

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.

January 14, 2016

A Word

"Now the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually." [1 Corinthians 2:14](#)

got SCRIP?

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

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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Jan. 14-16: boys' basketball tournament at IC
- Jan. 15 & 18: NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 20: end of 2nd quarter
- Jan. 22: pizza lunch
- Jan. 25-29: grades 5-8 away at camp!
- Jan. 27: report cards go home for students in grades K-4
- Jan. 27 & 28: no East China buses home
- Jan. 29: No East China buses
- Mon. Feb. 1: Vicariate fun day! Late start--8:30am, with 1:50pm dismissal=NO EAST CHINA BUSES
- Mon. Feb. 1: campers' report cards go home
- Fri. Feb. 5: "Drive In / Car Show 6-8pm

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Just a reminder to have your student dress appropriately for outdoor play. We continue to have outdoor recess as often as reasonably possible: please be sure your student has boots, snowpants, a hat, a warm coat, and warm gloves every day.

Doing Our Part

A reminder that all tuition should have been 80% paid by the end of December, with the next 10% due at the end of January Camp bills are due to be paid in full by January 18 (Tuesday, the 19th, is OK since there's no school Friday or Monday), and tuition by the end of February.

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, Jan.22, Chartwell's will not be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. For \$2.25 you get a large slice of pizza—1/8 of a large—fruit and a drink; extra slices may be ordered for \$1 each. Order slips went home with all K-8 students today. Please get your order in before Thursday so we're sure to have enough pizzas ordered!

The 7th & 8th graders will be sponsoring a bake sale that day as well, with proceeds to benefit their trip to Mackinac in May.

Catholic Schools Week

On the full-year calendar we published in August, we had expected to be celebrating Catholic Schools Week in January (so our campers could participate). Since then, with the Vicariate-wide fun day Cardinal Mooney is sponsoring on Feb. 1, we've moved the celebration to the week of Feb. 1-5. More details to come!

Boys' Basketball

Tonight are the first games of the tournament. Holy Cross's first game is against St Mary St Clair at **6pm at Immaculate Conception School** (athletes should be in the gym by 5:15). Crusader fans—come on down to cheer our boys on!

WINTER SPORTS PICTURES

The photographer will be here next Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 2-2:45pm to photograph our boys' basketball, girls' cheer and volleyball teams. (Information went home with eligible students last week.) Students: please bring your sports uniforms to change into for your photos on Wednesday (for the team photo, even if you don't plan to order pictures for yourself). Thanks!

Medications

Parents: please remember that Archdiocesan policy requires that any student medications (including cough drops) be left at the school office.

Catholic Schools Week Fun!

The principals of the Blue Water Vicariate Schools are planning a day around the theme "It's Great to be Catholic!" The festivities will take place here at the Holy Cross / CMC campus on Feb. 1 and will include arts and crafts, mass, mini-retreats, and other activities. All the schools in the Blue Water Vicariate will be coming here for the day!

Dress code for the day is school uniform pants with the T-shirt that will come just before the event. Because this is a special day, the school day will have a **late start (8:30) and dismissal at 1:50pm**, so there will be **no East China buses**—Please plan now for your student's rides to and from school on Feb. 1. (CMC says their buses will be running—riders should contact CMC for info on any schedule change.)

"PSAS" Archdiocesan Grant Applications

...are now available. One PSAS application is going home today with the oldest child in each family. To be eligible for any local scholarship money next year (such as the Bartone fund) you must have applied for the Archdiocesan grant using the PSAS form. Applications are due in early April.

Remember Drive-Ins?

In case you don't (!): ages ago, a fun family outing was a trip to the drive-in—a huge outdoor movie screen with rows of cars full of people watching the flick.

Holy Cross PTO is bringing back the drive-in, in miniature, **on Feb 5, from 6-8pm**. There will be no cost to join the fun. Students can begin today by creating their own "cars" (any theme you like!) out of big cardboard boxes. They'll be able to bring them to the Activity Center for the "Drive In" movie, popcorn & water, and judging. Design your own vehicle (dress in theme, too, if you like) and bring it to show off, see a movie, have a chance at winning prizes--and have fun!

