



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.

January 6, 2022

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.

We understand the St Christopher in Marysville is offering the "PGC" class the morning of January 8.

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!

Thank You--

Thanks to all of you for spoiling us at Christmas! We all appreciated your thoughtful remembrances and gifts--we are so grateful for your kind thoughts! Crusader families are the best!

Basketball and Cheer

First: a pitch for the yearbook! Parents: we'd love to have pictures for the yearbook! If you take any great pix you can share, please email to Mrs Steinmetz: school@holycrossonline.net.

Our girls played McCormick before Christmas. Tonight, both boys' and girls' teams are at home, hosting St. Augustine School; the girls' game starts at 6pm and the boys' right after. All Crusader fans are welcome!

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tu Jan 11: sports pictures--athletes: bring your uniforms!
- **M Jan 17: no school--teachers' professional development**
- Tu Jan 18: mid-year STAR testing begins
- **W Jan 19: end of 2nd quarter!**
- W-F, Jan 19-21: CMC early dismissal days--no north bus, but south bus will be available to take HC riders home at 2:50pm each day
- **F Jan 21: NO CHARTWELLS--another pizza lunch!**
- F Jan 28: report cards go home
- **M-Th Feb 14-17: 5-8th graders go to camp!**

Winter Sports Pictures

Our school photographer will be here next Tuesday, Jan 11, to take team and individual photos. All boys' and girls' basketball team members and cheerleaders should bring their uniforms that day to change into for both their team and individual portraits.

CMC Bus Riders:

Please stay in contact with your driver regarding schedules! Cardinal Mooney will be dismissing early on January 19-21. However, their south bus will be here to transport Holy Cross students home in the afternoon. The bus will be here at 2:50 all three days. (The north bus will NOT be back for HC riders after school those days, though.)

Welcome, Mrs. Vasquez!

Welcome to **Mrs. Sarah Vasquez**, who will be helping Mrs. Davenport with various clerical duties in the principal's office! Mrs Vasquez was Holy Cross's grade K&1 class aide some years ago, and returns to help with jobs like Chromebook tracking and preparation that have been taking up so much of Mrs Davenport's time. Welcome back!

Service Credits

K-8 families: your service credit record was mailed this week, and should be in your mailbox soon! (If you have a 5-8th grader heading off to camp next month, your camp bill is in that envelope, too.)

A reminder that all service credits for this school year need to be worked by **April 30**. Bingo and lunch supervision are two service credit areas that need a lot of workers!

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.

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. (Please note that service credits need to be completed by the end of April each year.)

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

Pizza Lunch Jan 21

On Friday, January 21, Chartwells will not be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have our second pizza lunch of the year! Order slips will go home next week with all students. For \$2.50, lunch includes a large slice of pepperoni pizza (1/8 of a large), fruit and a drink; extra slices can be ordered for \$1 each. Orders and payment will need to be in by Tuesday, Jan 18.

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.

Alumni in the News:

Congratulations to Crusader alumna **Claire Campbell** (Class of 2019), now at Cardinal Mooney, who was recently

named Honorable Mention All State in girls' high school volleyball. Way to go, Claire!

AUCTION 2022

Plans are starting to get! The Auction will be held in the beautiful Holy Cross Activity Center. Thank you to **Dave and Martine Carty** for taking on chairmanship of the event! The Auction is always a fun night--and a glorious way to celebrate and support our school.

Do you still need to earn a few service credits before the end of April? With our "Masquerade Ball" theme, we are

eager to meet those who are crafty and clever--folks who love "shabby chic," sewing, decorating, and shopping! Folks who are good organizers (especially drawing items together to make 'baskets'!) are also needed. Does any of these describe you?

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering (or just looking for more info) next Thursday, **January 13, at 2pm** in the cafeteria. Hope you can make it! (If not, please feel free to contact Martie Carty directly: 586.872.8887 phone or text, or via email: msherman954@gmail.com.)

