

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.

February 11, 2016

"Hello!" from Dr. Wagner

Monday, Feb 8th, was my first day as principal here at Holy Cross Elementary. Already I am impressed by the welcoming culture here at HC. The children entered school with excitement, hospitality, and joy. As I walked through the building, I was so thrilled at the focus I saw of the students on their work and the teachers' enthusiasm and caring concern for each individual youngster. I know I am definitely in the right place at Holy Cross. The sense of joy everyone shares in this school is evident on every face. The respect and kindness shared between the students and their teachers and other staff and visiting parents stands out as clearly voicing the love of Jesus and the deepest Christ-like values of caring for others. I trust that our community must know that Holy Cross Elementary School is very special. Students come to this school to learn and show their interest with their love and focus on learning more. Thank you to the teachers, staff, Fr. Rooney, the parents, and the great students for the warm welcome and for sharing the joy in your smiles.

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.

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **Feb. 12-15: midwinter break—no school**
- Feb. 16: back to class—NO EAST CHINA BUSES today
- **Sat. Feb. 20: Academic Olympics at St. Augustine School in Richmond**
- Wed. Feb 24: parents' presentation of Cyber Safety Initiative 7-8pm
- **Thurs. Feb. 25: student presentations of Cyber Safety Initiative during school day**
- Th. Feb. 25: "Jump Rope for Hearts" during PE classes
- **Fri. Feb. 26: "buddy lunch"**
- Sun. March 6: Open House with CMC 1-3pm

Drive-In / Car Show

At least 23 Holy Cross students and their sibs and parents can tell you how fun this was! Their cars must have been fun to make (some look so real I wonder about what kind of mileage they get!):



Volleyball

Hooray! The team won their first game (on Monday) at St Mary McCormick! Their next game is at home on Wednesday, Feb. 17 (**6:00pm**); they play again at St Mary St Clair on Feb 18. Go, Lady Crusaders!

PTO's Ice Cream Social

Last Friday, the PTO delivered ice cream sundaes to everyone. It was a delicious end to Catholic Schools Week, as these young ladies will tell you:



Thank you, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Goulette and everyone in the PTO!

Doing Our Part

A reminder that all tuition should have been 90% paid by the end of January. All tuition is due to be paid in full by the end of February.



Cars and their owner-creators enjoyed "Herbie" and popcorn.



Cars for girls--
Cars for hams!

Auction 2016

The February 29th deadline is rapidly approaching for our Holy Cross School families' auction donations. Each family is expected to donate an item or "basket" valued at \$80 or make a cash donation of \$60.

The theme for our 2016 Auction is "Pure Michigan" and the committee is asking for your donations to have a Michigan theme. Themed baskets/items will be auctioned in a Chinese raffle. The family with the basket receiving the most tickets will win a \$100 gift card. To register your basket, contact Pam Dezsi at maeseelem@sbcglobal.net.

For families who elect to make a cash contribution, you may do so using SCRIP from any of the following merchants: Walmart/Sam's Club, Meijer, Home Depot, Lowes, TJ Maxx.

"PSAS" Archdiocesan Grant Applications

...are now available. (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. (It's available on the Archdiocese's website, too: go to <http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/private-school-aid/>)

Applications are due in early April. (Our Archdiocese contact tells us that if your application is denied you may appeal.)

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, as well: pick up a packet at the school or church office (or look for it on the Archdiocese of Detroit's website).

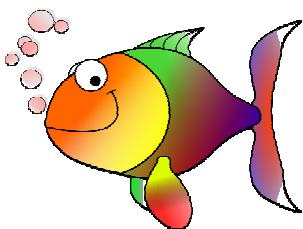
Application forms for local assistance (e.g. the Bartone scholarship) are not yet available. We will publish notices in the newsletter when they are ready.

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.