A Morning Request.....

Just a reminder: at 7:30am, your children need to be in "student mode;" that's really difficult for them when they know you are still in the hallway. Parents—we LOVE you! But the teachers need your help in getting your children's attention for the day. With all of this in mind, we make this request of you: when the morning announcements begin, please take it as your cue to exit the building so your children can get down to the business of learning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

"Snow Days!"

...two words that bring happy smiles to students' lips! It's the time of year to start thinking about nasty weather. When the weather seems "iffy" to you in the morning, please tune in to local radio stations WPHM, WJR, WHLS or Detroit TV channel 4 or 7: **whenever East China School District closes its schools due to bad weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool will also close.**

Books Are Fun!"

The traveling book display has once again stopped at Holy Cross! "Books Are Fun" offers a nice assortment of high quality items at reasonable prices, and the school library earns a book for every ten items sold. Orders and payment need to be in the office by next Wednesday, Jan. 20; your items can go home with your oldest "Crusader" the next day (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

Snowball Dance

Students of all Blue Water Vicariate schools in grades 6-8 are invited to a dance at St. Augustine School's parish hall next Friday, Jan. 22. Those students today received info and a permission form. If you want to go, you can turn in (to our school office) the \$5 and the signed permission form by Tuesday of next week (or you can take the permission form with you and pay \$8 at the door).

CAMP

Our 5th-8th graders are gearing up for winter camp! They will be in Wolverine, Michigan from Monday through Friday, January 25-29. It's always a fun and memorable trip, and the students come back with a new sense of "family" after having lived together for that time.

Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral

This year the second graders will be attending the Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, February 4. They will represent Holy Cross, along with students from all the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and will hear Archbishop Vigneron talk about Pope Francis's 2016 "Year of Mercy." After mass, we'll stop for lunch at the New Baltimore McDonald's before returning to school.

Our contingent will leave Holy Cross at 9:00am for the 10:30 mass. Please let Mrs. Rock know by Tuesday, Jan. 19 if you are available to drive: she needs two parent drivers.

Vicariate Fun Day Staff Luncheon

CMC is looking for help feeding the 80+ staff members coming to help with the Feb. 1 fun day. The lunch will have a Mexican theme; menu items will include nachos with beef and beans, salsa, and other nacho toppings, drinks, and cookies for dessert. (They expect, also, to need to borrow crock pots or roasters to keep it all hot.) They're also looking for monetary donations toward paper products and food items that don't get donated, as well as help with serving (1am-1:30pm).

If you can help with any of these items—or need more information before you can offer—please contact Theresa Kukawka c/o school. Thanks so much!

Science Fair Display Boards

...are now available at the office: \$4 each.

Spirit Wear

There are a few extra shirts--\$10 for T-shirts, \$20 for sweatshirts—call for sizes if you're interested!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for January are Carl Szabelski of Cottrellville, Bob Zweng of East China and M.A. Soenen of Harsens Island. Congratulations!

Financial Aid for 2016-17

A reminder that a "PSAS" packet is going home with the oldest K-8 student in each family today so that you'll be ready to apply for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grant. (This year, the grant was \$800/student.)

If you are expecting to be a new Crusader family next year--perhaps new to the parish, or a preschooler moving up to Kindergarten—you may be eligible to apply, as well: pick up a packet at the school or church office (or look for it on the Archdiocese of Detroit's website).

Application forms for local assistance (e.g. the Bartone scholarship) are not yet available. We will publish notices in the newsletter when they are ready.

