



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.

April 29, 2021

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. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

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?

**Mondays 7-9am and 5-6pm,
and Fridays 7-9am**

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

BOYS' and GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS, CHEERLEADERS, and TRACK TEAM MEMBERS:
ALL SPORTS UNIFORMS still out need be returned to the office ASAP!

"All Sports Awards"

Last year we were not able to gather at all to congratulate our athletes: so we are especially excited to announce this year's "All Sports Awards" evening! It will be in the activity center on Wednesday, May 19, starting at 6:30pm. Athletes who participated in any sport this year and their families are invited. COVID rules makes a meal next to impossible, but we can still gather to applaud our players!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Monday, May 10: NO SCHOOL--recently added to calendar!--teacher inservice**
- **F May 14: food drive for parish pantry**
- **W May 19: sports awards 6:30pm**
- **May 25-27: eighth graders' class trip!**
- **M May 31: Memorial Day--NO SCHOOL**
- **W June 2: Field Day after lunch**
- **W June 9: 8th grade graduation at 9am mass (last mass of the year)**
- **F June 11: last day of school for K-7**

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 10!

This is a recent change to our calendar: it is another of those mandated inservices you have patiently "flexed" around this year!

Service Credits For 2020-21

Statements were mailed recently. Just a reminder that service credits (and payment for credits not worked) need to be completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owed their final payment on April 1. **All obligations must have been met to re-register for the next year.**

Registration for 2021-2

To register, your registration paperwork must be completed and returned to the school office with the appropriate fees. Also, all prior years' tuition and other obligations must be satisfied in full before a family's registration is complete.

With the uncertainty still being caused by the pandemic, we must plan to have to continue distancing, so our class sizes will continue to be limited. **Registration HAS BEEN opened to the general public, and all spots are being offered now on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22 ARE DUE SOON!

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page. If you've been putting it off: totally complete grant applications (including all supporting documentation required) may be **due April 30**.

For general information about the grant program, go to

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

Your application will require your pastor's signature: the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o7l8lwuacwdv2f8671l0yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS CRITICAL STEP!

Download the pastor's signature form, fill it out, and deliver to your pastor to sign. After he signs it, the form needs to be delivered to your child's school!

Applying for the Archdiocesan grant is required to be eligible to apply for any other tuition assistance, so you are strongly encouraged to apply!

Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides!

Please sign up for all service credit shifts in advance to be sure you receive the credit: if you just show up and we have enough workers already, we can't offer the extra credits. The sign up schedule is online at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUJtD9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1>

--and runs through the end of the school year. You can take any open slot: just fill in your name. However, remember that everyone working at lunch must be an adult, must have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class (which you can do online!--see the first paragraph of this newsletter) and submit to a background check.

We are really grateful to all of our lunch supervisors--especially the won-

derful people who have already completed their credits and return just because we need them. **We really need a little more help, though,** most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As a lunch supervisor, you can earn your service credits while seeing your kids! If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the office.

Things to Remember EVERY DAY...

-your **mask**;
-your **charged ChromeBook**;
-your lunch and drinking water;
-be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
-have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
-appropriate **clothes and shoes** for recess./ church / gym (depend -ing on the day!).

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie 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.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're 3/4 of the way to our next reward.

Please keep saving the entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are already about a third of the way to our next reward, and will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school (or SCRIP) office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

Bingo

Our bingos are open! To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's: please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**.

"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>

PTO Spring Flower Sale

The flyer and order form are attached again. (Hint: Mothers' day is coming soon!) Orders (and payment) need to be in the school office no later than **TO-MORROW: Friday, April 30.**

Auction 2021

This year's (and first ever "virtual") Auction is drawing near. The baskets Holy Cross families donated will form the basis for a "Traveling Silent Auction and Raffle." Some of the items will serve as the prizes in a huge raffle. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales for all are underway!

The basket raffle items can be viewed at the "Auction" page on the school website: go to **<http://holycrossonline.net/auction/>**

Families can earn service credits by selling raffle tickets. A packet of tickets was sent home with the oldest "Crusader" student in most families (we were short a few tickets, so please call if you did not receive a packet from your child and you would like some tickets). Sell 20 (50-50) and 20 (raffle) tickets to earn one service credit; sell the whole packet to earn two credits. Also, the school family or staff member who sells the most tickets will win a \$50 SCRIP gift card!

To sign out more tickets to sell (or for more information), contact Tiffany at 810.335.2719. Please note that **ALL TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED--if you opt not to sell / purchase any, please return them ASAP to the school office.**

Winning bids and raffle winners will be announced after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, May 9.

