



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.

October 7, 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. OLR is planning to host the workshop next weekend, 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!

Mark Your Calendar....

- Sunday Oct 10: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner
- **W Oct 13: school picture retakes; fall sports photos**

Volleyball

The girls added two wins to their season's record: on Friday the girls traveled to St Thecla and on Monday they hosted St Mary Mt Clemens. Congratulations, team!

Three upcoming away games: Saturday morning, Oct 9, the girls play at St Paul's; Monday evening the 11th, at Immaculate Conception; and Thursday the 14th (the last game of the season), at St Augustine. Next Wednesday, Oct 13, brings them back home to host St Augustine School, at 6:30pm. All Crusader fans welcome!!

Cross Country

The team had a wonderful inaugural run at its first meet last Thursday! The weather was beautiful, and Holy Cross runners ran hard and cheered on their teammates. Our girls made a particularly awesome showing, with **Angelina Taravella** coming in first place among Varsity girls and **Lylah Schaening** right on her heels, in 2nd place! **Micah Arlow** came in third place among Varsity boys, and **Brennen Toupin** was first in the JV boys' division. The team runs again this afternoon. Go, Crusaders!

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!

School Picture Retakes and Sports Photos

Our school photographer will be here next Wednesday, Oct. 13, for school picture retakes and portraits of students who missed "Crusader Day." They'll also take team and individual pictures of our sports teams: athletes should **bring their sports uniforms** so they'll be able to dress appropriately for the photos.

Service Credits: "Plan A" and Local Tuition Assistance

Families who opted for "Plan A" service credits should have just made their first payment by last Friday, October 1.

A reminder to families who are expecting tuition assistance: one of the conditions of that help is that you work your service credits. Don't let the end of the year sneak up on you--get your credits scheduled ASAP!

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.

Crikey!

Last Friday some of us wondered if the world had flipped and we were suddenly "down under": there was a KANGAROO greeting the students as they entered school in the morning! Suspiciously, Mrs Davenport was nowhere to be found--at least not until after the 'roo left:



SCRIP credits through the end of September have already been calculated and posted to tuition accounts: 18 Crusader families are sharing in \$2100 earned this quarter (with one family having 1/4 of that total as its own credit!). All of that tuition credit earned **at no extra cost to the families** beyond money they would spend, anyway! Final credits for 2021 will be calculated after Dec. 30: if you're not already a SCRIP shopper, you have time to start now to make a real difference in your tuition bill. Not sure how it works?--call Mrs Smith or the school office. For all of your shopping (and for gifts, too!)--THINK SCRIP!

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.

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

...will be Sunday, Oct. 10. Many workers needed!--signup sheets are at the river entrance to the church. Students needing confirmation service hours are invited to help in the dining room: contact Mrs. Stacy Goulette (586.855.9349) to schedule your times.

PTO's Achatz Pie (Coupon) Fundraiser

Orders and payment need to be in by next Friday, **Oct 15**. They make great gifts, or amazing desserts at home!

Missing Sweatshirt....

One of our middle schoolers is missing a regular sweatshirt (no hood, no name), size L, with a large "Holy Cross" logo on the front/center. Perhaps somebody else accidentally picked it up...? If you find a "foreign" sweatshirt, please send back to school--thank you!

Walk to School Day

Yesterday morning, a crew of Crusaders hiked to school from the beach for a rather pleasant "Walk to School":



HC Students Who Ride CMC Buses:

There are two days (both Mondays) to watch for in November! CMC will be dismissing at **2pm on Nov 1**, so all riders will need to either leave Holy Cross early to catch the bus or have other travel-home arrangements. **Nov 15** is a "virtual day" for CMC students, but the south bus will run as usual if there is a need--please

contact CMC to let them know if you'll be riding either way that day.

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. 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 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.

Student Highlights

Each month, our teachers will introduce you to some of their students with a little writeup about each. The students each receive a "star student" certificate and small treat. The first group of "student highlights" for this year includes:

Noah Walker is incredibly helpful in the pre-school classroom. He goes above and beyond to help his friends and teacher clean up, get ready for lunch, and recess. He is a good friend as well. He is kind and is always willing to share with his friends. Noah leads by example during circle time, centers, walking in the hallway, and many other times during the day. Noah is smart, generous, creative, funny and a joy to have in class.

Kindergartner **Angelina Janes** is 5 years old. Like many children her age, Angelina's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. She enjoys playing with her "fidgets." When Angelina grows up, she wants to be an author and write books. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite animals are cats. When asked where her favorite place to go is, Angelina's response was Sky Zone. If she had one wish it would be for a million Pop-its. Angelina gets along with her classmates and is an asset to our Kindergarten family.

Josie Cherro is a great helper and leader in our first grade classroom. Her favorite food is Mai Naranj, an Arabic dish of citrus chicken served with special rice. Her favorite subject is Math. At home, Josie likes to play basketball with her two sisters. When she grows up, Josie wants to be a teacher. I think she would do a wonderful job! **Vincent Valente** is a great friend and helper in first grade! His favorite food is pasta salad with olives, bacon, ham, and noodles. His favorite thing to do at school is read books. Vinnie loves to play baseball, and he's even on a travel team - the Detroit Metro Stars! Vinnie wants to be an MLB player when he grows up, but he hasn't decided yet which team he'll play for.