In the meantime, get your PSAS application in! Even if you don't receive the Archdiocesan grant, **you must have applied for it to be eligible for any other local financial aid.**

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

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

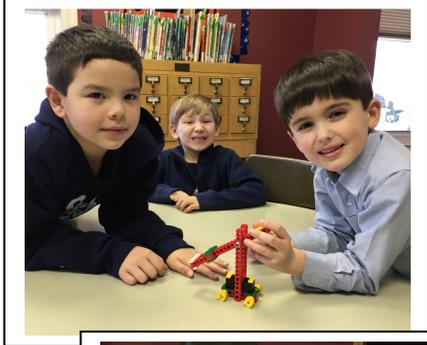
**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW
or MONDAY (teachers will
be at inservices)—enjoy the
extra-long weekend!**

Holy Cross LEGO Club Corner

Jr. FLL Team

This week, the students made catapults and shot marshmallows. They experimented moving the arms to adjust the "launches."

Thank you Michael Wilkinson and Matthew Zammit for assisting the younger students!



FLL Team

The FLL team has been working on programming their "bot" this week:



HELP WANTED

The FTC Team is in need of a 5th through 8th grade student with creativity and good writing skills to maintain their engineering journal and Outreach Board. Please see Mrs. Steinmetz if you are interested in being a member of the FTC Team.

Three parents are needed to work with our Jr. FLL students as they enter into the "structured" phase of designing and building. They will need some assistance in putting together their design and presentation boards, one parent for each team.

A parent, grandparent or any other committed adult who is willing to help our teams secure grants and donations from various companies is needed. This can be done from home and some information and contacts are available. You will need a computer and internet access. Our YTD donations to support the above teams and activities have exceeded \$3,000. To sustain this activity into the 2016-17 academic year, we need to secure additional funds for registration and incidentals. Please contact the school office if interested.



2016 BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



FREE THROW
THREE POINT
TRICK SHOT



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14
January 22 2016, 5 PM
6373 King Road, Marine City MI 48039
Free family event and everyone is invited!!!
Please register by January 17th 2016



For more information and registration details please Email rgoulette2@yahoo.com

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY FORM AND SCORE SHEET



I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Secondary school athletes should check with the school athletic director about eligibility before participating. Birth Certificate for other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.

Boys

Girls

AGE:

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14

Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Signature of Entrant

2. This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

COUNCIL NO. _____

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned [1] acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and [2] agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. The entrant may compete in only one council level competition.

Witness

Father/guardian

Date signed

Mother/guardian

SCORE SHEET

3. This Section To Be Completed By K of C Officials:

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive free throws in council competition and 25 consecutive free throws in all other levels. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

COMPETITION LEVEL	SCORING:			☒ BASKET MADE		☒ BASKET MISSED		TOTAL BASKETS MADE
COUNCIL	<input type="checkbox"/>							
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DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/>							
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REGIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/>							
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STATE	<input type="checkbox"/>							
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Dear Holy Cross Families,

Holy Cross PTO has created a Prayer Chain and Hospitality email as a support for our Holy Cross Catholic School community. Our mission with this email is for families to support each other through prayer, and when needed; hospitality. We want you to understand that by signing up to receive email prayer requests, you are not obligated to also participate in the hospitality sector of this. Most of the correspondence will be in the form of prayer requests. Occasionally, we may email a specific need for hospitality; for example – if a family has a baby, a family member in the hospital, or another circumstance in which we'd like to offer a meal(s) or other service to the family to alleviate day to day stresses.

- To be added to the Prayer Chain and Hospitality email distribution: Please email hcprayer@mail.com and simply put "Add me" as the subject. In the email, you can include your name/family's name; if you choose.
- To request prayer: Please email hcprayer@mail.com and put "Prayer Request" as the subject. Please email who you are asking prayers for and a brief reason for the prayer request. We want to be respectful of privacy and want to avoid requests becoming gossip; so while we want to know what to pray for – only minimal information and details are needed. Prayer requests may be edited to protect a family's privacy.

As always, PTO thanks you for your support and welcomes your feedback and suggestions!

Sincerely,

Holy Cross PTO

Holy Cross Catholic School's
Prayer Chain and Hospitality Email:

hcprayer@mail.com