



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 20, 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!

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.

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.

Eighth Graders' Class Trip

May 25-27....no school for 8th graders only on Friday, May 28.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **May 25-27: eighth graders' class trip!**
- **F May 28:** regular school day for grades K-7; no school for 8th graders
- **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 with dismissal at 12 noon

Congratulations Ms Tersigni!!

You'll recall reading about Ms T in last week's newsletter. Well: the Archdiocese decided we were right! Monday evening, at Comerica Park and in front of all of Detroit, Ms Tersigni was declared the Archdiocese's "Teacher of the Year"! Congratulations to Ms T--and to Holy Cross, for being able to say she's "ours"! (Here she is, receiving her award at the park.)



NJHS Induction

Congratulations to the 2021 inductees to the Holy Cross Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society: eighth graders **John Bailey, Michael Kiell and Evan Jacobs**; 7th graders **Katie Kowalewski and Lylah Schaening**; and 6th graders **Micah Arlow, Matthew Bailey, Anna Coomes, Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon, Angelina Taravella and Charles Zech.**

Here is a group photo of our new NJHS members:



Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22 ARE DUE TOMORROW!

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 TOMORROW**.

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 some time): the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o7181wuacwv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

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!

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 could use a little more help, though, many 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

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!

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. (Sorry--"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.

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.

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!).

Please Help In Your Prayers...

...family and friends of Sister Elaine Mackie, who was a special helper at Holy Cross for a number of years. Sr. Elaine passed away this past weekend, and will be buried in New Hampshire. We were grateful for her kind and gentle work with students while she was in our area.

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. One pew will be allotted per family. If you have a large family and would like to ask for more seats, please contact Mrs. Davenport.

NJHS will sponsor a pizza lunch at 11:30am (thank you to one of our grandpas for his generous "seed" donation, and to the Guyors for plates). An order form for the lunch is elsewhere in this newsletter. (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.

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>

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/>

Auction 2021

The Auction raffle winners were:

- Basket #1: Gloria Smith;
- #2: Andrew Taravella;
- #3: Snyder family;
- #4: Chris Zak;
- #5: Betsy Davenport;
- #6: Becky Bryson;
- #7: Jamie Love;
- #8: Andrew Taravella;
- #9: Renee Gadzinski;
- #10: Wynne Achatz;
- #11: Annie Doan;
- #12: Valente family;
- #13: Patty Smith;
- #14: Heather Fordt;
- #15: Colleen Kowalewski;
- #16: Wynne Achatz;
- #17: Patty Smith;
- #18: Kelvin Gray;
- #19: Bill Roland; and
- #20: Tara Smith.

Wynne Achatz won \$2975 in the 50-550 raffle. She also won a gift certificate in a bonus drawing, as did Mike Bugeja, Patrick Sankuer, Tiffany Mensen and Rebecca Moss.

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

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 tomorrow** to assure your spot in the show. Acts, costumes, music, content need to be "Catholic school appropriate" and will be screened ahead of time.

Each family will be permitted to have two inperson guests at the show. We will also be livestreaming the event, so people at home can still watch.

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

Camp Sancta Maria

Looking for a summer camp experience for your child? Please see the attached flyer for information about Camp Sancta Maria.

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.**

Service Credits For 2020-21

A reminder that service credits (and payment for credits not worked) are now past due, and that **all obligations must have been met to receive final report cards and to re-register for next year**

Financial Aid for 2021-22

Applications for "Bartone/Holy Cross" tuition assistance are available in the school office. A family's application must have a copy of its Archdiocesan grant application and a copy of its 2021 tax return **attached**, and the completed application for this local assistance is **due next Friday, May 28.**

Yearbooks

--arrived this week. We do have an extra book--first \$15 takes it!

Pesticide Application

We have noticed a small ant invasion around school. To try to keep them under control, our maintenance department will be applying a chemical to deter them after school is over for the week tomorrow.

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

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

Sports Awards

Last night we held our all-year sports awards ceremony. It was a little different than in past years--but on the way to being "normal" again! It was fun to see our athletes accepting their accolades. Thank you to our wonderful coaches: Matt Zammit, Colleen Kowalewski, Nick Zech, Bill Guyor and Samantha Duncan.

Special thanks to Ms Duncan, who is also our Athletic Director (and who has also coached volleyball for Holy Cross). Sam worked triple time this year (at minimal pay!) with game and practice schedule revision after revision after revision--and never complained. We are so lucky she chose Holy Cross--thank you, Sam!

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 = \$ _____



HAVE YOUR BEST SUMMER EVER!

ZIP LINE | DAILY MASS | BEACH FRONT LAKE | SPORTS | SWIMMING
 ARCHERY | ROPES COURSE | CANOEING | ROCK WALL | HORSE BACK RIDING
 SINGLE GENDER SUMMER CAMPS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



BOYS AGES 8-16 YRS One-Week Camps | Two-Week Camps | One-Week High Ropes Camp | One-Week Horse Camp
 GIRLS AGES 8-16 YRS One-Week Camps | One-Week Horse Camp

WWW.CAMPSANCTAMARIA.ORG



Holy Cross Catholic School 2021-22 Calendar



Aug 20	Friday	"Crusader Day" 9am-2pm in school
Aug 28	Thursday	First day of school: ½ day with dismissal at 11am
Sep 3-6	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 7	Tuesday	Classes resume
Oct 18	Monday	No school: professional development for teachers
Oct 29	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 5	Friday	Report cards go home
Nov 11	Thursday	Half day with dismissal at 11am; evening parent/teacher conferences
Nov 12	Friday	No classes: parent/teacher conferences
Nov 24-6	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 17	Friday	Last day of school before Christmas break
Dec 20-Jan 3	Mon-Monday	Christmas break
Jan 4	Tuesday	Classes resume
Jan 17	Monday	No school: teachers' professional development
Jan 19	Wednesday	End of second quarter
Jan 28	Friday	Report cards go home
Feb 14-17	Mon-Thurs	5 th -8 th graders go to camp
Feb 18-21	Fri- Mon	No school: mid-winter break
Feb 22	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 14	Monday	No school: teachers' professional development
March 25	Friday	End of third quarter
April 1	Friday	Report cards go home
Apr 13	Wednesday	No school: teachers' professional development
April 14-24	Thu-Sunday	Easter break
April 25	Monday	Classes resume
May 27-30	Fri-Monday	Memorial Day weekend: no school
May 31	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 10	Friday	Last day of school; honors assembly, report cards

(Students who ride East China or Cardinal Mooney buses are advised to continually compare their calendars with Holy Cross's, and to stay in close contact with their bus driver and transportation department regarding ECSD / CMC full or half days off and early dismissal days.)

School day 7:30am-2:50pm
Lunch 10:40-11:25am
176 days / 1126 hours

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