



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 18, 2016

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...

- **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

Volleyball

Last night the girls took on Trinity; they play again at St Mary St Clair tonight. Next week's games: On Monday, Feb. 22, they travel to Trinity; the next day takes them to St Peter's; on Wed., the 24th, they host St. Augustine; and on Thursday, Feb. 25, the team will go to IC. A very busy week!!

Cyber Safety Initiative

On Thursday of next week, a team member from the Michigan Attorney General's office (who just happens to be one of our moms!) will be visiting our classes to present the AG's "Cyber Safety Initiative" program. Information about the program is going home with all students in grades K-8 today. Please ask your children for it; the information includes an opt-out form for you to sign and return if you do NOT want your child to participate.

The evening before, a one-hour seminar for adults will be held in school. This would be a great opportunity to look over the handouts and learn more about cyber safety: the **seminar will begin at 7pm next Wed. Feb. 24.**

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.**

Spirit Wear

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

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 contact at the Archdiocese encourages anyone who is denied to appeal that decision!)

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 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).



Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

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

Science Fair Display Boards

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

Box Tops Contest!

The contest continues through today. The winning class—which earns the traveling trophy and bragging rights, as well as dress down passes—will be announced next week.

Science Fair

Our Science Fair will be held during the Open House on March 6. A science fair project is required for students in grades 5-8 and they will receive grades for their projects. Completed projects should be brought to school first thing in the morning on Wednesday, March 2.

Open House

The Open House is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, from 1-3pm. If you have any friends considering Holy Cross, let them know about this opportunity to see the place, meet the teachers, and get to know us!

Representatives from the School Committee will be available to meet one-on-one with visitors to talk to them from the parents' perspective, and to explain support available for parents with children at Holy Cross.

We encourage our current students' parents to consider contacting their friends with children who attend catechism at Holy Cross. By making a one-on-one contact with another parent, you might be able to give a more personal perspective on the values of a Catholic education. Maybe you could suggest meeting for Sunday mass together and going for coffee afterward. Maybe you would be able to accompany the catechism FRIEND to come with that parent to our Open House!

We're pleased to announce, also, that our Lego Leaguers will be putting together demonstrations for the occasion (so we'll all have a chance to see their 'bots in action!). Thank you to Ms. Dezsi and her weekly helpers. We're hoping a few Lego League members will be available to come to the Open House to help showcase what they've learned and made this year.

Outreach to Senior Citizens in our Community

We would like to offer our students (especially in grades five-through-eight) the opportunity to become a "tech support friend" to a local senior citizen, possibly meeting their "senior" either here at Holy Cross or at the Senior Center. Often our youngsters are more familiar with newer technology like iPads, the Internet, and FaceTime and iTunes than are our seniors. If you would want to encourage your son or daughter to consider volunteering to be a "tech support" helper for a senior citizen, please let me know!

Congratulations!

...to these HC alumni currently at Cardinal Mooney and winning 2nd quarter honors:

Principal's List (all As): Calista Chaltron, Abbey Guiliat, Annemarie Heitz, Shanna Kowalewski, Luke Schulte and Beki Schultz.

First Honors—minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than B: Rick Goulette, Brandon Kireta, Hannah Lee, Brooke Pfeiffer, Anna Tomlanovich and Lilly Wolf.

Second Honors—all Bs with 2 or fewer As: Caitlin Downey and Thomi Tomlanovich.

We're proud of each of you!!

Academic Olympics

...is this Saturday at St. Augustine School in Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 have already signed up to compete in Forensics, Problem Solving, Math and Religion Quiz Bowl. Thanks to their teachers for mentoring them in preparation for their contests! Competitors: please plan to arrive about 30 minutes before your first scheduled event.

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



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2016 Lenten

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

Baked
& Fried

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Potatoes Baked or Fries
Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw, Veggies,
Rolls, Dessert
& Beverages

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 FTC Team



Here is the FTC Team installing the electronic components and wiring their robot. They exhibited excellent communication and collaborative skills as well as the ability to work as a 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.

Schwan's Cares ~ Fundraiser Holy Cross 8th Grade Trip

Schwan's makes it easy for you to help us reach our fundraising goal

Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order over 350 delicious foods, flash frozen, delivered to your door. When you order by March 16th 20% of product and 40% of eGift Card sales will go to our organization. You can support us in two ways:

Order Online

1. Visit www.schwans-cares.com/c/26200
2. Click "Shop to Give"
3. Select team member, if applicable
4. Start shopping!

Order By Phone

Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID 26200 and Team Member ID, if applicable.

All Proceeds will go toward 8th Grade Trip
Sponsored by Holy Cross PTO

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

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
415 N. 6th St., St Clair, MI 48079



Mom to Mom



Vendors Welcome Limited Space

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:30 AM until 1:00 PM

Location: **Holy Cross Catholic School**
618 South Water Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Information or Registration

Contact: Lisa Schulte 586-615-9269 or email theocracyII@hotmail.com



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SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016

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