Student Highlights

...for December:

Jonah Arlow is so sweet. He gets along with all his classmates and is always willing to share. He is kind and empathic. He works hard and gives his best everyday. He is always willing to try new things. Jonah goes with the flow and is easy to get along with. He has an all around great personality! He is a pleasure to have in class. **London Allagreen** is kind and gentle. She is always one of the first to follow directions and loves learning. She is one of my younger students and she hangs right in there with the older kids. London is independent and can do anything she puts her mind to. She is also so silly, and makes me laugh almost every day. I am so glad London is in my class.

First grader **Lily DeVeny** is a joyful, creative child. Her favorite food is spaghetti with garlic salt. Her favorite subject is reading, and she especially enjoys reading nonfiction books about different animals. At home, Lily loves to build with her Legos. When she grows up, Lily would like to be a ballerina, an HDTV person, and a contestant on the show "WipeOut." **Rocky Meldrum** is a hard working first grader with a big personality. His favorite food is pepperoni pizza. His favorite subject in school is math, and it shows in his fact mastery! At home, Rocky likes to play Squid Game with his toys. When he grows up, Rocky wants to be a hockey player for the Snipers (his current team) or the Red Wings.

Ava DeMeulenaere is a big helper in the second grade classroom. She likes to help her classmates. Ava likes to participate in gymnastics. She has a gymnastics bar at home where she likes to practice her flips. Over the summer Ava went to Bay City with her family to visit cousins. Her favorite color is purple. She has two dogs, named Bella and Penny. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Ava's favorite school subject is Reading. I'm so proud of Ava, keep up the good work! **Theodore Gray** enjoys coming to school and spending time with his

classmates. Theo excels in Math and is very good at adding and subtracting numbers. He is a good helper when his classmates need extra Math motivation. He likes to play the piano and he is going to go to his first piano competition. His favorite color is blue. He likes to eat croissants with butter. He has four cats that he helps take care of. He is currently learning how to roller-skate. He practices in his basement. He enjoyed going to Frankenmuth with his mom. They went shopping, played mini golf, and went to the arcade. I'm so proud of Theodore, keep up the good work!

Third grader **Oliver Lehman** is part of the drama club and in the children's choir. When he grows up, Oliver wants to be a zookeeper because he LOVES animals. His favorite subject is math and he is currently working his way to be a "Ninja Fact Master"! Oliver loves the color blue and his favorite hobby is playing outside. If you ask him to pick one snack, he said he would pick apples! Yum! When he is at home, he likes watching Sam & Cat and relaxing. Holy Cross is lucky to have Oliver a part of our community!

Grace Heinrich is a very talented young lady! She is a member of the choir here at Holy Cross, she is learning to play violin, she enjoys art, and gymnastics. Within the classroom she enjoys reading, math, and engages in classroom discussions. Grace is a leader and loves to help others. She is very independent and loves school. I'm grateful she is one of my students this year. s a very kind young lady! She is also a part of the choir and drama club. Her favorite color is teal and she is a very creative artist.

Claire Gryszkiewicz reads avidly and loves to write. She has beautiful cursive writing as well. Outside of school she loves to spend time with her family. Claire has a younger brother, Eli, in 2nd grade, who she loves to play with. Claire is a wonderful part of our classroom community!

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(Student Highlights, continued)

Fifth grader **Brooklyn Cooper** is an energetic, kind young lady who is well-liked by everyone. She shows compassion for others and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Brooklyn's outgoing personality and willingness to share add to any classroom discussion. **Gracelin Cusumano** is a wonderful young lady who knows how to balance hard work and having fun! She uses her time wisely during class and has a determination to do well. Gracelin is helpful and caring toward others, making her a great person to call a friend.

Seventh grader **Dylan Davenport's** favorite subject is ELA because he loves to write. As Dylan's ELA teacher, I have read his stories and he certainly has a gift for creative writing. Dylan's career choice would be to become a writer. His favorite book is *The Shining* by Stephen King. He would

also like to play professional basketball. Outside of school, Dylan likes to play basketball. Something that Dylan would like people to know that when he sets his mind to something, he accomplishes it. Dylan is a funny, witty, charismatic young man who keeps all of his classmates laughing.