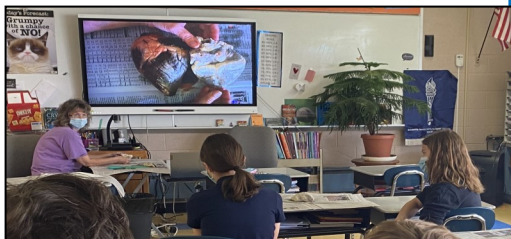
If you won't be using them, please return all Auction Raffle tickets to the school office ASAP. Thank you!

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...Mila (5) and Lana (1) Mkrtchyan and their family, whose Grandpa recently died.

Future Heart Surgeons?

Mrs. Wade and her 7th and 8th graders dissected sheep hearts in their science classes this week. Mrs. Wade showed the students how to cut and explained the heart parts' functions by performing the procedure herself and showing it on her classroom Smartboard:



'52 Sundays' for Catholic School Families

As we near the end of this school year, thoughts turn to how to help families stay engaged over the summer. Consider using '52 Sundays'! This resource provides the Gospel, a saint profile, discussion questions, a family activity, prayer, recipe and more each Sunday for families to grow in holiness together.

You can order the book at 52sundays.com. Since we are a quarter of the way through the year, **the price of the book has been lowered to \$7.95 plus shipping.**

Families can also sign up for the weekly emails as well at 52Sundays.com. The Spanish translation of the book can be found there as well. Ideas for how to engage families who are using the book can be found on the website, along with the second part coming this summer.

A Plea On Behalf of Your Parish:

Your parish needs you now more than ever. Please keep your pastor and his staff in your prayers during this pandemic crisis. You are invited to join in Our Lady on the River's daily and weekend services. However, if you prefer not to venture out into crowds just yet, please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations, as you are able. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of governmental orders, your parish, also, has such needs, and no other way to meet them than its parishioners and other donors.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:

<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>

May-June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Teacher appreciation week!	4 School Committee meets 6pm via zoom	5	6	7	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL-- teachers' professional development	11 PTO meets 7:30am via zoom	12 No East China buses home	13 Bishop Fisher visits Holy Cross	14 Nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry	15
16	17	18	19 ALL SPORTS AWARDS--6:30pm in the church	20	21	22
23	24	25 Eighth graders'	26 class trip: back home	27 tonight	28	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL-- Memorial Day	June 1 School Committee meets 6pm via zoom	June Field Day after lunch	June 3	4 Last nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry for this school year	June 5
June 6	June 7	June 8 PTO meets 6:30pm	June 9 8th graders graduate at 9am mass today (last mass of this school year: all students will attend)	June 10 No East China buses home	June 11 Last day of school; honors assembly; pizza lunch; report cards go home with students; no East China buses home	Have a wonderful summer--see you in the fall!



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! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs.

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. **When filling out the order form, please cross out the "Total Items" line and write "Gift Certificates"** then fill out the number and denomination you would like.
- **Order due date:** Friday, April 30th. 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:** Friday, May 7th, 2:30-5pm. 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



Seller Name:

ORDER FORM

Price each		Hanging Baskets - 12"		Hanging Baskets - 10"		Hanging Flower Pouches		Porch Pots - 12"		Annual Flats		Total Items		Total Amount	
<p>*Order forms are due on</p> <p>*Make checks payable to</p> <p>*Orders will be available for pick up on</p> <p><u>Name and phone number</u></p>		Geranium	\$20	Black/Orange Superunia w/ superbells	\$16	Mix waves	Waves - mix	\$16	Geranium	\$20	Alyssum - mix	\$13			
		Superbells mix: purple, red, orange, yellow	\$20	Swingame trailing luscia (red and white)	\$16	Blue waves		Waves - mix	\$16	Supertunia	\$20	Impatiens - mix	\$13		
				Dark eyes trailing luscia (red and purple)	\$16							Petunia - sugar daddy	\$13		
												Petunia - mix	\$13		
											Marigolds - inca mix	\$13			
											Marigold - Durango mix	\$13			
											Centrus - mix	\$13			
											Cocksie - mix	\$13			
											Snapdragons - mix	\$13			
											Salvia - red tall	\$13			
											Salvia - red dwarf	\$13			
											Moss Roses - mixed	\$13			
											Dusty Miller	\$13			

Item Totals

Gift Certificates will be available for purchase onsite during flower pick up on Friday, May 6th !

OUR LADY ON THE RIVER PARISH RAFFLE BENEFITS

Holy Cross Catholic School

Annual Auction



Event Details

Date and Time of Drawings: May 9th, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

Location: Holy Cross Church at 610 S. Water St., Marine City

Two ways to support our auction in lieu of the annual dinner

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

1

50/50

Raffle

\$5 per Ticket

2

GIFT BASKET

Raffle

\$5 per Ticket

Raffle Tickets

How can I get tickets?

