



# 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.

September 2, 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](http://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.

We've just learned that **Immaculate Conception in Ira Township** is hosting the PGC workshop on **Sep. 28**, and **OLR** is planning to host one on **Sat. Oct. 16**. Follow the above directions to register.

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?

### OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

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

SCRIP TIP: did you know you can pay your Detroit Edison bill with SCRIP? Mrs. Steinmetz does every month: she buys Visa cards, and uses them to pay DTE online. She says she pays exactly the amount on the bill (no extra charge)--and she feels a lot better about the extra electricity her air conditioner uses knowing the school is earning a bit of money from her SCRIP Visa purchases!

**NO SCHOOL  
TOMORROW or MONDAY  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **Sep 3-6: no school (Labor Day weekend)**
- Tu Sep 7: classes resume
- **W Sep 8 5-7pm beginning in the cafeteria: "Curriculum Night"**--all K-8 families expected to attend

## Students With Food Allergies

If your child has food allergies, please send acceptable "emergency" snacks and treats that s/he can have in the event a classmate's birthday treat may contain the offending food.

## "Curriculum Night"

Next Wednesday, September 8, is "Curriculum Night." All K-8 families should plan to be represented by a parent. We will begin at 5pm in the cafeteria, and time in the classrooms with the teachers will follow.

## Middle School Sports for This School Year

We're happy to introduce our newest coaches, **Mr. Steve Coomes** (assisted by **Ms. Andrea Tersigni**), who will be leading our girls' volleyball team. The team includes 5th graders **Shealyn Blanchard**, **Emily Coomes**, **Katelynn Coomes**, **Gracelin Cusumano**, **Emma Mensen** and **Madison Trombley**; 6th graders **Emma Bills** and **Mila Mkrtychyan**; 7th graders **Anna Coomes**, **Allie Maykowski** and **Abby Westrick**; and 8th graders **Katie Kowalewski** and **Angelina Taravella**.

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.

## 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](mailto:jrobbins@ecsd.us).

## 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 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**. Help is needed most Wednesdays.

## 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.

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUJtD9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

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

## "Specials" Classes

Just a reminder: our "special" classes and teachers from Merritt are:

**Mondays: Art with Mrs. Brooks;**  
**Tuesdays: Tech with Mrs. Su-chomel;**  
**Wednesdays: Music with Ms Volz;**  
**Thursdays: PE with Ms Jarskey;** and  
**Fridays: Library with Ms Choate.**

(Save so you'll know when to take library books, and which days to dress in or carry PE clothes!)

## School Chromebooks

Each student in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook after payment of the chromebook insurance fee (at registration) and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements are signed and returned. These forms are included in the "important papers" packets mentioned earlier. Get those papers signed and turned in!

## Free and Reduced Lunches

Lunches will be free again for all students for the beginning of this school year. We don't know when that will end--so families are encouraged to apply for free/reduced cost lunch benefits now to be ready. 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](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](http://ecsd.us), select "departments"--"food service"--then scroll down for the application and other information.)

## PTO Fall Flower Sale

Orders are due next Friday: ordering information is attached.

## 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.

## Vintage T-Shirts & Hungry Howie Fundraiser 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.

## VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us. 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.

## Food Drive at Mass

Next week brings the second Friday of the month. 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. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

## Help Wanted....

Holy Cross is looking for a part time preschool aide. Please contact Mrs. Davenport if interested.

## NJHS SNACK STORE

Mrs. Wade and the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) are sponsoring a "Snack Store" every morning before school starts. The store will be open from 7:15am until the first bell rings. All snack packets (pretzels, Fruit Roll Ups, Fruit Gushers, CheezIts, animal crackers, Teddy Grahams, Goldfish) and water are 25¢ each.

## Attention All Photographers:

If you are able to get some good pictures at any student event (sports? after school club?) and you'd be willing to share them for use in the school year-book: WE'D LOVE to have them! Please email any such photos to Mrs Steinmetz: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net). Thank you!!!

## Middle School Athletes:

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

## Protecting God's Children Workshop

KEEPING OUR PROMISE  
TO PROTECT  
Child and Youth Protection



Attendance is required for anyone who may interact with minors, the elderly, or the handicapped. This free three-hour workshop is mandated through the Archdiocese of Detroit and is for persons 18 years of age and older. This workshop builds awareness and empowers attendees to intervene and prevent potentially harmful situations or behavior. Participants are taught to identify situations that could leave a child, the elderly or the handicapped vulnerable.

All participants must register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Be sure to select the Diocese of Detroit and the location that you will be attending- Our Lady on the River Parish-Marine City.

Seating is limited so register now! No late arrivals will be admitted.

Saturday, October 16th, 2021

9:30AM Refreshments

Workshop 10:00AM-1:00PM

Holy Cross Activity Center

610 South Water Street

Marine City MI 48039

All participants must register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) Be sure to select the Diocese of Detroit and the location that you will be attending is Our Lady on the River Parish-Marine City.

If you do not have online access, please contact Cassidy Johnson at 810-765-8300.

# PTO Particulars: Sept 2021

Greetings, Holy Cross families, and welcome to a new year! We have quite a few new families this year and we hope everyone is settling in nicely.

Quite a few families were able to join us for **Crusader Day** on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the school. It was great to see old faces and meet new ones! Hopefully everyone was able to chat with their teachers, drop off supplies and get their pictures taken. If you haven't done so, please make sure to return the documents that needed to be signed!

In addition to Crusader Day, on August 20<sup>th</sup> we also hosted **Popcorn with the Principal!** It was a lovely evening full of laughter and joy...and delicious popcorn, of course! It was so nice to see old and new families mingling in a relaxed atmosphere!

