



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 24, 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 SCRIIP?

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!

End of Third Quarter

...is tomorrow! Report cards will go home with students next Friday, April 1.

Academic Olympics

On Saturday, March 26, some of our intrepid 5-8th graders will be heading out to Richmond to match wits with their counterparts at the other Blue Water Vicariate schools at the annual "Academic Olympics." Olympians: you need to check in about 1/2 hour before your first event--see the information Mrs Wade gave you. Do your best!!!

"The Wizard of Oz"

Sixth grader **Vivian Gray** is dancing in the Macomb Ballet Company's upcoming production of "The Wizard!" Performances will be on Friday, April 29 at 10am and 7pm, and on Saturday, April 30 at 1 and 7pm; tickets are \$20.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **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**

AUCTION CONTEST

Way to sell 50-50 tickets! These parents sold the most tickets (and they earn a total of 6 service credits among them): Dianna Gill, Miranda Wesch and Suzy DeVeney. As "top sales" class, seventh grade earned a pizza party (which will be scheduled after the auction), followed by fourth grade (who will receive ice creams from the Sweet Tooth), and third grade (who will receive dress down passes). Good job, everybody!

Registration for 2022-23

Current families should have received an email last week inviting them to re-register for 2022-23. Still working on those first-time issues!

AUCTION 2022

...is in two days! Thank you to all the folks who have been working to make this event successful--donors, raffle ticket sellers, acquisition folks, and especially to Dave and Martine Carty, the chairpersons.

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. Recipients of local financial aid are reminded they need to get their credits completed asap to be eligible for that aid. A copy of your service credit record (with credits worked through the end of February recorded) was mailed to you recently.

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: 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.)**

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Needed: Track Coach!!!

WE NEED A COACH!! The person we had lined up is suddenly unable to coach. It's almost time to start practicing: but our 20+ athletes can't practice without a coach. If you are interested, or know of someone (or a few someones) who might be, please call school ASAP!

"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.

Congratulations to HC Alumni Earning Honors at CMG

Congratulations to **Rebecca Goulette** (Holy Cross Class of 2019) and **Ashton DeMeulenaere** (2018), who both recently received awards at an art competition at Cardinal Mooney! Congrats, also, to **Matthew Zammit** (HC 2019), who was named to All State All Academic for Cross Country!

Spring "Read In Day"

Our annual "Read In Day" will be Thursday, 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 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."

Uniforms and "The Blue Room"

Is your Crusader's school wardrobe showing a little wear after daily use all year? Has s/he outgrown everything? Especially as the end of the year approaches: check out the FREE used clothing in "The Blue Room"! (Call first so we know you're coming.)

Altar Server Training

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

Fish Frys on Fridays

The parish has three more Lenten fish frys: tomorrow, and the next two weeks. There are still shifts available for working your service credits: you can sign up using the links on the email "cover page" of this newsletter.

All are welcome to eat! Dinner is served from 4-7pm; diners are encouraged to come earlier in case they run out of fish.

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.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming April 4-8. Please contact Brigitte Pennington (810.858.7068) if you are interested in helping!

**YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE
TOMORROW!
(Order form below!)**

LAST CALL TO 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:

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 TOMORROW, Friday, March 25--**

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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April 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|-----------|
| March 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | April 1 Report cards go home | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 "Parable Project" presentation in gym 9:30am | 6 | 7 | 8 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 PTO ZOOM meeting 6:30pm | 13 NO SCHOOL: teachers' professional develop- ment | 14 NO SCHOOL--Easter break | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Easter Sunday | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Classes resume Star testing begins | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

What's on the Menu?

Holy Cross Lunch Menu: April 2022

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| March 28 Chicken Drumstick w/Dinner Roll Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Diced Pears  | March 29 Beef Soft Tacos Lettuce & Salsa Refried Beans Red Apple | March 30 Chicken Patty on a Bun Baked Tots Baby Carrots Orange Wedges | March 31 NO SCHOOL LUNCH - everyone needs lunch & drink from home | April 1 Strawberry Parfait w/Homemade Granola Romaine & Spinach Salad Baby Carrots Diced Pears |
| 4 Hot Dog w/Bun Baked Beans Baby Carrots Fresh Apple | 5 Chicken Nuggets w/Breadstick Curry Fries Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Pears | 6 Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Diced Peaches | 7 Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll Golden Corn Romaine & Spinach Salad Cantaloupe Chunks | 8 Bosco Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce <i>Lucky Lunch Day</i> |
| 11 French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Potato Smiles Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Pears  | 12 Chicken Tenders w/Cinnamon Breadstick Refried Beans Sliced Cucumbers Sweet Peaches | Spring Break April 13 th – 22 nd | | |
| 25 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Romaine & Spinach Salad Baby Carrots Chilled Apple Sauce | 26 Meat & Cheese Nachos Refried Beans Cucumber Slices Pineapple Chunks  | | | |
| | | 27 Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll Sugar Snap Peas Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit | 28 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Potato Smiles Power Peas Fresh Grapes | 29 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Fresh Strawberries  |
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| |  Questions or Comments? Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.675.1112 or jhumphrey@ecsd.us | This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Lunch: A full student lunch includes a choice of entree supplying grain and/or protein, two (2) side dishes and choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and 1% chocolate. | | |



Holy Cross PTO's Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser

Spring is here! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser!

We are partnering with local Vandenbossche Farms to bring you a lovely pop of color for your spring garden!

- **Geraniums, Begonias, Impatiens & More:** Your favorite Vandenbossche varieties are back and ready for your garden!
- **GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Make the perfect gift! Buy plants & produce throughout the season with this versatile option.
- **Order due date:** Monday, April 11th. Please fill out the order form completely-**including your name and phone number**.
- **Payment:** cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Flower Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment:** Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?:** Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available:** Thursday, May 5th, 2:00-5pm. You may **pick up** your order from Vandenbossche Farms at 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want flowers-family, neighbors, etc!

Questions? Please contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 or beckybryson123@gmail.com

