

# 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 26, 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](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)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Fri. Feb. 26: "buddy lunch"
- Mon. March 1: field trip grades 5-8
- Sun. March 6: Open House with CMC 1-3pm
- Tu. March 8: PTO meets 6pm
- Fri. March 11: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry
- Sunday March 13: change your clocks!
- Wed. March 16: end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter!
- Th. March 17: "read in" day and pizza lunch
- March 18-19: volleyball tournament
- Wed. March 23: report cards go home
- Th. March 24: last day of school before Easter break.

## 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 next week--by the end of February.**

## Cyber Safety Presentations

...are being rescheduled. We will let you know the new dates as soon as they've been determined.

## ROX TOPS CONTEST

The sixth grade class won the traveling trophy and bragging rights, as well as dress down passes: congratulations!!!

## Academic Olympics

Holy Cross was well represented in Richmond on Saturday! Thank you to all the students who showed up—and to their folks, who got them there.

In the Forensics competitions: 5<sup>th</sup> grader **Rebecca Goulette** took home a second place ribbon; **Claire Campbell** and **Lauren Rosemeck** each earned a 4<sup>th</sup> place. 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Michael Wilkinson** came in first place, **Abbie Cullen** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and **Nicole Zawadzinski** and **Lydia Kukawka** both came in 4<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> grader **Charlotte Fajardo** won second place, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Jessie Barr**, third.

In Problem Solving: our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team of **Devin Allam**, **Claire Campbell**, **Lauren Rosemeck**, **Rebecca Goulette** and **Jacob Vercammen** came in third place. 6<sup>th</sup> graders **Nicole Zawadzinski**, **Lydia Kukawka** and **Michael Wilkinson** also took third. The 7<sup>th</sup> grader team of **Sophia Goulette**, **Charlotte Fajardo** and **Julia Jakubowski** won second place.

In Religion: 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Michael Wilkinson**, 7<sup>th</sup> grader **Julia Jakubowski** and 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Jessie Barr** all came in first place!

We're proud of all of these students, and everyone who spent their Saturday morning exercising their brains!

Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for coaching in their respective fields. Many thanks, too, to **Fr. Rooney**, **Mrs. Dianne Lovett** and **Mr. Jim Bier** (Mrs. McNamee's dad) for serving as problem solving judges!

## Congratulations!

...to 3<sup>rd</sup> grader **Brennen DeMeulenaere** for winning second place in McLaren Port Huron Hospital's recent bike safety t-shirt design contest! Brennen's design earned him a bike helmet--way to go!

## Spirit Wear

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

## Volleyball

On Monday, the girls went to Trinity; Tuesday, to St Peter's; Wednesday & Thursday evening's games against St. Augustine & IC were canceled and will need to be rescheduled. Next week—home games: on Monday against St Mary St Clair, and on Saturday (March 5) against St Peter. Come on out to cheer our girls on!

Holy Cross hosts the league's volleyball tournament every year. This year, it's scheduled for March 18&19. Many thanks to Stacy Goulette for keeping our concession stand filled and manned all year! But she'll need help during the two days of the tournament. As this is the only tournament we host (and the money we earn helps pay all our sports teams' bills), all athletes' families are asked to help out at some point. Please call Stacy to offer your help.

## 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. **School families who have not made their donation by Monday, Feb. 29 will have the \$80 charge added to their service credit statement.**

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](mailto: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/>

## **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. Dezzi and her weekly helpers. Lego League members will be available to come to the Open House to help showcase what they've learned and made this year.

## **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 next Wednesday, March 2.

## **“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, March 2; your items can go home with your oldest “Crusader” the next day (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

## **“Snow Day!”**

Just a reminder that if East China School District closes its schools for inclement weather, Holy Cross will also be closed. (Cardinal Mooney closes entirely on its own, and their closings will not affect Holy Cross's being open or closed.)

## **Science Fair Display Boards**

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



## **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](mailto:theocracyII@hotmail.com)

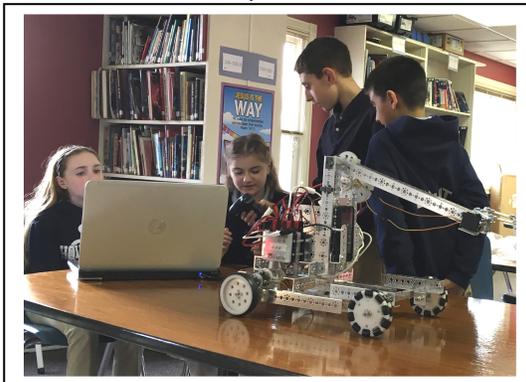


## Holy Cross LEGO Club Corner FTC Team

Our journey began on November 25, 2015 when a team of four 5th and 6th graders opened a box of TETRIX robotic parts. On Tuesday, February 24, the FTC team met and finished up the wiring on the bot they call "Timmy". They found several "misses" in the initial build and corrected same. Once the wiring and repairs were complete, the team powered up their creation. All was not well, the arm went wild:



This was the point where any loose bolts or connections were quickly identified. More repairs:



Then driving lessons...

**SUCCESS!**



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.

### 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](http://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](http://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

*Our Lady on the River Parish*

presents



**2016 Lenten**

**All You Can Eat Fish Fry**

Baked  
& Fried  
**C O D**



Potatoes Baked or Fr  
Macaroni & Chees  
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 ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

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**M i c h i g a n**

Event at Holy Cross School Gymnasium

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016

Entertainment All Evening!

Open Bar-Achatz Dinner- Live & Silent Auctions- Chinese Raffle & More

Tickets \$35.00 a person/ \$60.00 a couple

Call for reservations today 810-765-3591

Bring your family and friends: it's a great Mother's Day Treat!

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## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>FEB 29</b> Volleyball: SM @ HC	<b>1</b> Field trip (grades 5-8)	<b>2</b> No pm East China buses Reading Trivia		<b>4</b> Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry at St. Catherine 4- 7pm	<b>5</b> Volleyball: St P @ HC 10am
<b>6</b> Open House with CMC 1- 3pm	<b>7</b> HC @ St A	<b>8</b> PTO meets 6pm	<b>9</b> Reading Trivia	<b>10</b> SMMCA @ HC	<b>11</b> Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time (*spring ahead!*)	<b>14</b> Calendar raffle winners drawn IC @ HC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> End of third quarter Reading Trivia	<b>17</b> Read in day Pizza lunch	<b>18</b> Stations of the cross 2pm Fish fry Volley tourna- ment begins (at Holy Cross)	<b>19</b> Volleyball tournament concludes at Holy Cross
<b>20</b> Palm Sunday	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> "Silent Witness"	<b>23</b> Report cards go home Reading Trivia	<b>24</b> Holy Thursday—last day of class before Easter	<b>25</b> Good Friday— no school 'til Monday, April 4	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Praying for all the blessings of the Easter season for you and your family	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b> Back to class on Monday, April 4	<b>APRIL 2</b>