3 Ways to Contact

Holy Cross Parish
810-765-3568

Holy Cross School
810-765-3591

Auction Chairperson
810-335-2719

Facebook

Please check out our baskets as they become available for display on our Holy Cross Catholic School Facebook page.

Thank you as always for supporting our school.

Winners - We will contact each winner to arrange a time to collect their winnings.

What's on the Menu?

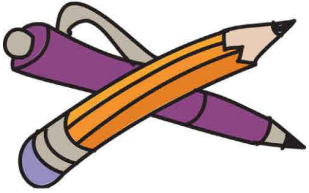
Holy Cross Lunch Menu: May

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div><div></div><div>3</div><div>Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>4</div><div>Pepperoni Pizza Golden Corn Baby Carrots Chilled Pears</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>5</div><div>Cinco de Mayo Beef Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Fresh Broccoli Sweet Peaches Cinnamon Churros</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>6</div><div>Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Baby Carrots Fresh Apple</div></div> <div></div>	<div><div></div><div>7</div><div>Lasagna Roll-Up w/Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Power Peas Rosy Applesauce</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>10</div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div>11</div><div>French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage Baked Tots Cherry Tomatoes Sweet Peaches</div></div> <div></div>	<div><div></div><div>12</div><div>Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Baby Carrots Fresh Banana</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>13</div><div>Chicken Tenders w/Ranch or BBQ Sauce Emoji Shaped Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Cinnamon Applesauce</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>14</div><div>Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Fries Romaine & Spinach Salad Watermelon Treat w/Lunch- Chat Graham Crackers</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>17</div><div>Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Cucumber Slices Apple</div></div> <div></div>	<div><div></div><div>18</div><div>Meat & Cheese Nachos Refried Beans Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>19</div><div>Macaroni & Cheese w/Mini Soft Pretzel Steamed Broccoli Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Pears Treat with Lunch</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>20</div><div>Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll Curly Fries Power Peas Chilled Mixed Fruit</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>21</div><div>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Applesauce</div></div> <div></div>
<div><div></div><div>24</div><div>French Bread Pizza Roasted Carrot Fries Cucumber Slices Apple</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>25</div><div>Walking Tacos Golden Corn Baby Carrots Chilled Pears</div></div> <div></div>	<div><div></div><div>26</div><div>French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage Hash Brown Romaine & Spinach Salad Sweet Peaches Treat with Lunch</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>27</div><div>Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Fresh Broccoli Fresh Strawberries</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>28</div><div>National Burger Day Classic Cheeseburger Or Yogurt Fun Lunch Potato Rounds Romaine & Spinach Salad Fresh Apple</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>Questions or Comments? Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.676.1112 or jhumphrey@ecsd.us</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Vegetarian</div><div><div></div><div>Locally Grown</div></div><div>Questions or Comments? Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.676.1112 or jhumphrey@ecsd.us</div></div>	<div>NOW HIRING</div> <div>Apply at: https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/ Search by key word: East China Schools This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</div>		
<div>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.</div>				

TEACHER May 3 7

APPRECIATION



Monday - give a note/drawing of appreciation



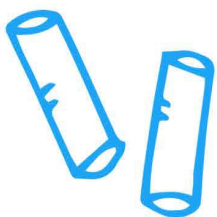
Tuesday - bring in a single flower to add to your teacher's bouquet



Wednesday - give something from your teacher's favorite things list (attached)



Thursday - lunch provided for teachers by PTO. Thank you for your support of PTO initiatives!



Friday - Chalk the Walk with what you appreciate about your teacher (chalk available after school Thursday and before school Friday)

Favorite Things Survey Results for Holy Cross Teachers (see both sides)

To use throughout the year, but especially during "Teacher Appreciation Week" (first full week of May)

