



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.

February 10, 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.

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!

Basketball and Cheer

Parents and other photographers: we'd love to have pictures of your kiddos for the yearbook! **If you take any nice pix you can share, please email them to Mrs Steinmetz: school@holycrossonline.net.** Thank you!

Both our boys' and girls' teams played last Saturday at St Thecla, and on Monday our girls hosted MCA. Our boys travel to St Augustine Feb 7 and are back home on Feb 9.

Lunch Supervisors Meeting

Thanks to the influx of new parents who have signed up to help with lunch supervision, Mrs Davenport has scheduled a lunch supervisors' training at **9:30am TODAY** in the cafeteria. Hope you can make it!

Mark Your Calendar....

- M-Th Feb 14-17: 5-8th graders go to camp!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week started a week ago last Sunday; with last week's "snow days," we've been having fun for two weeks!

On Monday, students came with crazy hair and hats:



On "Throwback Tuesday," we could barely tell what decade it was:



Wednesday was our "Oxford Strong" day. We dedicated the day and our prayers to our friends in Oxford.

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Tomorrow is 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!

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...the Meldrum, Kowalewski and Pennington families, who all lost grandparents or great-grandparents this week.

Thank You!

...to the Braun family for bringing in donuts for everyone on Monday!

Camp!

Our 5-8th graders are gearing up for camp next week! Campers should plan to be at school by about 6:45 am on Monday to we can load the bus early and be on our way! Parents may send a letter, if they wish (but mail early!!):

(Your camper's name) / Holy Cross
Leelanau Outdoor Center
1653 S Port Oneida Rd
Maple City, MI 49664

231.334.3808 (emergencies only please)

AUCTION Donations--

At registration, each K-8 family agrees to donate an item (or make a cash donation) for the auction. A number of families have yet to complete their donation. With the Auction just a month and a half off, those donations are needed NOW! If you haven't made your payment yet, please take care of it RIGHT AWAY. Thank you!

The Auction crew is also looking for donations or loans of pedestalled glass cake stands. Please contact Martine Carty (586.872.8887 phone or text, or via email: msherman954@gmail.com) if you can help. (We'd be happy to return yours after the Auction, if we may borrow it!)

Spring Sports: Track

It's almost time to think of spring! Holy Cross plans to offer a co-ed track team (for students in grades 5-8). As for all sports, athletes will need to have had a sports physical first--so if you're waiting for track season, you can prepare by getting that physical done now!

Spirit Wear Update

We have two approved spirit wear vendors: "Screen and Stitch" and "TP Logos."

"Screen and Stitch" also offers custom embroidery on items you personally own (such as sweaters and cardigans). Please contact Deb Callahan with any questions: 810.650.3140. You can order from TP Logo any time online at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale> (Pick up your order in Marysville.)

Registration for 2022-23

We are working on re-registration procedures, and will have that info soon. Registration for current families will be offered at least a week before it is extended to the public.

Registration for K-8 will be done (for the first time!) through FACTS Student Information System (which is different than FACTS Tuition Management).

Watch for more information soon! A meeting is being planned for 6:30pm on February 24 to explain the new re-registration procedures.

Tuition Assistance for 2022-3

Attached to last week's mailing was information from the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding its tuition assistance for next year. The aid is available on a financial need basis for active Catholic families (with children in grades K-12) in the Archdiocese. Families apply for the assistance via their FACTS accounts: for more information go to

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Applications for "local" tuition help will be available soon: eligible families **must have applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance to qualify for Holy Cross's other scholarships.**

Service Credits

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! The Auction is coming up (**March 26**), too.

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 taken 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 all families' service credits need to be completed by the end of April.)

Open House

Our annual Open House will be on Sunday, March 13, from 1-3pm. We will be open for visitors to come and see our facilities, meet the teachers and families, and get their questions answered. (Cardinal Mooney will also be having an open house that day, so your friends with children in elementary through high school can learn about our entire campus in one day!)

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we're over halfway to our next \$1000 reward! 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.

Congratulations!

The following Holy Cross alumni recently received scholastic honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principals' List (All As): **Claire Campbell, Ava DeVeney, Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Michael Kiell, Kyle Miotke, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Bryce Schocker, Dresden Scott and Matthew Zammit.**

First Honors (Minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than B): **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Aiden Schocker, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite.**

Congratulations--we're proud of each of you!!

Can Groundhogs Really Predict Weather?

Punxatawney Phil said to expect 6 more weeks of winter; however, Michigan's "Woody" disputed his findings! Guess we'll have to wait and see...



ORDER YOUR 2021-22 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (4 pages longer than last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books will be here by mid-May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is still just \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students' names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

---Orders need to be in the school office **by Friday, March 25**---



Student Highlights

...for January:

Preschooler **Grace Schultz** is always kind to her friends. She is easy to get along with, and can play with anyone in the class without any issues. Grace is a great helper in the classroom and even cleans up other kids' messes. She works hard and likes to learn. She is easygoing and is funny and smart. She loves to dance and have fun. I love having Grace in my class. **William Wahl** is a very hard worker and loves to learn. He is sweet and polite and always follows directions. William loves to count and work with numbers and shapes. He is great at organizing our toys at clean up and makes sure everything gets put back right where it belongs. William is so easygoing and is willing to try anything. It is a pleasure to have William in my class.

