



# 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 Catholic community.*

**November 5, 2015**

## A Word from The Word

'For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.'  
Mark 12:44

## 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](http://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. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help registering.)

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

## got SCRIP?

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

SCRIP is partnering with PTO at their next meeting (Nov. 10) to help disseminate information about the SCRIP program. We will be on hand to explain how it works and different ways it can be used and accessed.

There are many ways you can take advantage of the SCRIP program. Of course, there is the (original) method of walking into the SCRIP office and purchasing from our on-hand supply. There are, also, other on-line methods: "reload," "reload now," "e-scrip," and "my scrip wallet," which will all be explained on Nov. 10 (and you'll be able to sign up for them that night, if you wish).

The Nov. 10 PTO meeting begins at 6pm, and SCRIP coordinator Patty Smith will stay as long as needed so that everyone with questions will be taken care of. Hope to see you there!

## Report Cards

...went home yesterday. Parents: please keep the report card and sign and return the envelope by tomorrow.

## Conferences

Attached to this newsletter is a form to request conference appointments. If you'd like to set up a conference with any of your child's teachers, please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preferred time slots and return the form by Nov. 17. (Please note that our itinerant teachers are not able to be here on call during our scheduled conferences; if you wish to speak with one of them, please mark which and how best to reach you, and we'll ask them to contact you.)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Fri. Nov. 6: pizza lunch
- **Wed. Nov. 11: grades 5-8 Veterans' Day walk**
- Fri. Nov. 13: nonperishable food drive for parish food pantry
- **Fri. Nov. 20: Thanksgiving feast**
- Tu. Nov. 24: conferences
- Nov 25-27: Thanksgiving break
- Mon. Nov. 30: back to class!

## Food Drive for Pantry

Next week is the second Friday of the month: time to refill the pantry. If you are able to, please bring a (nonperishable) food item or two for mass on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The parish's pantry is always in need of canned protein foods (ham, stew, peanut butter) and fruits—but will accept any shelf-stable item. With the holidays coming up, cookie / cake / sweet bread mixes would be a great treat. Thanks for helping to take care of our less fortunate neighbors.

## LIBRARY / ACCELERATED READER

Students are reminded to bring library and accelerated reader books every Friday!

## Boys' Basketball

Welcome to new coach **Mr. Gregg Govier** and our boys' basketball team members: fifth graders **Devin Allam** and **Joe Morelli**, seventh graders **Luke Chadra**, **Jack Maben** and **Chris Winne**, eighth graders **Christian Dahnke** and **Ethan Rogus** and OLR parishioner **Conner Allam**! Welcome back to cheer coach **Ms. Samantha Duncan** and her team: fifth grader **Rebecca Goulette**, **Taylor Marlatt**, **Lauren Rosemeck** and **Anna Winne**, sixth graders **Abbie Cullen**, **Lauren Isrow**, **Dresden Scott** and **Nicole Zawadzinski** and seventh grader **Julia Jakubowski**. The boys' first game will be on Monday, November 16, as they host St. Mary's. Their game will begin at 7:30pm.

The league has scheduled JV games before all the varsity games. That will give us extra opportunities to earn gate and concessions money to fund our sports programs. IC and St Mary's JV teams will play here before our game on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Stacy Goulette has once again agreed to coordinate concessions and admissions. Please contact her to offer your help. All athletes' parents are expected to help a few times during their child's season.

## PIZZA LUNCH

Tomorrow, Chartwell's won't be serving. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. All orders must be in the office first thing tomorrow morning.

## Spirit Wear

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Crusader t-shirts and sweatshirts. Orders and payment (checks can be made out to "OLR" or "Our Lady on the River") need to be in the school office **by next Thursday, November 12**. Items will be in on November 23 and will go home with your oldest student unless you've requested they be held. (Thank you to Mrs. Bailey and the PTO for arranging for this!)

### *Thank You!!*

...to the **Isrows** and the **Campbells** for books they donateded to the library.

### **Please Keep in your Prayers..**

...Mr. Hayes, who has been out with a back injury and nerve pain. We're praying for a speedy recovery!

### *Thanksgiving Feast*

Our annual school Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20. The feast is a long-standing Holy Cross custom: all the classes help to prepare the meal in some way, and then we all sit down together to share in the feast. It typifies the "family" aura that we are so blessed to enjoy at Holy Cross! But it does require a little planning.....