Lenten Fish Frys

...will be held on the Fridays of Lent (beginning next week) at St. Catherine Activity Center, Algonac. Thank you to Sherrie DuVall for chairing! Sherrie can't do it all by herself, however—please contact her (c/o school) to offer your help (for service credits, or just because you're awesome!). Shifts needing workers will be Thursdays (for prep) beginning at 10am and Fridays between 10am and 7pm.

Dinner will be served from 4-7pm on all of the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday—so even if you're not earning your service credits there, stop in for a great meal. Adults \$10 (\$9 for take-out), \$6 for children 7-12 (under 6: free).



Box Tops Contest!

The PTO is sponsoring a "Box Tops / Campbell labels" contest. Until **Feb. 19**, bring in all your "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education" and put them in your class's container. The winning class will get the traveling trophy and bragging rights (as well as dress down passes). Save those labels!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for February are: the Guyors of East China, Carolyn Rowland of East China and John Arnold of Marysville: congratulations, all!

Science Fair Display Boards

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

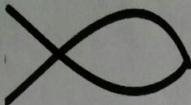
On Emailing / Texting / Phoning

Your Child's Teacher

We love having parents who are active in their children's education! Teachers are eager to know your concerns, too. However, during the school day, teachers are busy teaching, and more often than not they can't take an email (or text or phone call) during those hours.

If you have a concern that can wait for a reply, feel free to send that email, and your child's teacher will respond when she can. If, however, you have an important message that can't wait 'til the teacher is free, please contact the school office to deliver your message so you'll know the teacher has received it.

Our Lady on the River Parish
presents

**2016 Lenten
All You Can Eat Fish Fry**

Baked & Fried
C O D



Fridays of Lent

February 12, 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18

4:00 pm. - 7:00 pm.

Adults \$10 • Children \$6 (7-12 yrs.)
Carry outs available for \$9.00

Benefits to Our Lady on the River Parish & Holy Cross School

Location
St. Catherine Activity Center
1103 Washington Street / Algonac, MI 48001
For more information call...
810-765-3568

Holy Cross LEGO Club Corner

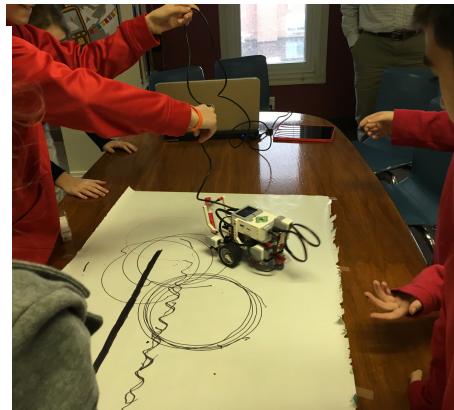
FLL Team

Another fun day at FLL. Today's challenge was yet another missing cable! That didn't hamper our productivity. We used one of the EV3 robots and the team learned how to use light intensity to get the bot to follow a line. It did not work the first or second time. Somewhere along the way they experienced success. Following success came fun; like taping a marker to the front of the bot and "drawing" pictures!

Once the bot began doing what our programmers wanted, they started having some fun watching it follow a line as well as a circle. Good day for our young team.



As our season wraps up I would love to have some sort of recognition event for these teams. I need a parent to coordinate a get together for the students and families--perhaps a pizza party or even a simple potluck with hotdogs or chicken. If you are interested in helping to make this happen, please contact Pam Dezsi or Kari Steinmetz.



HELP WANTED

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

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

https://www.facebook.com/holycr_oscatholicmc/

Spirit Wear

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

An Evening of Fiddling Fun



Entertainment by the School for Strings Fiddle Club.

In A Fundraising Concert

Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 pm



Come Enjoy This Toe-Tapping Musical Night Out for the whole family!

Refreshments provided afterwards in the Church Basement Where You Can Meet These Talented Young Performers.

Cost: Free Will Offering/ Donations At The Door

Funds Raised Will Be Used to Send These Talented Young Musicians To The 2016 Stirling Bridge International Youth Music Festival, Stirling, Scotland

St Mary's Catholic Church
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