Lylah Schaening's favorite eighth grade subject is science because she enjoys learning about how things work and how they are made. She also loves learning about animals. Lylah has 3 ducks, 3 dogs, a goat, and a bird. Outside of school, Lylah enjoys hanging out with friends. Lylah has attended Holy Cross for the last eleven years. Lylah's favorite color is purple and her favorite book is *Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss. Lylah is a very compassionate young lady who thinks about others and has been an absolute joy to teach.

2021 BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



FREE THROW
THREE POINT
TRICK SHOT



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14

January 15 2021, Reg 12:00 - Start 12:30 PM

1085 Ward St, Marine City, MI 48039

Free family event and everyone is invited!!!

Please send registration forms to rgoulette2@gmail.com and GK856@mikofc.org

For more information and registration details please Email rgoulette2@gmail.com

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
**FREE THROW
 CHAMPIONSHIP**
 ENTRY FORM AND SCORE SHEET



I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Secondary school athletes should check with the school athletic director about eligibility before participating. Birth Certificate for other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.

Boys

Girls

AGE:

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Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Signature of Entrant

2. This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

COUNCIL NO. _____

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition.**

Witness

Father/guardian

Date signed

Mother/guardian

SCORE SHEET

**3. This Section To Be Completed By
K of C Officials:**

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive free throws in council competition and 25 consecutive free throws in all other levels. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

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PTO Particulars: January 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! Welcome to the New Year! We hope y'all had a joyful and relaxing holiday break!

We also hope you enjoyed any gifts you may have received from our **SANTA SHOPPE 2021!** The Crusaders were super excited about their purchases-it was wonderful to see the joy on their faces! As with anything we do, our volunteers are who make it happen. A huge thank you to our "elves" who helped set up, run the show and tear down: **Jodi Farrand, Brandi Cusumano, Sunshine Olivier, Jeanette Ettin, Olivia Lehman, Val Heath, Katie Phelan, Adrienne Meldrum, Rachel Arlow, Marisol and Matt Zammit** and last but certainly not least...**Joanne and Bill Westrick** who generously donated a wonderful assortment of gifts in addition to helping the days off!! Thank you all so much!

Also in December was our **Christmas Program**. While this is not strictly a PTO sponsored event, I wanted the chance to thank everyone. Our Crusaders did a fabulous job of entertaining us with a selection of musical pieces as well as a performance of *Too-oo-oo Busy* put on by the Drama Club. DVD's (regular and Blu-ray) of the performance are available for purchase from Raptor's Den Productions and 20% of the profit from the DVD sales is donated back to the Drama Club by Raptor's Den!! For ordering information please contact Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com. Thank you, Mrs. Volz, for directing the musical portion of this production and to all our Holy Cross teachers for their time (and lots of patience!) helping during the rehearsal! I also want to thank the adults who helped chaperone rehearsals: **Jodi Farrand, Suzy DeVeney and Rita Cerro**. If I missed anyone on this list-*mea culpa* my friends and THANK YOU! And to **Katie and Pat Phelan** a heartfelt thank you for being co-director and sound guru!

Hot Chocolate and Chat will be occurring again this February! This is a fun little event that helps break up the monotony of winter and gives us parents a chance to connect. We will pick a week where the weather looks favorable and aim for that Friday afternoon, before pick up. We will give as much notice as possible. We hope to see you there!

The days are short and cold for now, but it's never too soon to start thinking about flowers! Our annual **Spring Flower Sale** is just in time for Mother's Day-pick up is the Friday before! Information will be sent out in March so keep that on your radar!

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 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 (5th-8th) the same is offered by Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or csdeveney@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting, which is Tuesday, January 11th at 7:30am 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.

Stay warm, friends!!

Warmest regards, HC PTO