

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.

March 10, 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...

- **Fri. March 11: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry**
- Sunday March 13: change your clocks!
- **Mon. March 14: visit from Senator Phil Pavlov**
- Wed. March 16: end of 3rd 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
- **Mon. April 4: back to class!**
- Apr 4-8: no East China buses

Registration for 2016-17

Your family's re-registration packet went home with your oldest "Crusader" last week. (The service credit sign-up book for 2016-17 is also ready.) Please send your registration paperwork in as soon as possible so we know your plans for next year—thank you!

Open House & Science Fair

The school looked as bright and welcoming as our student ambassadors were! Thank you to everyone who cleaned, buffed, polished, decorated and made our rooms look so inviting for our Open House guests.

Special thanks to our student ambassadors, who did a great job of welcoming and touring with our guests: **Rebecca Goulette, Sophia Goulette, Allison Kuzera, Payten Danneels, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Lauren Rosemeck, Julia Jakubowski, Jack Maben, Michael Wilkinson, Abbie Cullen, Claire Campbell, Luke Chadra, Aydin Schulte and Ethan Rogus.**

Volleyball

Calling all Crusader fans! We have lots of games this week: on Saturday we played St Peter Lutheran; on Monday, St Augustine away and on Tuesday, St. Augustine at home; tonight we play St. Mary McCormick; the game that was canceled on March 1 was rescheduled to tomorrow evening, at IC; and there's one last home game next Monday.

Holy Cross hosts the league's volleyball tournament every year. This year, it is scheduled for March 18&19: next weekend! A million thanks to Stacy Goulette for keeping our concession stand filled and manned all year! But she will 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 (**c/o school**) to offer your help.

Food Drive

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for the monthly food drive for the parish's food pantry. The pantry is always in need of nonperishable protein foods (tuna, peanut butter, canned ham, stews,...) and fruits. Breakfast items are also often in short supply. If you can bring an item or two tomorrow to help out our needy neighbors it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

End of Third Quarter

...is next Wednesday, March 16! Report cards will go home on March 23.

Visit from Senator Phil Pavlov

State Senator Phil Pavlov will be visiting Holy Cross next Monday! He will read to our students at noon in the library. We're looking forward to meeting one of our elected officials and learning a bit about our government!

Yearbook

A reminder to get your yearbook order in: the books will be \$15 each (cash or check payable to "OLR"), and orders will need to be turned in before Easter break. You will find an order form elsewhere in this newsletter.

"Read In" Day

Next Thursday (March 17) is our annual "Read In" day. Students will be allowed to wear sweats, pajamas (appropriate, please) or other "dress down" wear and lounge about in sleeping bags for most of the day, enjoying their favorite books. Students may bring pillows and sleeping bags to cozy up in—they just need to be able to carry their own things.

Pizza Lunch

...next Thursday, March 17, on "Read In" day. Chartwell's won't be here that day. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Order slips were given to all K-8 students today. For \$2.25 you'll get a large (1/8 of a large pizza) slice of pizza with fruit and salad and a drink; extra slices can be ordered for \$1 each. Please return your orders ASAP so we're sure to get enough pizza! (As always, if you call your student in sick on a "special lunch" day, his order will be pulled and your money returned.)

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

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

Financial Aid Applications for 2016-17

...are now available. (To be eligible for any local scholarship money next year--such as from the Bartone fund--you must have applied for the Archdiocesan grant using the PSAS form. (It is available on the Archdiocese's website: 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, 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).

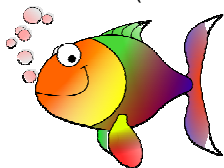
Application forms for local assistance (the Bartone scholarship) are also available. If you received a Bartone grant this year, an application was included in your re-registration packet.

Please submit your PSAS application ASAP! 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 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 are 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).



Spirit Wear

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

WANTED: YOUNG ACTORS

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a casting call out for children 8-12 years old of African or Indian descent to act in a Catholic children's series. More info below:

Casting Notice
ETHNIC DIVERSE
of African and Indian Decent
CHILDREN AGES 8-12
NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC VIDEO SERIES



Video Production
"HIS DESIGNS"
10 Extraordinary Stories about
Venerable Solanus Casey
produced by SWC Films for the
Solanus Casey Center, Detroit, Michigan

Auditions by Appointment
March 12 & 13, 2016

Production
April 4-8, 2016

For More Information:
www.SWCFilms.com/HisDesigns/
stan@stanwilliams.com
248-344-4423



Cyber Safety Initiative

We have rescheduled both the adult and student sessions as our original date was snowed out. The adult presentation will be on Wednesday, April 20 and the student sessions at school on Thursday, April 21. More details next month.

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

One man's trash is another's treasure: the 7th and 8th graders aim to help both! They are planning an indoor yard sale on Saturday, April 2 from 9am-3pm in the school building. Proceeds will help them pay for their trip to Mackinaw in May.

Have you begun your spring cleaning and don't know what to do with all the stuff you forgot you had?—call school (810.765.3591) and we'll help you get rid of it! The students are looking for donations of just about anything (EXCEPT clothing & shoes; and we just don't have room for large items like furniture). They may even be able to help get the stuff here: call if you need their help.

Do yard sales and swap meets make your heart thrill? Do you circle the block in the summer so you can read the addresses on the signs at major street intersections? Come to Holy Cross on April 2 to kick off your 2016 yard saling season!

Holy Cross LEGO Club Corner

Our FTC team visited SMR Automotive this week. Our first stop was the facility Conference Room. Students enjoyed a presentation on the types of robots used at SMR plus some of the other types of automation used at the plant. They must have imagined they were meeting their robot, "Timmy's" really big brother, as they watched one of SMR's robots ("Baxter") in action:

The teams are just about finished with their meetings, and will gather to wrap up the year with a potluck dinner on April 12. Congratulations to all Lego League members and leaders on an awesome inaugural year!!!

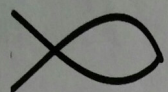


HELP WANTED

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.

Our Lady on the River Parish

presents



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



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



HOLY CROSS ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

PURE MICHIGAN



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!

WE WILL BE AUCTIONING MICHIGAN PRODUCTS!



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook is currently being put together! (If you have any amazing photos you'd like to submit, we're always looking for more—please send to Mrs. Steinmetz!) We expect the completed books to arrive in mid-May.

If you'd like to order a yearbook (or more than one book), please return this form with \$15 per book ordered **BEFORE March 24** (checks can be made out to "OLR"). Books will be sent home with your children when they arrive, unless you specify otherwise below.

Our family wants to order _____ yearbooks: enclosed is \$15/book = \$_____ total.

Please send (it/them) home with _____

Family name _____

--Order and payment are due before Easter break begins--