!** onstage at **Marysville Park**. Our Crusaders have put their hearts, souls and lots of time into making this production a reality and we hope you will be able to join us! An informational flier will be sent out, but here are the main details: **Marysville City Park Stage, June 12, 2pm & 4pm**. This is an outdoor event so please bring a chair. Our rain date is **June 13, 4:30pm and 6pm**. Thank you for your support!

Do you have a gift for organization? Can you "Marie Kondo" like nobody's business?? Then do we have a satisfying opportunity for you! **Mrs. Davenport** has requested volunteers to help her sort through some closets and storage rooms. Please contact her with any availability you may have.

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 DeVeny (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, June 8th at 6:30pm** 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