



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering Academic Excellence in a Christian Community.

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A Word from The Word

Our theme this school year is "agape". Agape is one of the Greek words meaning love. Agape love is unconditional, sacrificial, and selfless. It is the highest form of love that is mentioned in the Bible.

This Greek word and variations of it are found throughout the New Testament. Agape perfectly describes the type of love that Jesus has for his Father and followers: Jesus lived out agape love by sacrificing himself for the sins of the world.

We at Holy Cross will challenge ourselves and our students this year to live as Christ and love others unconditionally on a daily basis. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless our efforts!

We would like to thank Miss Ava DeVeny for her effort this summer. Ava took it upon herself to have a lemonade stand with proceeds going to assist families with their Holy Cross tuition. God bless Ava for giving us a great example of agape.

Protecting God's Children Workshops for all volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. The workshop is scheduled to be held here at Holy Cross on Saturday, September 6 from 8:30-11:30am. To register (or to find another session that better 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 lunchroom volunteering.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

School Hours Changing in 2014-15:

Just a reminder to all school families that our **school day begins at 7:23am and ends at 2:35pm.**

Preschool remains scheduled for 8:30-11am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- NO SCHOOL tomorrow or Monday: Labor Day weekend
- Back to class on Tuesday, Sep. 2
- Tue. Sep. 2: Chartwell's begins serving lunch and East China buses begin running
- Wed. Sep. 3: first day of preschool (8:30-11am)
- Th. Sep 11: "Curriculum Night" open house: 5-7pm
- Fri. Sep. 19: "Special Persons" day

Welcome, Mrs. McNichol!

We would like to introduce Mrs. Darlene McNichol to our Holy Cross community. Mrs. McNichol comes to us from St. Thecla in Clinton Township where she taught junior high. She is a graduate of Oakland University and will be completing her Master's Degree this year. Mrs. McNichol will be teaching social studies and religion to our students in grades 5-8. We are blessed to have Mrs. McNichol join our teaching staff!

Staffing Changes

Along with Mrs. McNichol joining us, we just found out days ago that Ms. Sowders would be leaving as she accepted the offer of a teaching position in her home town. Although we'll miss her, we know that this is a great opportunity for her, and we wish her the best.

Her departure provides the chance for former first grade teacher Ms. Johnson to move up, and she will be our 5th-8th grade Language Arts teacher this year. We welcome Mrs. Ashley Gryszkiewicz back as she assumes the helm in first grade.

School Picture Retakes

As school pictures were taken on Monday (during "Crusader Day"—wasn't that fun?!), Sep. 15 will NOT be our picture day (as your copy of the school year calendar may indicate). Retakes will be scheduled in October for anyone who wasn't able to make it here on Monday.

Lunch Supervisors

We are looking for lunch aides for next year. Lunch supervision is one of the areas you may earn your service credits in: you earn two credits if you work any one week day all year (e.g. all Wednesdays). (We had a number of moms who volunteered for "lunch duty" last year simply out of the goodness of their hearts, too!) It's fun for your kids to see you at school—and you'll have an up-close opportunity to meet their friends. Please contact Stacy Goulette c/o the school office if you are interested in helping.

School Pictures

If you had photos taken on Monday and wish to order, you may send your order and payment to school **before September 5** and we'll send them on. You may also order online by going to: shop.hrimaging.com.

If you were unable to make it on Monday, we will have a retake day scheduled in October: watch the newsletter for that date.

Info Packets First Day of School

School families: if you didn't pick it up on Monday at "Crusader Day," a packet of important papers for your family went home yesterday with your oldest Crusader. It contains this year's student handbook as well as information about internet use, free and reduced school lunches, the school directory and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Please read everything over the weekend and return all the appropriate forms (completed & signed) on Tuesday. Thank you!

YEARBOOKS

We still have an extra 2013-14 yearbook—first \$15 takes it!

Mulching

Thanks to a great group of volunteers, the playground is ready for your children to play on! Joining Mr. Hayes mulching on Saturday were: **Aaron and Melanie Carlson and Lucas and Grace, Kecia Rowland and Gabe, Laura Bailey and John and Matthew, Angela Jacobs and Evan, Gabe and Josh, Betsy Davenport and Preston and Dylan, Gary Barr and Jessica and Calvin, Ken and Collen Kowalewski and Shanna and Katie, Amanda Lomasney and Emma, Gabe and Iris, Patty Smith and Lylah, Chris and Suzy DeVeney and Ava, Dominic and Leo, Jacklyn Smith, Kaylee Garrison, and Kathy and Jeff Brejnak and Daniel.** (Special thanks to Patty Smith for bringing fresh baked goodies to go along with our pizza lunch!) Many hands truly do make for light work: the job was finished in well under an hour again this year:



(and when we're done playing, we put away our toys!)

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for August were Donna Schindler of Marine City, Dennis Short of Algonac and Cheryl Koenigbauer of Florida. Congratulations!

Thank You!!

