

CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community.

March 23, 2017

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations. You will need this to do ANY classroom or lunch-room volunteering. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help.)

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.**

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

The SCRIP order form is available now on the Holy Cross website: copy & paste this address into your browser—<http://www.holycrossonline.net/school/scríp-order-form-nov-2016/>

NEW PROCEDURE— **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** **FOR 2017-18**

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a NEW application process this year! It must be done online, and will be processed through FACTS tuition management company. Here is the URL for the 2017-18 financial aid application and directions (copy and paste into your browser):

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/new-archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-process/>

Remember: to be eligible for any other aid at Holy Cross, you MUST (if you are eligible) have first applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance. Print off your completed application because you will need to submit a copy of it with other grant and scholarship applications.

The deadline for applying for the AoD grant is very soon—April 7.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F. March 24: end of third quarter; volleyball tournament today & Saturday at Holy Cross**
- M-F, March 27-31: boater safety classes for students in grades 6-8
- **F. March 31: report cards go home**
- F. April 7: pizza lunch
- **Th. April 13: last day before Easter break**
- M. April 24: back to class after Easter break

Re-Registration Packets

...went home with your "oldest Crusader" some time ago. (Please ask your child for the big white envelope with your name on it!) You'll notice many similarities to the details of this past year, and maybe a few changes. We will be going with FACTS tuition management company this year.

Registrations that are completed, returned and accepted by the end of April will qualify for a discount in the registration fee. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to return.

Volleyball

Last Thursday our girls played St. Augustine's. On Monday, they had their last home game, against St. Mary McCormick; tonight is their last game of regular season play as they travel to IC.

The tournament begins tomorrow evening, March 24; Holy Cross will host. Parents of ANY athlete in any sports: if you haven't already spoken with her, please contact Stacy Goulette c/o school to let her know when you'll be able to help.

Holy Cross, as the #3 seed in the league, will play its first game at 5:30 tonight; if they win, they play again about 7pm. Go, Lady Crusaders!

READ IN DAY

Next Wednesday, March 29, is our "Read In" day. Students may wear comfortable clothes or pajamas, and may bring sleeping bags and books to curl up with that day. (Just remember you have to be able to carry everything you bring!) Homeroom teachers have more info.

Track Season

...will soon be upon us, with the first meet scheduled for Friday, April 28. Many thanks to Coach Sam for coaching for the past few years! However, her schedule will not accommodate this year's meet schedule (April 28 and May 5 & 16), so we are looking for a track coach. Mr. Matthew Zammit has already offered to help coach the running events.

Practices in the past few years have been several days a week, for an hour or so after school. This practice time seems to work well for most of our athletes, since they need to be able to run outdoors as often as possible.

If you are interested, please call school ASAP (810.765.3591). Thank you!

Fr. Bartone Scholarship

Applications for 2017-18 are now available at the school office.

Congratulations Kyle!!

USA Gymnastics State Championship meets are being held around the country this month and next for boys and girls at all levels. Sixth grader **Kyle Miotke** competed with Level 7s on Saturday and his overall score combining all 6 events (still rings, floor, parallel bars, horizontal bar, pommel horse and vault) was the highest score overall, making him the All-Around State Champion for Level 7! Just one competition left this season: Kyle will go on to represent Michigan at the Regionals meet in April Congratulations Michigan State Gymnastics Champion Kyle Miotke!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is scheduled for the first week of April. Students will preview books on Tue., April 4 and will be able to purchase on Wed., April 5.

In conjunction with the book fair, we are offering a Dress Down for Books day on Tuesday, the 4th. For a donation of \$1 (or more), students may dress down on that day. All money collected will go to purchase books for their classrooms (or for the library).

THRIFT SALE

The ever-popular "Thrift Sale" (to benefit the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago) is returning! The sale is scheduled for the school hallways on Saturday, April 22 (from 9am-3pm).

