



# 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.*

**September 15, 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](http://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?**

The SCRIP office is open Fridays 7-9am and Mondays 5-6pm. You can also leave messages on the school phone or via email--[school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net).

Not quite sure how SCRIP works?--call Tammi Walker at 810-531-3458

## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

Calling all Holy Cross Families and Staff! We have quite a few HC kiddos and their parents, as well as MR. V appearing in the Sound of Music at Riverbank Theatre. Katie Ann Phelan had the brilliant idea of trying to get a group from HC to see the show together.

Date: Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$26 (with the group discount)

If interested you can contact Valerie Heath  
[ValerieVHeath@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieVHeath@gmail.com) or 586-854-3050.

## **Mark Your Calendar....**

- **Sept 16th—Special Person Day**
- **Sept 19th—No School**

## **NJHS SNACK STORE**

Starting on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, NJHS will be sponsoring the snack store! It's open between 7:15-7:30am, Mon-Fri. The prices of snacks will range from \$.25-.50. A wide variety of snacks will be available such as Cheez-its, Fruit Roll Ups, pretzels, water, Gushers, and much more!!

## **Specials Persons Day**

Special Persons Day will be hosted on September 16.

Specials Persons Day allows each student to bring in a favorite person (adult) in their life. The selected adult will meet their student at 9am Mass that day and refreshments will be served after in the activities center.

## **PTO -Walk to School Day - Oct 5th!**

Students and their adults are invited to join us for this annual school event! We will meet Wed, October 5th at 7 a.m. at Marine City Beach, begin with brief prayer, take a group picture, then walk down the street together to Holy Cross School arriving by 7:25am or so. Parents can then walk back to get their cars. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately. Any questions please contact Suzy DeVeney 810-434-3454.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Mark your calendars!! October 12th is student photo day! This includes students individual photos as well as team and sports photos.**

## **CLASS OF 2023 HOODIES**

Do you have an 8th grader who would like to celebrate their last year at Holy Cross with a personalized "Class of 2023" hoodie? If so please you can find sweatshirt details and order form on page 5 of this newsletter. You can turn your order forms into Deb Callahan if you see her or bring them to the school office and we will make sure she gets them.

## **HOLY CROSS PTO**

### **FALL DÉCOR FUNDRAISER**

Order forms went home this week for fall décor (mums, pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, etc.). Please fill out and send back to the school office. All orders must be placed by Wed., Sept 21st. If you need an order form please visit the school office. Checks can be made out to OLR. See attached flyer.

## **PTO Corner**

Interested in what PTO is up to and what events to mark on your calendars? Check out the "PTO Particulars" flyer attached to this newsletter.

## **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 admitt

### **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. Lunches will be \$2.40. If you have lunch tickets from last year, you can still use them for lunches this year.

Free & reduced cost lunches are available to families falling within certain income levels. For information and applications go to the following link:

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#)

### **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.

## **Student Athletes: Sports and Physicals**

Students who are planning to participate on any school sports teams this year (5-8th graders, girls' volleyball and cheer and boys' and girls' basketball, cross country and track) will need to have had a sports physical before starting practice. The **sports physical form** can be found at:

<http://holycrossonline.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/athletics-physical-form.pdf>

Please note that it has sections for the student's parent and doctor to fill out. Summer is a great time to get that taken care of!

## **Seventh Graders and New Crusaders:**

The Health Department assesses immunization records of all new student and all students entering 7th grade.

If your child is in either of those groups, please check with your doctor to see if his/her immunizations are up to date. Parents of students in those categories with immunization waivers will need to update their waiver: call the Health Department (810.987.5300) to

### **Spirit Wear Update**

As we enter 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.)

### **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.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross Country practices will be at 3:30 after school. Days of week TBD. Location East China Park. Practices will last one hour. If you have any children participating in Cross Country please remember to have available, running clothes, shoes and water bottle.

### **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

**Practice schedule:** The practices will be scheduled for Monday – Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30pm. There will not be practice on game days.

**Uniforms:** We are receiving new uniforms this year and expect to have them in 4 weeks. We will wear the old uniforms until then and will hand them out next week.

### **Uniforms and "The Blue Room"**

Here is the URL for the dress code: <https://holycrossonline.net/uniform/>

Is your Crusader's school wardrobe showing a little wear after daily use all last year? Has s/he outgrown everything? Before you go "back to school shopping," check out the FREE used clothing in "The Blue Room"! (Drop in any morning 8am to noon after the of-

### **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.

### **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.

### **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>

### **Chrome Books For Sale!**

We still have a few used Chrome books for sale. If you're interested, please call the school office. \$25 (cash)each (including charger). 810-765-3591

### **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.

### **"Summer Challenge"**

Students are reminded about the Holy Cross "Summer Challenge!" (You can find all the details at <http://holycrossonline.net/summer-challenge/>)

There will be a pizza party (including a dress down pass) for students who participate, as well as a number of really cool prizes that lucky participants will take home. All that--and the fun of the challenge activities!

