



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.

March 17, 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!

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!

Open House

We welcomed over a dozen prospective Crusader families on Sunday! Though the weather wasn't especially welcoming, our current families and teachers were. Thanks to the HC parents who came to help: **Mr. and Mrs. Guyor, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Bryson and Mrs. Coomes.** Special thanks to our student ambassadors: **Anna Coomes, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Rylee McClure, Katelynn Coomes, Luciana Meldrum and Oliver Lehman,** and to our alumni student ambassadors who are currently CMC students: **Ava DeVeny, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Claire and Cole Campbell and Skye Moss.** You all did a wonderful job of showing Holy Cross at its best!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **M Mar 21: no CMC north bus; NO AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING**
- Tu Mar 22: spring pictures and spring sports pictures
- **F Mar 25: end of third quarter; yearbook orders due today**
- Sat Mar 26: Academic Olympics (middle schoolers) at St Augustine in Richmond beginning 9am; **Holy Cross School Auction--doors open at 5:30pm**
- Th Mar 31: "Read In Day"
- **F April 1: report cards go home**
- Tu Apr 12: last day of classes before Easter break
- **W-Su April 13-24: NO CLASSES --Easter break**
- M Apr 25: back to school

NO TUTORING
Next Monday March 21
(tutoring will resume March 28)

Science Fair

The students' projects lined the hallways last week and provided an interesting, colorful and super academic backdrop for our visitors at the Open House. We're always proud to show off our students' work! Thank you to **Mrs. Wade** for coordinating students' projects every year!

Drama Club's Production of "Aladdin"

Another wonderful show: bravo, Drama Club!! Enormous thanks to **Mrs. Phelan** and **Mrs. Bryson** for coordinating everything from. Thank you to **Mr. Phelan** and **Mr. Bryson**, and to **Mr. and Mrs. Cusumano, Ms Mackaluso, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Coomes, Mrs. Gryszkiewicz, "Aunt Jodi" Farrand and Jamie, Ms. Heinrich, Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, Mrs. DeVeny and Ava, Mr. and Mrs. Carty and Ms Spalding.**

Thank you, also, to Cardinal Mooney for providing transportation on their bus: it made things so much simpler than trying to coordinate that many volunteer parent drivers.

Registration for 2022-23

Current families should have received an email earlier this week inviting them to re-register for 2022-23.

Tuition Assistance for 2022-3: Archdiocesan and Local

Aid is available from the Archdiocese of Detroit on a financial need basis for active Catholic families (for 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" K-8 tuition are now available in the school office (and being sent along with this newsletter). **You must have applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance to qualify for Holy Cross's other "local" scholarships.**

Please note: **YOU MUST GET YOUR PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** on the "Pastor Signature Form" and turn it in to your school's office: **your application WILL BE VOID without it!**

Service Credits

A reminder to K-8 families: 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. A copy of your service credit record (with credits worked through the end of February recorded) was mailed to you last week.

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/1tqQWXOy86EddecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjT9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

AUCTION 2022

...will be held at Holy Cross Activity Center NEXT WEEK: on Saturday, March 26! Diners may order beef tenderloin, mahi mahi or chicken--tickets (\$60 each/\$120 couple or \$460 for table of 8) are available online (see page 4) or at the school office: BUT TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY!

Do you have a few service credits left to work? Work shifts may still be available for Auction night or cleanup on Sunday. Many hands make light work--and make it more fun, too! Please feel free to stop in at the school office to sign up (adults only for all shifts, please)--or contact Martine 586.872.8887 phone or text, or via email: msherman954@gmail.com.

AUCTION "DESSERT DASH"!

Calling all amateur or professional bakers and confectioners: the Auction is seeking just a few more sweet donations for the "Dessert Dash" at this year's Auction. Each table places secret bids on desserts, and the highest bidding table wins first choice from among the desserts donated (so "looks" are important!). Each dessert has to serve eight, and businesses are welcome to include business cards.

Home or professional bakers: please contact Martine if you have a specialty dessert you can share for this event--586.872.8887 phone or text, or via email: msherman954@gmail.com.

Altar Server Training

Fr. Lapeyre will be holding an altar server training for students in 3-8th grade on Thursday, March 24 at 2:30pm. It should last about an hour.

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.)

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers"

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers" is an event at Comerica Park in which current and retired players share with guests their faith and how God has worked in their lives. This takes place before the game and then families stay after to watch the game. Please join other Holy Cross families on May 14th for this event. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the school office with Mrs. Vasquez. Time to be announced.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for March: Rita Taylor of Clay Township, Jerry Dudzinski of East China and Patricia Williams of Mount Airy, MD! Thanks to all for supporting Holy Cross.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we're 3/4 of the way 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.

