



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.

February 25, 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!

Bingo

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

March is Reading Month!

Be on the lookout for "Reading Month" fun activities! Mrs. Davenport will call random "Stop, Drop and Read" times, where students will get to stop whatever they're doing and curl up with a book (be sure to carry one with you all month!). Classes will invite guest readers in. Other activities are being planned as well. We will cap the month on the 31st with "Read In Day"--a dress-in-our-comfiest clothes day, when we can bring in our favorite books and snacks, and read the day away. Reading is FUN!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **M March 8: teachers' professional development--NO SCHOOL for students**
- Tu Mar 9: PTO meets
- **W Mar 10: no East China buses home**
- All Fridays in Lent except Good Friday: 4-7pm fish fry at St Catherine activity center in Algonac

Congratulations, Vivian!

Fifth grader **Vivian Gray** participated in the **Michigan Music Association's** annual music competition over the past weekend--she competed against students her age from all over Michigan. Vivian says this was the first year it was virtual--other years they've traveled across the state to get to it--and she kind of enjoyed competing from her living room! Vivian won first place in jazz, second in classical, a "superior" evaluation, and first place "Championship" awards--wow! Congratulations, Viv!

Basketball and Cheerleading

Our boys' first game on Monday against McCormick. On Tuesday they took on Landmark. The girls' team also played against Landmark on Tuesday, and they came away with their first win! Tonight the girls play at St Mary McCormick (playing at St Edward-on-the-Lake) at 7:30pm. Next Tuesday, the girls host New Life at 6:30. Then on Thursday, the girls travel to St Augustine while the boys host IC. Each athlete is permitted to bring up to two spectators (admission will be \$5 for each).

Parents of athletes: players' families are all expected to work two admissions or concessions shifts over the course of the season. (That raises the money to pay our coaches, refs, league fees and other sports teams' expenses.) A million thanks to **Mrs. Janine Winne** who coordinates our concessions and workers! Please contact her to offer your help.

Go, Crusaders!!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Registration for 2021-2

Re-registration for the 2021-2 school year is open! A packet was sent home with your oldest "Crusader" last week, to be sure all current families have the opportunity to register before it is opened on March 7 to the general public.

To register, the 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 caused by the pandemic, we must plan to have to continue distancing, so our class sizes will continue to be limited. Therefore, it will be more important than ever that you reserve your children's spaces for the upcoming year in a timely manner.

Tuition / Service Credits For 2020-21

Just a reminder that all tuition is scheduled to be paid in full by the end of March, and service credits completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owe their final payment on April 1. All obligations must have been met to complete re-registration for the next year.

Kindergarten and First Grade "Senior Citizens"!

Celebrating the 100th day of school (which happened while we were snowed in!), our youngest students dressed up as 100-year-olds today:



(The cutest 'seniors' ever!!)

Service Credits: 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 signup 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.

Thanks to the new folks who helped in January! Starting now, **we really need your help!** 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.

...and Fish Frys

The parish's Lenten fish frys are in great need of workers. School workers (don't forget to sign in!!) earn 1 service credit for each 4 hour shift worked (a 2-hour shift earns 1/2 credit).

Work is scheduled on Wednesdays noon-2pm, Thursdays 9am-1pm; Fridays noon-9pm; and Saturdays (cleanup) 9am-noon.

There are three ways to sign up....

1. Go to

<https://signup.com/go/MvhpUvS>

and sign up directly for the shifts you want to work;

1. Contact the Knights of Columbus: gk856@mikofc.org; or
2. Call the parish office: 810.765.3568.

...and Auction 2021

Due to the pandemic, this year's Auction is being planned as a virtual event. This means that fewer service credit work shifts will be available than in the past. **Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping with an online Auction.**

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.

"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>

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>

As long as you see "Box Tops" with expiration dates on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're over half 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.

Archdiocesan Grant

Applications for 2021-22

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page.