Second grader **Isaac Arlow** is kind, and a big helper to his classmates. When one of his classmates needs help, Isaac is right there to help them. His favorite restaurant is Anita's, and his favorite foods are mac and cheese, and waffles. His favorite color is red. In his free time he likes to play football with his dad. Keep up the good work Isaac! **Lucas Babel** is kind hearted. His favorite restaurant is McDonalds. When he goes to McDonald's, he likes to eat chicken nuggets or a hamburger. He really likes the cinnamon buns from there. His favorite color is aqua blue. He likes to play soccer with his friend. I'm so proud of Lucas, keep up the good work!

Fourth grader **Gianna Ringeisen** is a kind and caring girl who loves to read Dork Diaries. In school she is very considerate to others, and works hard on her assignments. Gianna loves style and is very fashion forward. She loves to collect the newest toy fad of fidgets! Gianna does a great job on modeling respect and honesty. I am glad she is part of our classroom community. **Joshua Jacobs** is a math superstar! I had the opportunity to work with him last year and he withstood the challenge very well. Josh enjoys reading the "I Survived" book series. He is also very tech savvy!! Outside of the classroom, Joshua enjoys playing video games, listening to music, and playing baseball.

Alex Path is an energetic fifth grader who is very knowledgeable in many areas. He has lots of ideas which enhance class discussions because he can think out-of-the-box. Alex has great determination to succeed in whatever he sets his mind on.

Sixth grader **Dominic DeVeny** enjoys running and shooting hoops. He wants to be a teacher when he is older. His favorite subject in school is history (which pleases Mr V!). Dom is very studious and is a wealth of knowledge in the classroom. **Anthony Boedeker** really wants to play football when he gets older. His favorite subject in school is gym ("much to his teacher's chagrin--lol," says Mr V). He also enjoys playing sports with his friends. 'Antonio' is a great kid.

Matthew Bailey is a seventh grader whose favorite subject in school is ELA because he says, "It isn't super hard and kind of laid back." Outside of school, Matthew likes to sleep. Matthew's career choice would be a dentist. His favorite book is Where the Red Fern Grows. His favorite food is steak and mashed potatoes. His favorite song is "Without Me." Matthew has a keen sense of humor and is very witty. **Amelia Morgulec** is new to Holy Cross. She enjoys tennis, volleyball, golf and track. Amelia's favorite subject is math because it is easy for her. Outside of school, Amelia enjoys going on bike rides with friends. Amelia's career choice would be a doctor. Amelia's favorite book is A Dog's Life and her favorite song is "Centerfold" or any song by Elvis. Amelia is a very sweet young lady. She is polite, courteous, and she takes her studies very seriously.

Eighth grader **Kaden Remier** enjoys playing basketball and one day hopes to play in the NBA. Kaden's favorite subject in school is history because he likes learning about past events. One interesting fact about Kaden is that he has a freckle on his right eye. Kaden's favorite song is "First day out" and his favorite color is blue. If Kaden does not make it into the NBA he would like to work in a car dealership. Kaden is friendly and willing to help out whenever needed.

PTO Particulars: October 2021

Greetings, Holy Cross families! I just blinked and it is October already...our first quarter closes out on October 29, just in time for Halloween weekend!

Our Achatz Pie Fundraiser, second of three, is well underway. With the holidays quickly approaching, these coupons are a great gift idea, a delicious addition to your holiday fare and also great for a night when you just don't have time to cook! There are sweet and savory pies and soups to choose from, and for whichever product you order you will receive a coupon so you can pick up your products at your convenience! Deb Callahan has done a fantastic job coordinating-order forms and instructions were sent home with your eldest Crusader. If you need extra forms, there are some in the office with Mrs. Steinmetz. Orders are due **WITH PAYMENT** on Friday, October 15th. Please contact Deb at 810-650-3140 with any questions.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and volunteered for our Annual Mum Sale! With your help we raised over \$1,000.00 (pre-taxes) to support classroom needs as well principal initiatives for the whole school. Thank you for hosting us again Vandebossche Farms!! We apologize for the lack of white mums and thank everyone for their flexibility navigating this sale. A shout out to the volunteers that made it happen: Jodi Farrand, Suzy DeVeny, Gretchen Heinrich, Brandi Cusumano, Jenna Tucker and Nancy Trombley...without our volunteers we are adrift! Next year we are considering a change in direction with this sale so stay tuned!

Our Annual Walk to School Day was a smashing success! There was a fantastic turnout and we were blessed with good weather! Thank you, Holy Cross families, for participating and THANK YOU, Suzy DeVeny, for coordinating!

A few things to keep on your radar... This Sunday, October 10th, 12:30pm-6pm in the Activities Center, is the Harvest Dinner. If you are able to volunteer any time, or simply able to go have dinner and purchase items from the Farmers Wagon, please support our parish as they support our school!

No School Monday, October 18th for Professional Development. Sleep in!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming W-F, November 10-12. Be on the look-out for information coming home with your Crusaders. This fair will be during Parent-Teacher Conferences, and may be a great time to shop for the holidays!

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 tiffanymensen@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, October 12th 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.

Last, but not least...PTO wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Halloween season!!

Warmest regards, HC PTO