Spring Pictures

Next Tuesday, March 22, your student will have the opportunity to pose for a "fun" portrait! Our school photographer will be here to take those pictures. It will be a "special dress" day, if you want your child to wear something special for his/her sitting.

"Read In Day"

Our annual "Read In Day" will be Wednesday, March 31. On that day, students may come to school in their jammies (!) or sweat pants and, of course, bring their favorite books. (Your teacher will give you more details.) Everyone enjoys spending the day reading and relaxing.

One caveat: students must be able to carry by themselves whatever they are bringing! They also need to be able to wear shoes both indoors and out (so no "footed" pj's please!).

First Communion Vest

We have a number of donated white dresses (and one white little boys' suit) free to anyone who needs them--in "The Blue Room."

The Third Graders' Hatchery

Our third graders have been nurturing a clutch of eggs: and this morning they started to hatch!



A St Patrick's Day Chuckle...

Q: What is Irish, made of wrought iron and is covered up outside all winter?
A: Paddy O'Furniture....

ORDER YOUR 2021-22 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 32 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: JUST ONE WEEK LEFT TO ORDER!

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--**

**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



Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund **Application**

The Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund was created by the Last Will and Testament of Father Donald Bartone, pastor of Holy Cross parish from 1981-1987. The Fund provides scholarship support to students of Holy Cross School who are members of Our Lady on the River parish. Assistance will consist of grant payments made to Holy Cross School to be applied to current tuition accounts of the recipient students.

PRIVACY POLICY

By signing this application, recipient families expressly understand that **ONLY** their names and the amounts of their awards will be reported for auditing purposes **ONLY** to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, which administers the Father Bartone fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Scholarship recipients must be attending Holy Cross School and be active members of Our Lady on the River parish. ("Active member" is defined as a registered parishioner who is: 1) involved in parish activities and attends mass on a regular basis, and 2) contributes regularly to the church through the use of his/her assigned envelopes.) Recipients must also work their own service credits (and not pay for them).

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Archdiocesan ("AoD") Tuition Grant application on time and according to its directions. (Info about the AoD Tuition Grant is available at www.aod.org; application is made online via the family's FACTS account.)**
2. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Father Bartone Scholarship application according to its directions (attached). (Applications are available in the school office; only one application per family required.)

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AWARD

Families will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision and the amount (if any) of first-round scholarship money awarded within two weeks of the Archdiocese's determination of its grantees. The second round of awards (if any) will be awarded within two weeks of the due date of the second round of applications.

Grantees not yet enrolled at Holy Cross School must accept the award and complete enrollment within two weeks after receiving notification of the award; failure to complete enrollment within that time frame may result in forfeiting the award.

**The Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept and consider applications from families who were unable to submit the AoD Tuition Grant application because of the timing of their decision to enroll, or who were not then members of Our Lady on the River parish, or from families whose circumstances have changed since registration/AoD Tuition Grant application due date. A paper copy of the completed AoD grant application is still required with this application.

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Application

In order to be considered for assistance through the Scholarship, you must be a registered and active parishioner of Our Lady on the River Parish AND you must have properly completed and submitted** an application for the Archdiocesan (AoD) Tuition Grant. (Only the parent or legal guardian of a Holy Cross student may apply.) Complete this form, attach a paper copy of your AoD grant application and a paper copy of your 2021 Federal 1040 tax return, and deliver **(by May 26, 2022)** to:

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Committee
c/o Principal, Holy Cross School
618 South Water Street
Marine City MI 48039

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Please Print Or Type:

Student name(s) _____

Grade(s) in the fall _____

Parent name(s) _____ Our Lady on the River envelope number: _____

Address _____
House number and street city zip code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
(area code) (area code)

Household income not reported on either US form 1040 or AoD application: _____

Who claims the child(ren) as dependents on their tax returns? _____

Amount of student's total tuition that your household is responsible for
(e.g., "50%," in the case of separated parents with a private
agreement or court judgment dividing such a bill in half): _____

Does anyone help you pay your child(ren)'s tuition? If so, who, and to what extent? _____

____ We/I have completed and submitted** the AoD grant application; attached is a paper copy.

____ Attached is a paper copy of our/my 2021 US 1040(s).

____ We / I have no outstanding debt to the school.

____ We / I understand that receiving this assistance will obligate us/me to work (and not pay for)
our / my family's service credits.

____ We / I use SCRIP regularly to reduce our / my tuition burden while helping the school.

____ Enclosed is a letter explaining extenuating circumstances we would like considered (if applicable).

We / I declare the information on this application to be true, correct and complete to the best of our / my knowledge. We / I authorize the confidential use of this information to be used for the purpose of determining our / my qualification for grants from the Scholarship funds.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Signature

Date

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