



# 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.

**November 18, 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.

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!

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### 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!

The SCRIP office **will be closed the day after Thanksgiving.**

*Congratulations, Mrs. Doan!!*

Congratulations to Mrs. Doan, who welcomed her first child last Thursday! Baby Jude Christopher Doan was 6 pounds 8 ounces and measures 19 inches long. He is gorgeous!--we can't wait to meet him in person!



## BTo 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.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Nov 19: "Thanksgiving Feast"**
- **Tu Nov 23:** Marine City "Holly Jolly Christmas Parade" starts in front of Holy Cross--marchers meet in front of school 6:30pm
- **W-F Nov 24-26:** Thanksgiving break--no school
- **M&Tu Nov 29-30: NO SCHOOL** (Archdiocesan days off)
- **Tu Dec 7:** PTO's "Santa Shop"
- **Tu Dec 14: Holy Cross School Christmas Program**--meet your teacher in school at 6:15; dress code: "Christmas best" for students not in costume
- **F. Dec. 17:** last day of school before Christmas break
- **Tu. Jan 4: back to class!**

## Basketball and Cheer

Basketball season is beginning: both the boys and girls have their second practice after school today.

**Mr. Bill Guyor** returns as our boys' coach. His team includes 5th graders **Blake Schocker** and **Brennen Toupin**, 6th graders **Anthony Boedeker**, **Finn Heath**, **Alex Ogden**, **CJ Pennington**, **Gavin Remier**, and **Xavier Zammit**; 7th graders **Micah Arlow**, **Dylan Davenport**, **Miles Dixon**, **Nolan Gill**, **Gabe Jacobs** and **Zander Somma**; and 8th grader **Kaden Remier**.

**Mr. Steve Coomes** will be our girls' coach. His team members are 5th graders **Shea Blanchard**, **Emily Coomes**, **Katelynn Coomes**, and **Madison Trombley**; 6th graders **Maeve Brennan** and **Mila Mkrtychyan**; 7th graders **Anna Coomes**, **Amelia Morgulec** and **Abby Westrick**.

**Ms. Samantha Duncan** will coach our cheer team. Cheerleaders include 5th graders **Paige Arlow**, **Emily Coomes**, **Katelynn Coomes**, **Brooklyn Cooper**, **Gracelin Cusumano**, **Rylee McClure** and **Emma Mensen**; 6th graders **Emma Bills** and **Mila Mkrtychyan**; and 7th graders **Anna Coomes**, **Allie Maykowski** and **Abby Westrick**.

Middle schoolers: it's still not too late to sign up! BUT--you must have had

your **sports physical** in order to attend practice. Also--parents are reminded that there is a \$50/sport "pay to play" fee (checks may be made out to "OLR" or "Holy Cross" and delivered either to the coach or to the school office).

**HC / CMC Dual Enrolees:  
CMC will be VIRTUAL  
on Monday and Tuesday,  
Nov. 22&23**

## 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 and active for current lunch supervisors to use--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.

## Thanksgiving Feast

...is tomorrow! Thank you to Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Meldrum and the crew of parents who have been organizing the meal--we know it will be exciting and delicious. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their assigned part of the feast! As we can't this year accept donations of turkeys, **we are gladly accepting cash donations to help defray the cost of the meat!**--please just send in to the school office, if you are so inclined. Thank you to the generous folks who have already donated: **Mrs. Patty Smith**, **the Dixon family**, **the Carty family**, **the DeVeney family**, **the Ciotti family**, **the Snyder family** and **the Schneider family**, as well as two more families who chose to remain anonymous.

(Obviously, students will NOT need to bring their lunches tomorrow!--Chartwell's will not be serving.)

### **"Snow Days?"**

As winter approaches, all are reminded to check their email and/or the news before leaving for school any time there's a question! Sometimes school cancellations are for weather; other times, something like a building problem. Whenever East China School District closes all schools for bad weather, Holy Cross School and preschool will close as well. (You may safely ignore mention of Cardinal Mooney!—they operate independently of Holy Cross and East China, and they may close at other times when we remain open.) In any case, we will send a "closing alert" email to the same address this newsletter comes to: checking that email in the morning might be a good habit to adopt!