We ask that each student bring the part of the feast assigned to his class:

Preschool: 1 gallon of milk each

Kindergartners: 1 pound of butter each

1<sup>st</sup> grade: 2 boxes of stuffing mix each

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 2 big boxes of orange gelatin

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 1 apple pie & whipped cream

4<sup>th</sup> grade: 1 pumpkin pie & whipped cream

5<sup>th</sup> grade: will be making deviled eggs--Mrs. Wade will let you each know what to bring

6<sup>th</sup> grade: 2 dozen dinner rolls each

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades: cleaned and cut celery or carrots for a relish tray

(If your teacher doesn't specify the date, the food items can come to school **on Thursday, Nov. 19.**)

We will be looking for donations of turkeys (cooked at home, cut up and sent to school on the 20<sup>th</sup>—with drippings, please!): if you can help, please call school: 810.765.3591.

We will also need a few parents to help supervise and serve the meal. Mrs. Jennifer Laster will be happy to put you to work—call school to volunteer. (We're grateful to her for coordinating this for yet another year, even though her children are no longer here!!)

### **Eighth Graders Hoping to Attend a Catholic High School:**

Cardinal Mooney High School is sponsoring the required Archdiocesan High School Placement Test on Sat. Nov. 21. They are also planning a test workshop the week before, on Sat. Nov. 14. If you are thinking about attending a Catholic high school next year, you'll need to have taken the placement test. Contact CMC at 810.765.8825 for more info or to register for the workshop and test.

### **First Lego League**

A million thanks to **Mrs. Pam Dezsi** for spearheading this opportunity for our students! Thanks, also, to **Mrs. Dianne Lovett** and **Mr. Jeff Becker** for offering to help her.

All K-8 students were given letters today to take home explaining the program and letting you know what to do to get more information or to sign up.

If your student is interested in a fun, high tech challenge please contact Pam Dezsi @ [maeseelem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maeseelem@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

To help with the new Lego challenge teams.....

**WANTED: Legos, Time and Talent**

*We're looking for LEGOs. If anyone has any odd LEGO pieces they would like to donate to the Holy Cross Jr. FLL Team, it would be greatly appreciated. LEGOs can be dropped off at the school office.*

*Also seeking individuals with backgrounds in engineering, electronics and JAVA programming language to assist our FTC Robotics team with their first build. Please contact Mrs. Steinmetz or Pam Dezsi ([maeseelem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maeseelem@sbcglobal.net)) if you can volunteer for a few hours.*

### **Statements**

Bills are in the mail. Families with students in grades 5-8: your camp bill is included.

Your 7<sup>th</sup> regular tuition payment is due at the end of this month; camp bills are due in mid-January. . Please contact Mrs Steinmetz if you have any questions.

### **Student Highlights**

...for October:

**Isla Holt** and **Abigail Fahner** are two friends new to our preschool. Isla was a very shy and quiet child when she first started with us back in August. Since then, she has blossomed into an active, happy participant in our daily activities. Abigail was outgoing from the beginning, offering to interact with the other children immediately. Both girls have become friends and enjoy doing puzzles together playing with play dough, and taking part in the singing and craft activities that are offered daily. Welcome to our Holy Cross family, Abigail and Isla!

Kindergartner **Alex Ogden** has a great love for math! His favorite color is blue and he loves going on the swings at recess. Alex's favorite food is carrots and he wants to be a police officer when he grows up.

First grader **Micah Arlow's** favorite food is hot dogs. His favorite color is orange. He enjoys playing "Minecraft." When he grows up, Micah wants to be a baseball player. He is an excellent reader and he loves science. Micah is a great role model in the classroom!

**Payten Danneels** is a responsible student who loves a challenge! Her work is always neat and complete. She is a leader in small groups and a helper to all. When Payten grows up she wants to be a fashion designer. For now, she enjoys reading, computer class and gym class with Mr. O.

Third grader **Cole Campbell** is a responsible and hard working student. He enjoys playing tag at recess with all the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. His favorite subject is science and he loves when we do STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities. He works well with his partners to construct the task given. Outside of school Cole loves to swim!

**Isaac Zammit** is a hard working fourth grader! He strives to be on top and recently won our class spelling bee. He is kind and courteous to the students in our classroom. Isaac enjoys riding his bike and playing soccer. Although his season recently ended, Isaac looks forward to the spring and the start of a new season. This year he moved back to Michigan with his mom, dad, brothers and sister. Although Isaac is very happy to be back in Michigan, he misses some of his relatives in Texas.

**Nicole Zawadzinski** is new to Holy Cross this year and is in the sixth grade. She is very dedicated and works hard on her school work. She finds that being very organized helps her succeed in her classes. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys spending time with her dog, Lexi, and riding her horses, Sneaky Bunny and Sugar bear. She is a good friend to others and a pleasant girl to have in class.

Seventh grader **Charlotte Fajardo's** favorite subjects in school are ELA and science. Outside of school she enjoys horseback riding, playing tennis, listening to music and hanging out with friends. Charlotte is a joy to have in class each day.

