



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.

June 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 until June 10--
Fridays 7-9am
and Mondays 5-6pm
School office: 810.765.3591

After school is out, the SCRIP office will be open **on Fridays**, from **8-10 am** through the month of June (and closed for July). You can also leave messages on the school phone (above) or via email --school@holycrossonline.net.

School Office Summer Hours

From June 13-30, the school office will be open from at least 8am-noon daily; we will be closed (but monitoring phone and email messages) during July.

Welcome, Mrs. Thimmes!

Students may have seen a new person at the school office on Tuesday: Mrs. Stacey Thimmes ("TIM es") will be our new school secretary in the fall! She is calm and kind (and a marvelous baker, we hear!), and she is eager to get to know you all.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **M July 11: "Great Things" scholarship contest entries due**
- **M Aug 22: "Crusader Day"**
- **M Aug 29: first day of school!**

LOST AND FOUND

...items are spread out by the office--if you are at school today, please stop by and check them out!

Farewell, Class of 2022:



Preschool 2022



Lunches for 2022-23

Just a heads up: we've received notice that beginning in the fall, students' school lunches will NO LONGER be free. We will send pricing information when we receive it.

Don't Forget Your "Blue Water Vicariate Active Parishioner Verification" Form!

The form is available at FACTS as part of the registration procedure (and was included in the folder of papers your oldest Crusader received on Friday). Vicariate families need to turn the form in to their pastor and ask them to complete and send the form to us. Without the form, we have to charge you the higher, "out-of-vicariate" tuition rate.

"The Paper Trail"

Your oldest Crusader received a folder with paper copies of the re-registration documents that we need paper copies of.

We apologize for the redundancy of doing them both digitally and on paper! We are working with FACTS to straighten this up for next year. But in the mean time, please complete the paper copies (as well as the digital information) and return to school **ASAP**. Thanks so much for your understanding!!

Today is the last Day of School!

Thank you to Mrs Wade and NJHS for planning for a fun send off and lunch today! The awards ceremony will start right after lunch, between 11:30am and noon--parents will be welcome to join us. Students will be dismissed for the summer after that!

Attention CMC Bus Riders:

For the ride home today: **CMC buses leave today at 10:40am**. However, we will not yet have started our awards program at that time; and the buses will not have time to make it back to Marine City for pickup at our dismissal time. **Therefore, CMC bus riders will need either to leave Holy Cross at 10:40 today, or to come up with their own travel arrangements after the Holy Cross awards program (ending approximately 12:30pm).**

Please let us know how your CMC bus rider will be getting home today so we can help them get safely to you!

Scholarship Opportunity!

See page 5!

THANK YOU!!!

...to **Grandma and Grandpa Westrick** for taking us all out for ice cream last Friday!

New "Holy Cross Parent Group" on Facebook

Here it is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossparentgroup>

The group will serve as an online forum for parents / grandparents / guardians to:

- Ask questions;
- Share information (community events, sports tryouts, camps, educational opportunities, etc.);
- Donate items to each other (HC spirit wear, school supplies, etc.);
- Share PTO news and fundraiser information;
- Share other school news, internal pictures, newsletters, etc.;
- Showcase upcoming school events.

This will be a private group, and parents are invited to request admittance.

Registration for 2022-23

Thanks to all who have completed their registration (by going to FACTS SIS for our first ever online registration, and following up with paper as FACTS hasn't yet worked as we'd hoped.....)

There are still some families who may not have understood: **step 1**--go to [factsmtg.com](https://www.factsmtg.com) and choose "Family Login", then "family portal" to input your registration info (our code is **HC-MI**, and you'll need to use the email address that your newsletter goes to). After you input your family info, the system should prompt you to pay the registration & chromebook fees through your FACTS tuition payment account (which you'll need to create, if you don't already have one). **Step 2**--please fill out & return the paperwork we sent a few weeks back with your oldest "Crusader."

Thank you so much for your patience as we figure out with FACTS how to streamline registration!

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 (for 2022-23 service credits)--go to:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEHIFE/edit#gid=2112835498>

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

Service Credits: 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 and throughout the summer, as well as during the school year.

Parents of Student Athletes:

Are your children active in school sports? Or are they just growing into that age, and they are interested in playing on a school team with their classmates next year? Do you have an hour a month to help with the leadership of our sports program?--the Holy Cross Booster Club needs you!