It's *\*not quite\** fall, y'all!! Our first of three fundraisers for the year is quickly approaching...the **Annual Mum Sale!!** We are partnering with local Vandebossche Farms to source our mums again this year. The informational flier and order form are attached to the newsletter, are on the Holy Cross Facebook page and are available in the front entry of the school. **Order forms are due Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.** We appreciate your participation in our fundraisers, as the proceeds benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school. For example, we hope to fund a new laminator for the school as well as provide teachers with "Start up Funds" to help offset the cost of setting up their classrooms. Please contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 or [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com) with any questions or assistance needed regarding the mum sale.

Another event to keep on your radar is our **Annual Walk to School Day!** We have been participating in this **NATIONWIDE EVENT** for the past several years and it is such a fun, health-oriented initiative. Parents and children, please join us at the **Marine City Beach on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am.** You can park your car there, then we will walk as a group to the school, arriving at 7:30am. Parents can then walk back to their cars. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately! Any questions? Please contact Suzy DeVeny at 810-434-3454.

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-4<sup>th</sup> grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)) or Tiffany Mensen (810-335-2719 or [tiffany.mensen@gmail.com](mailto: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 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) the same is offered by Suzy DeVeny (810-434-3454 or [csdeveny@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveny@gmail.com)). We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting which is Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30am via Zoom. Please contact Becky at: [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto: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.

*Last, but not least...PTO wishes everyone an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend!!*

Warmest regards, HC PTO

# Holy Cross Catholic School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

## Calendar 2021-22

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*The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to foster a setting to ignite a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with our families, staff and parish in a personalized learning culture.*

PTO is a collaboration of parents/guardians/grandparents with the teachers and principal to help meet the needs of the school/our students. Meetings times and locations are posted below and on PTO bulletin board in school entryway. We alternate meeting times with morning one month, then evening the next month (all meetings will be via Zoom/online). All parents, guardians and grandparents of Holy Cross students are welcome!

**FUNDRAISERS:** Proceeds benefit teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school. Thank you for your support.

1. Mum Flower Sale in September
2. Achatz Pie Sale in October
3. Flower Sale in April
4. Throughout the year: Hungry Howie's Pizza Cards can be purchased in school office for \$10 each

<i>EVENTS &amp; GATHERINGS</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>WHERE</i>
<i>PTO Meeting/Social</i>	Tues Aug 17	6:30-7:30pm	Zoom/BrysonHouse274NMain
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Crusader Day	Fri Aug 20	9am-2pm	School Cafe
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Popcorn w/Principal	Fri Aug 20	7-8pm	School Playground
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Sep 14	7:30-8:30am	Zoom/Online
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Start-up funds to teachers in Sept			
FUNDRAISER #1: PTO Mum Flower Sale in Sept			
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Walk-to-School Day	Wed Oct 6	7:00am	Meet at MC Beach
FUNDRAISER #2: PTO Achatz Pie Sale in Oct			
PARISH SUPPORT: Harvest Dinner	Sun Oct 10	12:30-6pm	Activity Center
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Oct 12	6:30-7:30pm	Zoom/Online
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Book Fair	W-Fr Nov 10-12	TBA	TBA
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Nov 9	7:30-8:30am	Zoom/Online
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Thanksgiving Feast	Fri Nov 19	11:00am	School Cafe
COMMUNITY BUILDER: MC Lighted Parade	Tue Nov 23	6:30pm	Meet in front of school
<i>PTO Meeting/Social</i>	Tue Dec 14	6:30-7:30pm	Bryson house 274 N. Main St
COMMUNITY BUILDER: PTO Santa Shoppe	Tue Dec 7	All Day	Fine Arts Building
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Christmas Program	Tue Dec 14	TBA	School Gymnasium
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Jan 11	7:30-8:30am	Zoom/Online
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Hot Chocolate and Chat	Feb-TBA	2:30-3	School-Front Yard
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Feb 8	6:30-7:30pm	Zoom/Online
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Mar 8	7:30-8:30am	Zoom/Online
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue Apr 12	6:30-7:30pm	
FUNDRAISER#3: PTO Flower Sale in April	(delivery May 6 before Mother's Day)		
SCHOOL SUPPORT: Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6	All Week	Details sent home
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Tue May 10	7:30-8:30am	Zoom/Online
COMMUNITY BUILDER: Field Day (PK-8)	Wed June 1	After lunch	School Grounds
<i>PTO Meeting/Calendar</i>	Tue Jun 14	6:30-7:30pm	Bryson House 274 N. Main St

**President:** Becky Bryson [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** Suzy DeVeny [csdeveny@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveny@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Tiffany Mensen [tiffany.mensen@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.mensen@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** JoAnn Westrick [jowest4803@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jowest4803@sbcglobal.net)



## Holy Cross PTO's Mum Sale Fundraiser

It's Fall Y'all! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our [Mum Sale Fundraiser](#)! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs. For example, we helped fund the

**Leveled Reading Library** and **Start-up Funds for Teachers**.

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

- **Colors available**: White, Yellow, Purple, Bronze, Red
- **Order due date**: Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Cost**: \$8 per plant, cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. \*Please include "HC PTO Mum 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](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com) with your order.
- **Orders Available**: Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5pm at Vandenbossche Farms, 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

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



## Holy Cross Elementary- Mums Sale ORDER FORM

Seller Name:

**Thank you for your support!**  
 \*Order forms are due on:  
  
 \*Please make checks payable to:  
**OLR Catholic Church**  
  
 \*Orders will be available for pick up on:

**Name and Contact Information:**

<i>Item Totals</i>

	$\$$	$\$$	$\$$	$\$$	$\$$	$\$25$		
<b>9" Pot Mums</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Gift Certificate</b>	<b>Total Items</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>