Remember to bring in your reading sheet and workbook the first week back to school. Party details to come!

### **MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE**

Meningococcal Vaccine We are required to notify you of the availability of the meningococcal vaccine. Please contact the county Health Department or your doctor's office for more information.

# Holy Cross Lunch Menu: September 2022

Student Lunch Price \$2.40    Reduced Student Price \$0.40

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>No School</b> <sup>5</sup> 	<b>Beef Soft Shell Tacos</b> <sup>6</sup> Refried Beans Sliced Cucumbers Diced Peaches Fresh Fruit	<b>Cheeseburger</b> <sup>7</sup> Baked Fries Fresh Cauliflower Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit 	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> <sup>8</sup> w/Breadstick Baked Tots Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Pears Fresh Fruit	<b>Bosco Sticks</b> <sup>9</sup> w/Dipping Sauce Or Yogurt Fun Lunch Roasted Green Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit
<b>French Toast Sticks</b> <sup>12</sup> w/Sausage Or Corn Dog on a Stick Potato Smiles Romaine & Spinach Salad Diced Pears Fresh Fruit	<b>Walking Tacos</b> <sup>13</sup> w/Cinnamon Breadstick Or Chicken Tenders w/Cinnamon Breadstick Refried Beans Sliced Cucumbers Sweet Peaches Fresh Fruit	<b>Yogurt Fun Lunch</b> <sup>14</sup> Or Corn Dog on a Stick Caesar Salad w/Homemade Croutons Baby Carrots Fresh Grapes Chilled Pineapple <i>Treat- Rice Krispie Treat</i>	<b>Pepperoni Pizza</b> <sup>15</sup> Or Chicken Tenders w/Cinnamon Breadstick Baby Carrots Romaine & Spinach Salad Strawberry Cup Fresh Fruit	<b>Chicken Drumstick</b> <sup>16</sup> w/Biscuit Or Corn Dog on a Stick Baked Fries Fresh Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit
<sup>19</sup>	<b>Popcorn Chicken</b> <sup>20</sup> w/Dinner Roll Or Cereal Fun Lunch Baked Tots Baby Carrots Diced Pears Fresh Fruit	<b>Scrambled Eggs</b> <sup>21</sup> w/Warm Biscuit Or Hot Dog on a Bun Hash Browns Sliced Cucumbers Fresh Cantaloupe Chunks Chilled Mixed Fruit	<b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b> <sup>22</sup> w/Dinner Roll Or Cereal Fun Lunch Roasted Broccoli Romaine & Spinach Salad Sweet Peaches Fresh Fruit <i>Treat- Chocolate Pudding</i>	<b>Chicken Patty on a Bun</b> <sup>23</sup> Or Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Baby Carrots Red Grapes <i>Lucky Lunch Day</i> 
<b>French Bread Pizza</b> <sup>26</sup> Or Chicken Nuggets w/Garlic Breadstick Romaine & Spinach Salad Baby Carrots Chilled Applesauce Fresh Fruit	<b>Meat &amp; Cheese Nachos</b> <sup>27</sup> Or Bosco Sticks w/Sauce Refried Beans Cucumber Slices Roasted Cinnamon Pineapple Chunks Fresh Fruit 	<b>Chef Salad</b> <sup>28</sup> Or Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Peas Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit <i>Goldfish Crackers</i>	<b>Mini Pancakes</b> <sup>29</sup> w/Sausage Or Bosco Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Potato Smiles Cauliflower Fresh Grapes Chilled Peaches	<b>Grilled Cheese</b> <sup>30</sup> Or Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll Romaine & Spinach Salad Roasted Broccoli Fresh Strawberries Diced Pears 
<b>Questions or Comments?</b> Please contact Julie Humphrey @ 810.676.1112 or <a href="mailto:jhumphrev@ecsd.us">jhumphrev@ecsd.us</a>	 <b>Vegetarian</b>	 <b>Locally Grown</b> 	<b>NOW HIRING</b> Apply at: <a href="https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/">https://hourlyjobs.compassgroupcareers.com/</a> Search by key word: East China Schools <b>Menus Will Be Changing As We Manage the National Supply Chain Challenges</b> This institution is an equal opportunity provider.	<b>Lunch:</b> 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.