If you're interested, please email Mrs. Davenport for more details.

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.)

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--"e-receipts" are not accepted.) We'll continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Drop off receipts at the school office or at the rectory, or all summer in the box at the river entrance of the church.

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.

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder about "how to" digitally save those little box tops....download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbtf>

Please do continue to clip and send in "Box Tops" with good expiration dates: they are very strict about dates, however, and expired "Box Tops" are not honored.

CMC Summer Camps

Cardinal Mooney is offering summer camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-9, in boys' basketball, girls' basketball, robotics, mock trial and volleyball. Visit <https://bit.ly/36slvWA>

Spirit Wear Update

As you're preparing for the 2022-23 school year!--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.

TP Logo orders may be placed anytime online at: <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale> (Pick up your order in Marysville.)

Amazon Smile

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile. We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

After School Boxers

Seventh grader **Dylan Davenport** and third grader **Blake Paton** have been taking boxing classes after school. Both competed against opponents from other boxing clubs over the weekend in individual matches. In Blake's age group, no scores are kept. Dylan won his match. Congratulations!



Congratulations to HCAIums at CMC

Matthew (HC class of 2020) and **Isaac** (class of 2021) **Zammit** and teammates on CMC's track team participated in a regional meet last weekend. Matt placed 10th in the mile and 16th in the 2 mile, and Matthew and Isaac (with



two more CMC teammates) placed 9th in a relay: just missing qualifying for states in two of these three events! Way to go, guys!

Holy Cross Catholic School Fourth Quarter Honors

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Lillian Braun, Nora Ciotti, Evan Wert.**

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Lillian DeVeney.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Eli Gryzkiewicz, Svetlana Mkrtychyan.**

Third Grade

All As: **Blake Paton, Angelo Taravella.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Mackenzie Carty, Matty Phelan, Theryn Snyder.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Preston Davenport, Ella DeFauw, Claire Gryzkiewicz, Grace Heinrich.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Hayden Borys, Liam Dixon, Liam Guyor, Blake Mayea, Joshua Jacobs.**

Perfect Attendance: **Claire Gryzkiewicz.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Paige Arlow, Katie Bryson, Emily Coomes, Katelynn Coomes, Noah Phelan, Brennen Toupin, Madison Trombley.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Shea Blanchard, Brooklyn Cooper, Gracelin Cusumano, Rylee McClure, Emma Mensen, Blake Schocker.**

Perfect Attendance: **Shea Blanchard, Katie Bryson.**

Sixth Grade

All As: **Vivian Gray, Alex Ogden.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Finn Heath, Makenna Toupin, Xavier Zammit.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dominic DeVeney, Makenna Toupin, Xavier Zammit.**

Seventh Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow, Anna Coomes, Miles Dixon, Amelia Morgulec.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Dylan Davenport, Abby Westrick.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Angelina Taravella.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Katie Kowalewski.**

Perfect Attendance: **Angelina Taravella.**

Good Bye! from Mrs. Steinmetz-

You already know that today is my last day here with your kiddos, and that I will be retiring at the end of July. I wanted to take this opportunity just to say goodbye to you all (my second family!).

Holy Cross has been a huge part of my life since my oldest child started Kindergarten here in the mid 1980s: a decade before I worked here, I was a "Crusader" parent. I love this little place! It pleases me to no end to know that it's in the hands of capable and very caring leadership, and I know you'll welcome Mrs. Thimmes into your families just as you did me.

It has been a privilege to share a little corner of your children's lives! Thank you for choosing Holy Cross--it needs each one of you: I hope you'll all continue to help it become the best it can be.

PTO Particulars: June 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! Woo-hoo, another year under our belts!

Saturday, May 14th, saw a number of our Holy Cross families at the ball park for the Tiger's Faith and Family Night. It was a great game and the weather was beautiful! Thank you, Sarah Vazquez, for organizing this community builder for our Crusaders!

We want to thank all the families that participated in our Teacher Appreciation Week this year. We heard wonderful feedback from the teachers and we hope they know how much we APPRECIATE them! Enjoy your summer!