Eighth grader **Christian Dahnke's** favorite subjects are science and math. He is very creative and enjoys building things, Christian plans to be an engineer when he gets older. Christian is a wonderful asset to Holy Cross!

## **Holy Cross Catholic School**

### Honor Roll—First Quarter

#### Kindergarten

**Perfect Attendance:** Alex Ogden, Daniel Pelz, Emma Schulte, Boyd Wilson, Xavier Zammit.

#### First Grade

**Perfect Attendance:** Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon, Vincent Finn, Gabriel Lomasney.

#### Second Grade

**Perfect Attendance:** Emma Lomasney, Amadeus Rons, Aydin Schulte, Erin Wilson.

#### Third Grade

**All As:** Brennen DeMeulenaere, Allison Kuzera, Olivia Ogden.

**Honor Roll:** Gavin Isrow.

**Perfect Attendance:** John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVerly, Conor Guyor, Gavin Isrow, Allison Kuzera, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden.

#### Fourth Grade

**All As:** Isaac Zammit.

**Honor Roll:** Gemma Downey, Sofia Neagos, Wyatt Schulte.

**Perfect Attendance:** Evan Isrow, Sofia Neagos, Wyatt Schulte, Daniel Vandenbossche, Isaac Zammit.

#### Fifth Grade

**All As:** Claire Campbell, Rebecca Goulette, Matthew Zammit.

**Honor Roll:** Devin Allam, Joe Fajardo, Lauren Rosemeck, Scarlett Scott, Anna Winne.

**Perfect Attendance:** Devin Allam, Claire Campbell, Joe Fajardo, Rebecca Goulette, Taylor Marlatt, Joe Morelli, Scarlett Scott, Matthew Zammit.

#### Sixth Grade

**Honor Roll:** Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow, Lydia Kukawka, Dresden Scott, Michael Wilkinson, Nicole Zawadzinski.

**Perfect Attendance:** Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Dresden Scott, Michael Wilkinson, Nicole Zawadzinski.

#### Seventh Grade

**All As:** Sophia Goulette, Gabriel Rowland Renaud.

**Honor Roll:** Charlotte Fajardo, Julia Jakubowski, Jack Maben, Chris Winne.

**Perfect Attendance:** Charlotte Fajardo, Sophia Goulette, Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Ronald Schulte.

#### Eighth Grade

**All As:** Jessie Barr.

**Honor Roll:** Christian Dahnke.

**Perfect Attendance:** Christian Dahnke, Ethan Rogus.



Dear Families,

November 5, 2015

This is the schedule of times for conferences. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Tuesday, Nov. 17. No spots will be guaranteed after this time. You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Friday, Nov. 20.

If you wish to speak with one of our itinerant teachers please check appropriate teacher's name, give names and your preferred method of being contacted, and the teacher(s) will contact you:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Sulecki (music 1-2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Nowak (music 3-8) student(s) name(s) parent name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Washburn (art 1-8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Sagan (media 7-8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Senora Armstrong (Spanish K-8) preferred method of contact and phone number or email address  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Oberski (PE 1-8 / computers K-6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Jondron (K music, art, PE) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday morning Nov. 24**

Time	Mrs. McNamee	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Johnson / Mrs. McNichol
8:00					
8:15					
8:30					
8:45					
9:00					
9:15					
9:30					
9:45					
10:00					
10:15					
10:30					

**Afternoon**

Time	Mrs. McNamee	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Johnson / Mrs. McNichol
12:00					
12:15					
12:30					
12:45					
1:00					
1:15					
1:30					
1:45					
2:00					
2:15					
2:30					
2:45					

**Tuesday evening**

Time	Mrs. McNamee	Mrs. Gryszkiewicz	Mrs. Rock	Mrs. DeMeulenaere	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Johnson / Mrs. McNichol
5:00					
5:15					
5:30					
5:45					
6:00					
6:15					
6:30					
6:45					
7:00					
7:15					

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Family Name**



Spirit Wear 2015



You asked  
We listened.



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Toddler T-shirts

Toddler Hooded sweatshirts

2T: _____	2T: _____
3T: _____	4T: _____
4T: _____	5/6: _____
5/6: _____	
7: _____	

YOUTH T-shirt: S (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_ M (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_ L (14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH Hooded sweatshirt: S (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_ M (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_ L (14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT T-shirts Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT Hooded sweatshirt: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ available for extra \$3/item

Prices:

T-Shirt = \$10

Hooded sweatshirt = \$2-

Personalize your shirt: add \$5

(Make checks payable to "Our Lady on the River" or "OLR.")

Orders are due November 12

Items will be delivered November 23

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_