Grade Level	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5/6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Teacher Name	Cindy Jondron	Ashley Gryszkiewicz	Lisa Kiger	Ms. Tersigni	Leslie Demeulenaere	Anna Wade	Mr. Vandergraaff	Ms. Johnson
Birthday	July 12	March 26	September 26	October 23	April 16	January 6	March 4	November 20
Fave Places to Shop	none listed	Amazon, Meijer, Target	Kohls, Meijer, Amazon	Target, Kroger	Amazon, Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Dollar General	Goodwill	Barnes & Noble	Kohls, Ulta, JCP, Forever 21
Fave Restaurants	MC Fish Co	Applebees, Texas	MC Fish Co, Casey's, Smoke on the Water	Little Bar, Anitas	MC Fish Co, Anchor Pointe Bistro	Egg Roll Inn (Marysville)	Texas Roadhouse	Olive Garden, Catch 22, Red Lobster
Fave Snack	None	Chips & salsa	Spicy sweet chili Doritos	Nuts	Frozen blueberries	Chocolate	Dry Roasted Peanuts	Spinach & artichoke dip
Fave Cookie	Chocoate chip	Chocolate Chip	No bake, chocolate chip	None	Snickerdoodle	Pecan Snadies	Chocolate Chip	None
Fave Drink	None	Water	Frozen coke	Water or Diet Dr. Pepper	Cherry Coke	Water	Coffee	None
Fave Candy	None	Peanut M&Ms	Kit-kats, chocolate	None	Peanut butter cups	Gummi Bears	None	None
Fave Cake	German Chocolate	Cherry Chip	Cheesecake, chocolate	None	Bumpy cake	German Chocolate	None	Jello Poke Cake
Fave Coffee Drink	Black coffee	Hot Chocolate	Anything with sweet creamer	Black	Perk me up latte	Hot Chocolate	Double, double Tim Hortons	Iced coffee
Allergies	None	none listed	None	Mushrooms & Coconut	none	None	None	None
Fave Color	Rust	Burgundy	Purple	Blue	Blue	Purple	Blue	Yellow
Fave Flower	Anything but NOT roses	Lily	Sunflowers	Rose	Lily	Orchids	None	Gladiola
Fave Scent	Cinnamon	Babies & baked goods	Vanilla	Fall scents	Peppermint	Lilac	None	Patchouli, coconut
Fave Sports Team	Red Wings	Detroit Tigers	Tigers, UofM Wolverines	Steelers	None	None	Michigan	Blackhawks
Hobbies	Travel, Arts & crafts	Reading, camping, chasing kids	Walking, playing cards, hanging with family and friends	Reading	Crafting	Reading, sudoku, photography	Reading	Boating, painting, reading, sunbathing, gardening
Collecting Things	None	Not really, but I do have some Willow Tree	Rocks from beaches, Petoskey stones	None	None	None	Books	None
Classroom Wish List	Listening center with books and CDs	Unifix cubes, double-sided white boards for students (blank/lined)	Chapter books (sets) for reading groups, stickers	5 stop watches, matching carpet squares	Document scanner, paint, credit on tpt. com	None	None	None

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Specials Teachers	Academic Success	Art	Music	Gym	Band Director	Principal
Teacher Name	Annie Doan	Rebecca Novak	Lissa Volz	Mr. Middleton	John Boren	Betsy Davenport
Birthday	November 11	March 7	September 16	June 28	June 17	November 9
Fave Places to Shop	Target, Meijer, Kohls, Lakeshore Learning	Target, Hobby Lobby	Target, local shops in St. Clair Co.	Cabellas, Home Depot	None	Amazon, Target, Hobby Lobby
Fave Restaurants	China Lite, BD's Mongolian Grill, Daybreak Café	Mexican, Pizza	Any	Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden	Chuck Muir Seafood Restaurant	Panera, MC Fish Co, Del Taco
Fave Snack	Chocolate covered pretzels	Pretzels	Chips (any)	Grapes	Cookies	Pistachios
Fave Cookie	Chocolate Chip	Choc chip	Chocolate Chip	Oatmeal Raisin	Choc chip	Sugar cookie
Fave Drink	Coca-cola	Ice tea	Diet Coke	Gatorade	Coke	water and white Gatorade
Fave Candy	Dove Dark Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Reeses	Snickers	Turtles	Chocolate, banana Laffy Taffy
Fave Cake	Cherry Chip with chocolate frosting	Cheesecake	Tiramisu	Chocolate (no frosting)	White	Vanilla with vanilla frosting
Fave Coffee Drink	None	Mocha	Latte	Regular Coffee	None	Cinnamon tea
Allergies	None	None	None	None	Pollen/dust	Avoid/limit dairy
Fave Color	Orange	Pink	Black, Grey, Purple	Black	Blue	Blue
Fave Flower	Tiger lily	Sunflower	Iris	Rose	Rose	Any
Fave Scent	Vanilla	Beach	Cinnamon	Coffee	Vanilla	Eucalyptus
Fave Sports Team	None	Tigers	None	Michigan!	Chicago Bears	Crusaders!
Hobbies	Drawing	Anything art	Concerts, eating out	Hunting, golf, hiking	Bowling, travel	Camping, family time, reading, travel, crafting
Collecting Things	Orange knick knacks, black cat & owl figurines	Cows	None	None	Music-related items	None
Classroom Wish List	pencils, dry erase markers, sanitizing sprays	None	None	Bowling pins & balls, orange cones	More students : -)	Ball pump for recess