August 22, 2022

Dear Parent of a Holy Cross Eighth Grader,

I will be placing an order for "Class of 2023" hoodies for anyone interested in purchasing one. It will be the navy blue hoodie, screened Holy Cross logo on the front, last name on the back and Class of 2023 on the left sleeve. The price will be \$30.00

Please note: This sweatshirt is not "Uniform Approved" to wear daily, or to Mass. They may be worn as part of a "Gym Day Uniform", or to sporting and after school events.

I would like to place one order for these. If you would like to order, please complete the form below and leave it at the school office, along with your check, payable to "Screen and Stitch" by September 15, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact me at (810) 650-3140 or calldeb1021@gmail.com.

Thank you,  
(Gramma) Deb Callahan

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2022 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
					NO SCHOOL	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	NO SCHOOL	Volleyball @ Holy Cross - 6:30 pm	Curriculum Night 6-8pm			Volleyball @ Holy Cross -10am.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Volleyball @ Holy Cross - 6:30 pm		Volleyball @ St. Paul- 6:15 pm	Non-parishable food drive for parish. Special Persons Day!	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	NO SCHOOL			Cross Country Meet @ Columbus County Park - 6pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
	Volleyball @ Immaculate Conception - 6:30 pm Country @ Anchor Bay High School - 4:30pm	Volleyball @ Holy Cross - 6:30 pm				
02	03	04	05	06	07	08



# PTO Particulars: September 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! Welcome to the 2022/23 school year. And an especially warm welcome to our new families as well. We hope you are adjusting nicely!

Our year has started off with a bang....or a pop lol! Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> was our **Crusader Day**, a chance for families to meet their teachers, drop off supplies, pick up paperwork and take school pictures. Once all that business was complete, however, we had a blast at our **Popcorn with the Principal** event! Thank you to all the families that were able to come out and join us.

It's getting to be fall, y'all, and we have just the answer for your fall decorating needs! Our **Fall Décor Fundraiser** is happening now-an informational flier/order form should have come home with your Crusader(s) and will be attached to the school newsletter as well as in the church bulletin. We are offering gift certificates in increments of \$25 and \$50 for local **Vandenbossche Farms**. They have mums, pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, hay bales, fresh produce and more! Orders are due Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Cash or check (made out to OLR). Can't make the pick-up date or time? No worries-we will hold your gift certificates at the school office. Please call or email Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 and [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your support; PTO holds 3 fundraisers a year and proceeds from these fundraisers go to help teachers with classroom needs as well as principal initiatives for the entire school.

Looking ahead into October, we have a busy month. First up is our annual **Walk to School Day!** We have been participating in this **NATIONWIDE EVENT** for the past several years and it is such a fun, health-oriented initiative. Parents and children, please join us at the **Marine City Beach** on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am**. You can park your car there, then we will walk as a group to the school, arriving at 7:30am. Parents can then walk back to their cars. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately! Any questions? Please contact Suzy DeVeney at 810-434-3454.

Also in October is our second fundraiser of the year, the **Achatz Pie Sale**. Information will be coming home with your Crusader(s) in a few weeks. A few highlights are: they sell sweet and savory pies as well as soups, so you can prep for your holiday meals as well as those weekday meals you just don't feel like cooking! Thank you, **Deb Callahan**, for coordinating this sale for us!

October also brings Holy Cross parish's **Harvest Dinner** on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to volunteer, or even just attend the dinner. There is also a wonderful bake sale as well as a **Harvest Wagon** with fresh produce for sale. The parish does an awful lot to support our school, so let's help them in their endeavors! Contact the parish office at 810-765-3568 for details.

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-4<sup>th</sup> grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)) or if your child is in Upper Elementary (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or [csdeveney@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveney@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, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Sunni at [sunshinemariaphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshinemariaphotography@yahoo.com) 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.

Warmest Regards - Holy Cross PTO



Holy Cross PTO's  
Fall Decor Fundraiser

**It's Fall Y'all! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our [Fall Decor Fundraiser](#)! We are partnering with local **Vandenbossche Farms** to offer you a variety of items to choose from for your fall home and garden needs.**

- **Items available include:** Mums, pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, hay bales, fresh produce and more!
- **Order due date:** Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Cost:** Gift certificates in increments of \$25 or \$50
- **Order forms and payment:** Please fill out the attached order form completely. Send your payment (CASH or CHECK-MADE OUT TO OLR {Our Lady on the River}) and completed order forms to: Holy Cross Catholic School, c/o Mrs. Stacey Thimmes, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?:** Please email Becky Bryson at [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com) with your order.
- **Gift Certificates Available:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5pm at Vandenbossche Farms, 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

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

## HC Fall Décor Fundraiser

Names & Phone Numbers:

\$25 GC

\$50 GC