



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.

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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?

SUMMER HOURS--Fridays 7-9am

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

Join the smart Holy Cross families who earned nearly \$2000 in tuition credits this past quarter! Not quite sure how SCRIP works?--call the school office--or Patty--for a quick explanation!

During August the SCRIP office is open on Fridays only, from 8-10am; they will be closed for cleaning / vacation from Aug. 6-15. Starting August 27, they will return to their schooltime hours: Mondays and Fridays from 7-9 am and Mondays from 5-6pm.

Thank You!!

...to **Grandma Deb Callahan**, who has been busily creating beautiful bulletin boards to welcome you!

...to our maintenance people: **Mrs. Marge Nicaise, Mr. Mike Rzeppa, Mr. Gary Barr**, and their helper **Gavin**, who have been working throughout this hot summer to prepare the school for us!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Aug 20: "Crusader Day"!**
- Th. Aug 26: first day of school K-8 (1/2 day, with dismissal at 11am)
- **M Aug 30: first day of pre-school**
- Sep 3-6: no school (Labor Day weekend)

First Day of School for K-8:

...will be Thursday, August 26. All students should arrive before 7:30 am in full uniform. It is a half day, with dismissal at 11am (no lunch or East China buses).

First Day of School for Preschool:

...will be just a little later: **Monday, August 30.** Mrs. Andrea Schultz will be your teacher, and she can't wait to meet you! Preschoolers may be brought in from 7:30-8:30 am (and will need an adult to sign them in).

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note to school by the first day to let us know how your children will be getting home those first few days (as well as what their typical "going home" routine will be). (Remember East China buses won't be running on our first days) Thank you!

Service Credits

K-8 families--don't forget that you have until **September 15** to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. As bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

Service Credits: Sports Concessions

Thank you to **Mrs. LeeAnn Brennan** for taking on the coordinating of sports concessions and workers! Families of athletes are expected to help work admissions/concessions at home games: after game schedules are set, please contact LeeAnn to offer your help.

Service Credits: Lunch Supervisors

Families can earn one service credit by working as a lunchtime aide 4 times. Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days. Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

Mrs. Davenport will have a short orientation meeting for ALL LUNCH AIDES on the first day of school, August 26, at 10am, so new aides and "old timers" will have an opportunity to learn the "rules" and expectations.

The online signup page is ready, for returning lunch supervisors--go to

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjT9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

Service Credits: Raffle Calendar

We are looking for a chairperson for the 2022 raffle, as last year's chairperson "graduated" from Holy Cross with her last 8th grader in June!

The position earn 12 service credits. Please call school if you might be interested in working your service credits this year doing the raffle! It takes someone who is thorough and detail oriented. We can put you into contact with our prior chairperson if you'd like to learn just what's involved.

Crusader Day"

Next **Friday, August 20**, will be "Crusader Day." From 10am to 2pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2021-22 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Thursday, **August 26**), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete and leave forms that day, too, if you wish.

We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, and gear up for school--see you August 20th!!

Sports for This School Year

Signup sheets were sent around for fall sports: volleyball for girls in grades 6-8, and co-ed cross country (grades 5-8). (But it's not too late: contact the school office if you're a new student interested in joining either team--or a returning student who doesn't recall signing up!)

A heads up to all athletes' families: the Booster Club has always counted on the magazine sale to fund sports. However, people don't seem to be reading magazines any more; and with all the other fund raising we have to do here at Holy Cross, it has been decided that it makes sense for Holy Cross to initiate a "pay to play" system. Starting this fall, Holy Cross student-athletes will be assessed a fee of \$50/sport. Of course, if a student's family just can't afford the sport fee--or any other cost at school--they should always contact the principal to see if some help is available.

Athletes: **you'll need to have a sports physical** to participate in ANY sport. Summer is a great time to get that done and out of the way! Cross country practices have begun; we'll send volleyball info when the season begins.

Important Papers and forms

We are preparing a packet of important papers for your family. They will be available to pick up at "Crusader Day," on August 20. If you don't pick your packet up then, it will go home with your oldest "Crusader" on the first day of school. It will contain this year's school handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches, Chromebooks and the school directory. Please read all carefully and respond appropriately--thank you!

East China Buses

Students who live in the East China School District and are interested in free busing should contact ECSD's transportation department at 810.676.1100; or email Janet Robbins: jrobbins@ecsd.us.

School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after school starts. The Chromebook insurance fee must have been paid, and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements signed, before the computer is released to a student. These forms will be included in the "first day" packets available for pickup at "Crusader day." (The packet will be sent home on the first day of school with your oldest student if not already picked up.)

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for August are: William Beutell of Marine City, Carrie Wills of East China and Karen Fleenor of St Clair. Congratulations--and thank you for supporting our school raffle!

Free and Reduced Lunches

Families are encouraged to apply for free/reduced cost lunch benefits. The application form and "how to" letter will be included in your "first day" folder and can also be found at

<https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2021/06/East-China-Free-Reduced-Application.pdf>

https://eastchinaschools.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2021/06/HOW_TO_APPLY_FOR_FREE_AND_REDUCED-PRICE_SCHOOL_MEALS_-_ADA_623529_7.pdf

(Or--go to ecsd.us, select "departments"--"food service"--then scroll down for the application and other information.)

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.

2020-21 Yearbooks

We still have one--\$15 takes it!

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>

Middle School Athletes:

Your sports season is coming up: get your physical done now so you'll be ready for the first practice!

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--in July we turned in enough receipts to claim the reward!

We can keep going! Please keep saving the **entire** VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--their "e-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church (even during the summer).

Spirit Wear Update

We now have two approved spirit wear vendors: "Screen and Stitch" and "TP Logos."

"Screen and Stitch" orders are taken once per month, using the attached order form. Please submit by the 10th of each month. Screen and Stitch also offers custom embroidery on items you personally own (such as sweaters and cardigans). Please contact Deb Callahan at (810) 650-3140.

TP Logo orders may be placed anytime online at: <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale> (Pick-up your order in Marysville.)

Please note that each vendor has one option for a 1/4 zip that is uniform approved. Screen and Stitch's option is similar to a sweatshirt material and TP Logos' option is a dry-fit that is fleece lined.

Auction 2022

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

Auction time will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too.)

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn your service credits. Hopefully, we'll be allowed to gather again for this year's event! We're also looking for people to help plan and work at Auction 2022.

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