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/2o7l8lwuacwv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

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

HC Alumni Receiving Honors at CMO

Congratulations to the following Crusaders on receiving honors for their second quarter work at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List--All As: Claire Campbell, Gemma Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Sophia Goulette, Aiden Schocker, Dresden Scott, Cole Tite and Matthew Zammit;

First Honors--Minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than A or B: Maggie Bartholomew, Ashton DeMeulenaere, James Downey, Kyle Miotke, Bryce Schocker, Ron Schulte, Scarlett Scott and Isaac Zammit. Kudos to these great young men and women!



OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 4PM-7PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Scheduling tours March 1-12, 2021



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ORDER YOUR 2020-21 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (just like 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 \$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 26**---

YEARBOOK

Time to think about a yearbook! This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long, and filled with color photographs. The price will be the same as last year: \$15 per book; we expect they'll be delivered in mid-May. You'll find an order form in this newsletter--**orders will need to be in by Friday, March 26** to be included in this year's printing.

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/>

Remember EVERY DAY...

-your **mask**;
-**your charged ChromeBook**;
-your **lunch**;
-be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
-have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
-wear **warm outer clothes** for recess.

Lenten "Virtual Retreats"

The Archdiocese of Detroit announces upcoming virtual retreats. 'Virtual Catholic Conference' is offering two free virtual retreats, one for men and one for women, in February and March.

For more info about the men's conference go to:

https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/nmc2021?r_done=1

For the women's conference, go to:
<https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021>



"Star" Assessment Update and Understanding "Star" Assessments

This year, schools in the Archdiocese changed from the "Iowa" test to one called "Star." Our students took their "baseline" tests in October. They are completing the midyear assessments this week. And we have wonderful news to report: in many classes scored so far, **100% of Holy Cross students increased their scores significantly** as compared with students in the rest of the country taking the Star assessments! This is a firm and objective indication that our curriculum is sound and our instruction effective. (Your student's results will be sent to you soon.)

There is a "Zoom" meeting scheduled on March 8 from 7-8pm for parents to learn about Star assessments, what they measure, key scores, and how to interpret their students' results. Parents will also have an opportunity to ask questions about Star. (You'll have to allow Zoom to download its instructions to your computer.)

To sign up for the meeting follow this link (if it doesn't show up as a link, COPY ALL THE BLUE characters below and paste into the URL line):

<https://renaissance.zoom.us/j/95918140544?pwd=SXhqVXJDVIRVUWVYZnExMXliW WpKQT09>
<https://renaissance.zoom.us/j/95918140544?pwd=SXhqVXJDVIRVUWVYZnExMXliW WpKQ T09>

March 2021

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| Feb 28 | | 1 March is Reading Month! | 2 Basketball-girls NLCA @ HC 6:30pm | 3 | 4 Basketball-girls HC @ St A 6; boys IC @ HC 6:30pm | 5 Stations of the Cross 2pm Fish fry 4-7pm at St Catherine activity center | 6 |
| 7 | 8 NO SCHOOL-- teachers' professional development Basketball: Land @ HC girls at 6:30, boys after | 9 PTO meets 7:30am Basketball-girls HC @ IC 6pm | 10 No East China buses home Open House 4-7pm Basketball-boys HC @ St A 6pm | 11 Basketball-girls MCA @ HC 6:30; boys St A @ HC after | 12 Nonperishable food & paper goods drive for parish pantry Stations of the Cross 2pm Fish fry 4-7pm at St Catherine activity center | 13 | |
| 14 | 15 Basketball-boys HC @ MCA 6pm | 16 | 17 Dress Down in green and white for St Patrick's Day Basketball-boys HC @ IC 6pm | 18 | 19 Stations of the Cross 2pm Fish fry 4-7pm at St Catherine activity center | 20 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Spring picture day; spring sports picture day Basketball girls IC @ HC 6:30 | 24 | 25 Basketball NLCA @ HC girls at 6:30, boys after | 26 End of third quarter Stations of the Cross 2pm Fish fry 4-7pm at St Catherine activity center | 27 | |
| 28 | 29 No East China buses this week | 30 | 31 Report cards go home "Read In" Day | Apr 1 Holy Thursday-- NO SCHOOL until April 12: Easter break | Apr 2 Good Friday | Apr 3 Holy Saturday | |