...to Kindergartner **Lylah Schaening** and her grandma, **Patty Smith** for weeding the FAB's flower beds!
...to **Calvin Barr** and **Calvin LaBelle** for helping our maintenance men set up furniture in all the classrooms last week!
...to **the SCRIP staffers** for continuing their volunteering through the summer!
...to **Mrs. Julie Isrow** for spending some of her summer days in our library updating our collection!
...to **Mrs. Isrow** again for her efforts organizing the "River Run" during Maritime Days. Fees from the Run netted nearly \$400 for the OLR pantry (and the runners brought more food donations as well)! Thanks, also to all who represented Holy Cross by helping her at the run: **Ron Riew, Wendy and Linda Miodonski, Chris DeVeney, Kari Steinmetz** and, of course, **all the Isrows!**
...to **the mulchers!**

Maritime Days "River Run"

Congratulations to the Crusaders who participated in Marine City's "River Run" on August 9th! **Alaina Laster** placed first in her age group, with **Lauren Isrow** close behind in third place. **Evan** and **Gavin Isrow** came in 4th and 6th, respectively, in their age division. **Steve Davenport** placed 4th in his division, and **Eric Isrow, Tom Winne** and **Andrea Winne** also had a great showing. We're very proud of our moms who ran with strollers: **Betsy Davenport, Laura Bailey** and **Shannon O'Conner**. Great job, all!

"Preschool Friends"

Families of preschoolers (especially those with Holy Cross School siblings): last year we were able to offer an extra hour of preschool ("Preschool Friends") from 7:30-8:30am. If enough people are interested, we'll offer the program again this year--please contact the school office if you're interested.

"Labels for Education" and "Box Tops for Education"

We save both of those snippets from packaging! Labels and Box Tops may be sent in to school, or dropped in the black collection box at the river entrance of Holy Cross church.

"Box Tops" are usually on the top of the boxes of General Mills brand items. To see a listing of eligible Labels for Education" brands, go to: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>.

Emailed Newsletters

Are you concerned about the amount of paper waste in the world? Would you prefer receiving your weekly newsletters in your email inbox, rather than on paper? Send Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net) your email address and she'll be happy to make that happen!

RINGO NEEDS YOU!

Are you still trying to schedule your 2014-15 service credits? The Wednesday KofC bingo needs workers. They are also looking for a co-chairperson to help oversee the program. Call Marge c/o school for more information!

Needed: Host Families

You have the power to make the world a little smaller! Have you ever considered hosting an exchange student? Cardinal Mooney is "home away from home" for many exchange students every year, and they're always looking for host families. A stipend of \$800 is available to host families to help with monthly expenses. Call CMC (810.765.8825) to learn more!

Service Credits for 2014-15

School families: the sign up book is in the school office—stop in to sign up for your 2014-15 credits! If you haven't signed up for your credits by September 15, we'll assume you've chosen to pay for your credits instead.

Maritime Days Parade

"We would like to thank all of those who helped out with the Maritime Days parade, especially the School Committee members and the PTO for all of your work in creating the float, purchasing the giveaways, and in lining up people to help decorate and walk in the parade. We all had a great time.

"Also we would like to thank Fr. Slaton, Ms Sowders and Ms Marisa for taking part with us as well. If you did not participate this time but would like to in the future please let someone in the office (or School Committee or PTO) know and we will keep you up to date on future events. Thanks again, the DeVenys"

Algonac Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Algonac Knights of Columbus have just created a scholarship program for Holy Cross School families; it will help two students by subsidizing \$1200 per student toward tuition. Applications are available on the school website and in the school office.

East China Bus Riders:

The Transportation Department tells us that all East China bus riders will leave Holy Cross on the same bus this year. Students who used to be picked up at Holy Cross and go directly to St. Clair will now transfer to the St Clair bus (#11E) at Marine City High/Middle School. (Please contact Transportation at 810.676.1100 for more information or clarification of routes and times.)

Please Keep in Your Prayers..

...the mom of one of our new students, who was hurt this week in a car accident.

PTO Meeting
Tuesday, Sep. 9, at 5:30pm
in the teachers' room
 You're invited!

No school tomorrow or Monday—enjoy the holiday weekend. See you bright and early Sep. 2!

Girls' Basketball

Thank you to veteran coach Mike Govier for returning this year as our girls' basketball mentor! Coach Govier will be working with fifth graders **Grace Govier-LaParl, Julia DuVall, Abbie Cullen** and **Lydia Kukawka**, sixth graders **Charlotte Fajardo** and **Sophia Goulette**, seventh graders **Jessie Barr** and **Alaina Laster** and eighth grader **Jacklyn Smith**.

The team's first game will be on Monday, September 15 at St. Augustine's: a reminder to parents that St. Augustine's home court is at the Holy Family parish center on M-19 north of Richmond. Have a great season, girls!

September

Sun	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
	No school—Labor Day	Back to class! East China buses run today	First day of preschool!		First mass of school year	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Raffle calendar winners drawn			Open house 5-7pm	Food drive for pantry	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Basketball: JV games begin at 6:30pm with Varsity following:	HC @ St A		HC @ Trin		Special Persons' Day	Pizza lunch
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	IC @ HC	No East China buses home	SMMCA @ HC			
28	29	30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3	OCT 4
	Trin @ HC		HC @ IC			

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