Field Day 2022 was a success...at least we are judging so by the smiling faces of the students! The weather held out for at least the first half, then we had quite an adventure relocating to the gym to finish up. Field Day could never happen without all our wonderful volunteers. A big shout out to those who donated or lent out items: Timbers Tree Service (tug o' war rope & cones), Patti Smith (a VERY generous cash donation), Suzy DeVeny/Quest (cones), HCCS (hula hoops), Jessica Watkins (parachute), Pam Schneider (yarn & hula hoops), and last but certainly not least Aunt Jodi Farrand (candy bars, pool noodles, popsicle sticks, and probably something else I'm forgetting!). And another huge shout out to the volunteers who helped set up, run the stations & clean up: Val Heath, Jessica Watkins, Jodi Farrand, Jamie Farrand, Gretchen Heinrich, Jason Borys, Suzy DeVeny, Jeanette Ettin, Jenna Tucker, Sunni Olivier, Jennifer Wert, Marisol and Matthew Zammit (obstacle course masters!!), Pam Schneider, Katie Phelan, Lisa Mackaluso, Julie Paton, Sarah Allen, Adrienne Meldrum, Margaret Path and Kristen Allagreen. We couldn't do it without you!!

And alas, that brings us to the end of another year. We here at HC PTO hope you have a summer filled with joy and we cannot wait to hear about what memories you make! There is still one more PTO meeting in which we will focus on the calendar for the 2022/2023 school year. Please join us if you are able!

For next year: 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, June 14th at 6:30pm via Zoom or in person at the Bryson house-274 N. Main Street in Marine City. 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.

Have a fabulous summer!

Warmest regards, HC PTO

"I'm Doing Something Great to Help Someone Else"
Scholarship Contest and Application

Friends of Holy Cross have provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships* for current Holy Cross students in grades K-8. Up to two awards will be made to applicants in grades K-4, and up to two to students in grades 5-8**.

To apply for the "Something Great" scholarship:

Students will write a composition on 'something great' that they are doing to help someone else this summer. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application; younger students especially are encouraged to include drawings in their work. (Only one entry per student, please.)

Students: please do NOT put your name on the front of your entry. Please complete and attach the bottom portion of this page to the back of your entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office by 12 noon on Monday, July 11.

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, August 4 school newsletter.

*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$200.

**In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

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I am applying for the "I'm Doing Something Great to Help Someone Else" Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

Student signature

grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work, and I understand that it will not be returned. I also certify that my student performed (or is performing) the "something great" s/he writes about. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin or newspapers, displayed at the school, or shared via other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

Parent / guardian's signature

Date signed

Parent's printed name



Holy Cross Catholic School 2022-23 Calendar



Aug 22	Monday	"Crusader Day" 9am-2pm in school
Aug 29	Monday	First day of school for PK-8: full day, uniforms (for K-8)! (No East China buses 'til Sep 8)
Sep 2-5	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 8	Tuesday	Classes resume
Sep 19	Monday	No school: Archdiocesan professional development for teachers
Oct 17	Monday	No school: Archdiocesan professional development for teachers
Oct 28	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 2	Wednesday	Report cards go home
Nov 3&4	Thurs & Fri	Teachers gone to MANS conference: no school
Nov 10	Thursday	Evening parent/teacher conferences
Nov 11	Friday	No classes: parent/teacher conferences
Nov 23-25	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 16	Friday	Last day of school before Christmas break
Dec 19-Jan 2	Mon-Monday	Christmas break
Jan 3	Tuesday	Classes resume
Jan 27	Friday	End of second quarter
Feb 3	Friday	Report cards go home
Feb 13-16	Mon-Thurs	5 th -8 th graders go to camp
Feb 17-20	Fri- Mon	No school: mid-winter break
Feb 21	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 12	Sunday	Open House (campus-wide: with Cardinal Mooney)
March 13	Monday	No school: teachers' professional development
March 24	Friday	Kindergarten roundup: no Preschool or Kindergarten today
March 31	Friday	End of third quarter
April 5	Wednesday	Report cards go home
April 6-16	Thu-Sunday	Easter break
April 17	Monday	Classes resume
May 26-29	Fri-Monday	Memorial Day weekend: no school
May 30	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 9	Friday	Last day of school; honors assembly, report cards

(Students who ride East China or Cardinal Mooney buses are advised to continually compare their calendars with Holy Cross's, and to stay in close contact with their bus driver and transportation department regarding ECSD / CMC full or half days off and early dismissal days.)

School day 7:30am-2:50pm
Lunch 10:40-11:25am
172 days / 1107.6 hours

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