



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 3, 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!

Spring Sports: Track

Think spring!! Holy Cross plans to offer a co-ed track team (for students in grades 5-8) this spring. 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!

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 has rescheduled their open house to March 20.)

Mark Your Calendar....

- F March 4: regular Friday mass
- **Th Mar 10: Mass 9am (instead of Friday this week) with food drive for parish pantry**
- F Mar 11: Grades K-8 go to "Aladdin Kids" 9am
- **Su March 13: Open House 1-3pm**
- M March 14: no school (Archdiocesan teachers' professional development)
- **M Mar 21: no CMC north bus**
- Tu Mar 22: spring pictures and spring sports pictures
- **F Mar 25: end of third quarter**
- Sat Mar 26: Academic Olympics (middle schoolers) at St Augustine in Richmond beginning 9am; **Holy Cross School Auction--doors open at 5:30pm**
- F April 1: report cards go home

Registration for 2022-23

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

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

Tuition Assistance for 2022-3

Aid is available from the Archdiocese of Detroit 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 in mid-March: eligible families **must have applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance to qualify for Holy Cross's other 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 this 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/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.)

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.

March is Reading Month

A few days ago, Mrs. Davenport sent out a Reading Month calendar--check yours for all the fun activities planned!

AUCTION 2022

...will be held at Holy Cross Activity Center on Saturday, March 26! Chairpersons Dave and Martine Carty have been hard at work getting everything ready: it promises to be an elegant and fun night for all.

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. Tickets will also be available in the SCRIP office this Saturday from 9-1, and next Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-5.

Do you have a few service credits left to work?--the Auction needs you! Signups are available at the school office for workers:

- 1-2 workers are still needed on Friday, March 25 (10am-2:30pm)
- work shifts are still available for Saturday, March 26 with start times around 5pm
- cleanup workers needed on Sunday, March 27, 10am to about 2pm

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.

"Principal for a Day"

On Monday, one of our students collected on his parents' Auction 2021 winning bid, and is spending the day in the Principal's chair. His first act was to decree a dress down day for everyone! He looked pretty comfortable in his 'new' (for the day) office!:



AUCTION "DESSERT DASH"!

Calling all amateur or professional bakers and confectioners: the Auction is seeking 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 appearance is important!). Each dessert needs to serve eight; businesses are welcome to include their cards as advertising.

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.

Drama Club's Production of "Aladdin"

The Drama Club has been rehearsing for its March performances of "Aladdin." Thank you to Mrs. Bryson and Mrs. Phelan for mentoring the group again this season!

We are planning to take all K-8 students to the March 11 show at the East China Performing Arts Center. We'll leave Holy Cross

at 9am and be back in time for lunch. There is NO cost to students or drivers (but the Drama Club will gratefully accept any donations). We had been planning to ask for parent drivers, but we have been able to secure a bus and

driver from Cardinal Mooney, so we will transport students on the bus instead. Please let us know if you prefer to drive your own child rather than have him/her ride the CMC bus to and from "Aladdin."

Permission forms and letters of explanation went home with all K-8 students last week. Signed forms need to be back by next Monday, March 7.

Drama club members will not arrive at school until after the show. Drama parents: please sign and return the permission form anyway, and note that you will take your actor directly to the PAC that morning (instead of school) so that his/her teacher knows. Thank you!

"State of the School" Meeting...

...has been rescheduled to next Monday, March 7, 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Keeping Our 'Family' Safe

Last week a closed circuit surveillance system (ordered months ago and funded by the Auction fund-a-need) was installed at Holy Cross School. A monitor shows 24/7 live footage at all exterior doors:



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 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



PTO Particulars: March 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! Goodbye February, HELLO March!

Hot Chocolate and Chat was held last Friday, March 25th. We had a fantastic turnout of some souls willing to brave the cold for some delicious hot chocolate and lots of chatting! Thank you, Aunt Jodi Farrand and Jason Borys for heading up this extravaganza!

Sunday, March, 13, 1-3pm, is our Open House. If you know anyone who is interested or you think could be interested in joining our school community, please send them over!

Just a reminder-**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 14**, for a teacher professional development day.

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. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the binder at the front desk. Please contact event chairperson **Martine Carty** at 586-872-8887 or Auction@holycrossonline.net with any questions. 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 Thursday before (please note the date change)! 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 DeVeny (810-434-3454 or csdeveny@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.

Enjoy the beginning of spring!!

Warmest regards, HC PTO

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Coming Soon!

What would the world be like if we took these 40 days of Lent to truly grow closer to God? Let's explore the ways God can transform our life when we seek him consistently in prayer.

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!