They're looking for treasures and baked goodies to sell! Do you have a basement full of stuff you don't need, and just don't want to bother with your own yard sale? You may drop items off at the school office any school day (between 7am-3m). (Sorry, but they can't accept clothing, shoes, or stuffed animals.) If items are large or donors need someone to pick up their things, they can contact the school office (810.765.3591) to be put in touch with someone who can help. Baked items of all sorts are being sought for the bake sale, as well.

"Students in the News"

Soccer, Scouts, geography bee, dance / music recital or other live performance—does your child have an accomplishment outside of school to share with the rest of our readers? We'd love to be able to let all of his/her friends and classmates know! Please submit to Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net with a photo, if you have one).

fish fry

OLR sponsors fish fries on all of the Fridays of lent (with the exception of Good Friday). Many thanks to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall** for chairing!

Do you need a few service credits?—shifts (10am-3pm and 4-8pm) for adult workers at the remaining fish fries are still available: call Sherrie c/o school.

A few 6th-8th grade student helpers are welcome each week—please call Sherrie ahead of time to schedule your child's shifts (please do not just drop your child off without having spoken with Sherrie first, to be sure there are not too many students already scheduled).

Bingo Concessions

...is looking for someone to help in April: all Wednesdays, of course—the 12, 19th and 26th. If you can help, please contact school or Sherrie DuVall. Thank you!

PK-K Open House / Lenten Family Night

Holy Cross PTO invites parish families to our Lenten Family Night on Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center. This event will offer family centered Lenten activities to help parents and children to grow in their faith during Lent.

Also going on that evening will be a Preschool and Kindergarten Open House. PTO is looking for a few parents and students to serve as ambassadors, help care for little ones whose parents are visiting the Open House, or help with the Family Night activities. If you can help, please contact Suzy DeVeney c/o school.

Welcome to Holy Cross!

Mrs. Lisa Kiger has joined the middle school staff to work with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Wade representing both religion and social studies as the team collaborate for the remaining weeks of this school year. Please know that Mrs. Kiger comes highly recommended from St. Mary's in St. Clair and is a certified teacher in religion. She will be a significant support for our seventh and eighth graders in both social studies and religion. Having Mrs. Kiger with us also allows us time to find a social studies major who could be with us long term. Welcome to Holy Cross, Mrs. Kiger.

Congratulations Abbey!

Abigail Guilliat (Holy Cross Class of 2013) is this year's valedictorian at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Congratulations to Abbey on her accomplishments—we are proud of you and your classmates.

Lenten Soup and Talk Series

All are invited to all or any of the gatherings in this series, moderated by Frs. Rooney and Bechill and Deacon Oldani. The series will take place on the Tuesdays in Lent, at 6:30 in the Holy Cross cafeteria.

2017/18 Bingo Service Credit schedule now available online!

Avoid the \$540 service credit fee for the 2017-18 school year. Whether you want to fulfill all 12 of your service credits or you just need a few, the 2017-18 bingo service credit schedule is up and running, and filling up quickly. If you work just 1 bingo a month you satisfy your 12 credit obligation for the school year. The 2017-18 service credit year begins in May and runs through April 2018.

"Control" and "click" to follow this link (or copy and paste this URL into your browser—and then, maybe, you'll want to bookmark it):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqIQTlcjurqrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at hcwedbingo@gmail.com.

Reserve your spots before they're all gone!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

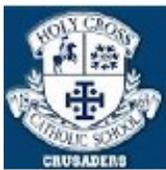
Ecumenical Lenten Services

On the Wednesdays during Lent Marine City churches will gather at 6:00 pm for a soup supper and 7:00 pm for a prayer service; this year the theme will be a reflection on the Ten Commandments.

Date and churches hosting:
March 29: St. John Church of Christ

April 5: Our Lady on the River

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Holy Cross Catholic School

Open House for Kindergarten & Pre - Kindergarten

Thursday March 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- Meet Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teachers
- Childcare available while parents talk with teachers
- One-on-one cost and tuition assistance Q&A
- Lenten Family Night – Craft stations for children of all ages.

- State Certified Teachers
- Small Class Sizes / Individual Attention
- Christian Morals & Family Focused Values
- Creative Curriculum
- Music & Movement

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For more information or to schedule a shadowing day please call 810 765-3591