### **Auction 2022**

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during recent shopping trips, in person or online? It's time to turn in your Auction donation! **Families' auction donations are due to be in the office by the end of November (or you can opt to simply pay the \$80).**

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! Perhaps you are a woodworker: handmade items like Adirondack chairs are always a big hit. Maybe you have another favorite crafting hobby—a handmade quilt or personalized scrapbook could be awesome items. "Basketed" collections of "themed" smaller items are fun to put together and to look through! And everybody loves restaurant and store gift certificates! "What should I donate?"—a good rule of thumb: if you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too!

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn some service credits. Hopefully, we'll be allowed to gather again for this year's event! We're also looking for people to help the chairpersons plan and man Auction 2022. How about YOU?

### **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

### **Marine City Christmas Parade**

"Marine City Holy Jolly Christmas Parade" is Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Crusader students and families are welcome to be part of the parade: dress in festive clothing (hats, lights, etc.) and meet in front of Holy Cross at 6:30pm. All students must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. The parade will travel up Water Street and Broadway, and end at Heritage Park, 300 Broadway. Float decorating will take place on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:45 in front of Holy Cross.

We are also collecting candy for the parade (leftover from Hallowe'en?): please bring in sealed containers / Ziploc bags to the school office by Monday, Nov 22. Please contact Melisa at 810-650-8395 or [stock1ma@hotmail.com](mailto:stock1ma@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### **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.

### **HCA Alumni Earning Honors at OMC**

...for the first quarter of this school year--  
Principal's list--All As: **Claire Campbell, Ava DeVeney, Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Michael Kiell, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Dresden Scott, Isaac Zammit, Matthew Zammit;**  
First Honors--minimum of 3As no grade lower than B: **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Rebecca Goulette, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite, Nicole Zawadzinski.**  
Congratulations!--we're proud of you!

## *Happy Holidays*

### **St. Clair Community Singers**

### **Christmas Concerts**

**Sunday December 5, 2021**

**2 pm**

**First United Methodist Church  
North Third Street at Vine Street  
St Clair, Michigan**

**AND**

**Sunday December 12, 2021**

**2 pm**

**Holy Cross Catholic Church  
610 S. Water Street  
Marine City, Michigan**

*Free admission*

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to **Brigitte Pennington** and her helpers for providing the Book Fair! Our students enjoyed the opportunity to get new books, and no doubt a few Christmas presents got purchased!

### **K-12 FAMILIES' AUCTION DONATIONS are due by December 1!**

### **High School Placement Test**

Eighth graders who plan to go to a Catholic high school next year need to take this test. The test dates are Nov. 20 and Dec. 4. For more info, contact Cardinal Mooney at 810.765.8825.

To register:  
HSPT WORKSHOP (\$35.00)--  
<https://bit.ly/3pEHvo8>  
HSPT TEST REGISTRATION (\$50.00)--  
<https://bit.ly/3D7ZPcY>

**Remember to add Monday & Tuesday, Nov, 29 and 30, to your calendar as NO SCHOOL days!**



# HC PTO SANTA SHOPPE

Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

8:15am-2pm (each class attends individually)

## The School Library

Ho ho ho and Merry Christmas!

It's time again for our annual Santa shoppe. Each Crusader will be sent home with an informational flier and money envelope from Fun Services. For those who wish to participate, please send them with Cash or a Check (written out to OLR). The money envelope also has a handy Chart to fill out with the names of loved ones to shop for, as well as how much money was budgeted for each person. The students will purchase their Chosen items and gift wrap them to take home to put under the tree. Please direct any questions to Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662!

As we implement the safest possible shopping experience for the students, plenty of Volunteers will be needed. Please Contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 if you are willing and available to help!!

