



# 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 23, 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!

## 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!

## got SCRIP?

SCRIP credits will next be calculated after the end of September: so there's still time for you to earn tuition credit before then! For all of your shopping--THINK SCRIP!

*Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Korotko!*

...to third grade teacher **Ms Tersigni**, who on Saturday became **Mrs. Joseph Korotko**. We are so happy for both of you, and wish you a long and happy lifetime together!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **W Oct 6: Walk to School day**
- **Sunday Oct 10: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner**
- **W Oct 13: school picture re-takes; fall sports photos**

## Volleyball

Last week's games were on Saturday at St Mary (Mt Clemens) and on Monday at home, hosting St Paul School. (Thank you to **the Westricks** for donating their 50-50 prize winnings back to our sports program.) Coach Coomes is proud of his girls' progress and team spirit!

The team plays next at 8pm on Friday Oct. 1 at St Thecla, then on Monday the 4th, 6:30pm at home, against St. Augustine. (Parents: please remember to contact LeeAnn Brennan to offer your help with concessions and gate.) All Crusader fans are welcome!

## Cross Country

The team is eager for its first meet: NEXT Thursday at Columbus Park. Go, Crusaders!

## 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. Thank you!

## Free Tickets for "Corn Fun"!

**The Campau family** invites you to the "Corn Fun Family Farm" on Saturday, October 2. Come between 11am-7pm. The Campaus have provided each Holy Cross student with a **free** admission ticket (which the students are taking home today); each person coming with them will get in for the discounted price of \$10 each. There will be lots to do, including two corn mazes, hayrides, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, and other family activities like the giant hamster wheels, duck races, giant bounce pad, and much, much more. Plus, don't miss out on the delicious cider and donuts! You can find out more at [cornfun.com](http://cornfun.com)

The Campaus hope you'll join them for a day of family friendly fall fun. If you have any questions, call or text Kathy Campau at 810.543.0486.

## Accessing Students' Grades through FACTS Student Information System

Please be advised that your old SchoolSpeak logins NO LONGER WORK as we have begun to use the FACTS system (as mandated by the Archdiocese). We've all been learning the new system!

To obtain online access to your 3-8th grade students' grades :

- 1) go to [FACTSMGT.COM](http://FACTSMGT.COM) and click "Parent Login" (our "district code" is **HC-MI**);
- 2) select "FACTS Family Portal" from the drop down and choose "create new family portal account;"
- 3) follow the directions, using the email address at which you received this newsletter (as that's the one in the FACTS system, and identifies you).

## Service Credits

K-8 families: your service credit record was recently mailed to you. It will be mailed periodically: when you get it, please check to be sure we've recorded all your work shifts.

To schedule bingo shifts: call "Paul" as described in the next article--please note that it is up to YOU to contact him to schedule your bingo shifts. To work lunch supervisor shifts, you can schedule yourself by the shift at the online sign-up page (URL given elsewhere in this newsletter)--but remember you have to have attended the Protecting God's Children workshop as well as submitted to a background check (ask at the office).

Fish fries won't be scheduled until it's a lot closer to Lent. If you are interested in being an auction organizer, please contact the school office. Watch for book fair worker solicitations sponsored by the PTO in the newsletter in a month or so! (The PTO has been given the names of everyone who indicated their interest in working at the book fairs, as well.)

Please be advised that you most likely will NOT be able to complete all of your service credits by working only at the book fairs or the auction: the surest way to sign up for all of your credits is with the weekly bingos and/or lunch supervision shifts.

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

[holycrosscatholicmc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)

### 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.

### 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 many Wednesdays.

*Thank You!!*

...to **Mrs. Sunshine Olivier** and **Mrs. Deb Callahan** for donating cleaning supplies for lunchroom cleanup!

### 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 yearbook: WE'D LOVE to have them! Please email any such photos to Mrs Steinmetz: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net). Thank you!

### Parish Youth Choir

2nd-8th graders interested in joining a parish choir: meet OLR music minister Bea Wassenberg at 6pm next Monday, September 27 in the Fine Arts Building. For more info contact her at 586.216.5101.

### STAR Testing

"STAR" testing happens three times a year at Holy Cross. The first set of tests for this year is underway.

The testing helps us recognize each student's strengths and weaknesses, and also helps us modify our curriculum in general by identifying trends. You will receive your student's test results, too.

Students have already begun testing. The best preparation for any test is a good night's sleep and a good breakfast!

### Scholarship Opportunity!

The information for these \$500 scholarships was in last week's newsletter--**all e/tries/applications need to be in the school office by the end of the day tomorrow** to be eligible.

### Walk to School Day

Parents and students are invited to this nationwide fun, health initiative! We will meet Wednesday, October 6th at 7 am at Marine City beach, begin with brief prayer, take a group picture, then walk down the street together to Holy Cross School, arriving by 7:25am or so. Parents can then walk back to get their cars. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately. Any questions please contact Suzy DeVeney 810-434-3454.

### Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

...will be Sunday, Oct. 10. Many workers needed!--signup sheets are at the river entrance to the church.

### Calling In Student Absences

Please call in all student absences to the school office (810.765.3591). Mrs Steinmetz will let the teachers know. Thank you!

## 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**

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