Hazel Watkins is five years old and is a "big sister." Her favorite thing to eat is pasta. Hazel says her favorite animals are horses, and she would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Hazel enjoys going "up north" with her family. The Kindergarten class often hears about her trips. When asked what she enjoys doing, she replied, "Playing on the beach." Like a lot of girls, her favorite color is pink, and if she had one wish it would be for a unicorn.

Eli Gryzkiewicz is a big helper in the second grade classroom. He likes to help his classmates. His favorite color is blue and his favorite food is macaroni and cheese. One of his favorite vacations is when his family went to Florida. While Eli was in Florida he went swimming, went for walks on the beach sand, and found seashells. One of Eli's favorite sports is baseball, he played baseball last year. He is looking forward to going to the Monster Jam. His favorite monster truck is Maximum Destruction. I'm so proud of Eli, keep up the good work! **Hannah Heath** is very artistic and a good helper. When one of her classmates need help, she is right there to help out. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite food is lamb chops. Hannah also likes to play soccer and participate in gymnastics. Her favorite school subject is Reading. One of her favorite places to travel is Montana. When Hannah goes to Montana, she likes to ski with her family. I'm so proud of Hannah and all of her hard work. Keep up the great work!

Third grader **Matty Phelan** is part of the drama club and will be playing the role of the Sultan in their upcoming production of Aladdin. When he grows up, Matty wants to be a dentist. His favorite subject is science and he recently earned all of his "Ninja Fact Master" belts up to 12 in multiplication! Matty loves the color green and his favorite hobby is building. If you ask him to grab his favorite snack, he would pick goldfish! When watching movies at home with his brothers, his first pick would be Toy Story. Holy Cross is blessed to have Matty as part of our community!

Preston Davenport has been a Crusader since pre-school! He is a great student, who loves school. His favorite subject is reading! He started reading in my 4th grade classroom last year. Preston is always polite and wears a big smile to class each day. He is helpful and kind to his classmates, and is a good listener. Outside of school, he enjoys traveling to Tennessee with his family, playing/watching basketball, and playing with his dog named Jack. **Leo DeVeny** has been a Crusader since Kindergarten! An interesting fact about Leo is that his birthday falls on February 29th. He is the youngest 4th grader I've ever had. Leo loves reading and math, and volunteers often. Leo participates in our school choir and sings beautifully. Outside of school, Leo loves to play soccer and ride his bike. He enjoys reading books by Laura Ingalls Wilder and the Weird, but True series. He also enjoys spending time with his family.

Gavin Remier would like to make athletics a career when he is older. His favorite subject is ELA. And his favorite thing to do is play bball which greatly pleases his homeroom teacher! **Alex Ogden** also enjoys sports and athletics. He is a very conscientious young man and a great sixth grade student. **Mila Mkrtychyan** would like to enter the field of psychology some day. She enjoys shopping with friends and family. ELA is her favorite subject. I really enjoy having Mila in the class.

"PENNY WARS"

As Mrs Wade said, the grand prize winner of the Blue Water vicariate schools' "Penny Wars" is the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, where all donations will be sent to help feed hungry people. Holy Cross's **third grade class** are thrilled to have won our in-school competition among grades! They and their fellow Holy Cross students brought in a total of **\$1687!!** We are waiting to hear from the other schools in the vicariate as to the total that will go the soup kitchen (and the winner among the schools). Stay tuned!

PTO Particulars: February 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! We hope you've been enjoying your time in the snow!

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!

Save the date because on Saturday, March 26 we will be celebrating the return of our in-person **School Auction!!** This (adult only) extravaganza is a fabulous way to spend an evening supporting our beloved school. The "theme" is...GALA so dust off your finery and get ready to dress to impress! Information has been sent home with your Crusaders regarding the purchase of tickets-so invite your friends and family! As with any event of this magnitude, many hands will be needed (they do make light work after all!). Any amount of time is helpful-selling raffle tickets, help setting up and tearing down, etc. Please contact event chairperson **Martine Carty** at 586-872-8887 to volunteer. Let's all make this a night to remember!

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 if your child is in Upper Elementary (5th-8th) Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or csdeveney@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions or even just chat with you about your experience at Holy Cross. We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting, which is Tuesday, February 8th 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.

Stay warm, friends!!

Warmest regards, HC PTO



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During the retreat, young people will experience large group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discussions, prayer, and music,

Retreat Information:

Who's Invited? 7th-12th Grade

When? Friday, March 4th, 2022

What time? 5:00PM-8:00PM

**Where? Holy Cross Catholic Church
610 S. Water Street,**

Marine City MI 48039

Cost: Free to all participants!

Contact Cassidy Johnson (oloryouthministry@gmail.com or 810765-8300) to register!

**Holy Cross Catholic School
33rd Annual**

Dinner & Auction Gala

Saturday, March 26th, 2022

**Location: Holy Cross Activity Center
618 S. Water St. Marine City MI 48039**

5:30 P.M Doors Open 7:00 P.M ~ Dinner

Registration/Cocktails/ Hors d'oeuvres

**Tickets Include: Formal Dinner - Open Bar - D.J - Raffles
Silent and Live Auction**

Pre-Sale Tickets \$65 p/p ~ Couple \$120

Table (8 tickets) \$460

Tickets sold after March 19th \$75.00 (no discounts)

*** No ticket sales day of event* *21& Over Only***

Tickets can be purchased: Online Using the QR Code Below,

Holy Cross School Office or

Contact an Auction Volunteer by calling:

586-872-8887 or 810-748-7912

