



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 3, 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)

The SCRIP office will be open during Sunday's open house!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **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 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!

Registration for 2016-17

Your family's re-registration packet will go home with your oldest "Crusader" by Friday! (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!

"Be My Guest"

Holy Cross School's parents are encouraged to identify a friend or neighbor who might be sending a child to a public school and to catechism at Holy Cross. Dr. Wagner would like to ask our Holy Cross parents if they could invite one other family to "Be Your Guest," and accompany this guest to our Open House in order to welcome them with your positive insights to a visit of our school on March 6th between 1:00 and 3:00. If you could be this friend's contact for sharing your values and beliefs about Catholic education, this might be a blessing for your friend and might lead to another student enrolled at Holy Cross School.

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 visit our school, 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 their parent to our Open House!

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

Science Fair!

Our 5th-8th graders' projects line the school hallways (and will stay there during the Open House): come and take a look at our future scientists' work!

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...Dresden (6th grade) and Scarlett (5th) Scott and their family on the recent death of their Grandpa.

Volleyball

On Monday, the girls hosted St Mary St Clair and earned a victory! On Saturday (March 5) St Peter visits, and on Tuesday, March 8, St. Augustine will come to play the game that was snowed out. (The HC @ IC game March 1 was canceled due to the weather and will need to be rescheduled.) Come on out to cheer our girls on!

Holy Cross hosts the league's volleyball tournament every year. This year, it is scheduled for March 18&19. Many 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.

Spirit Wear

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

Yearbook

This year's memory book is being built, and is expected to be delivered by mid-May. 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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

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

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, 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 (the Bartone scholarship) are also available. If you received a Bartone grant this year, an application is 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.**

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

Student Highlights

...for February:

Charlotte Arpan and **Layla Reichle** are both new to our preschool this year. These two girls enjoy doing arts and crafts, working puzzles and playing in the "housekeeping" area. Charlotte and Layla are working very hard at learning to write their names. When the class goes to the gym, Charlotte likes running laps and playing with the basketballs; playing tag and "Duck, Duck, Goose" are two activities that Layla enjoys. Both of these girls are happy, friendly individuals who add to the energetic atmosphere of the preschool room.

Boyd Wilson's favorite thing about Kindergarten is computer class. His favorite color is orange and he enjoys playing Star Wars with his friends. Boyd wants to be a "computer fixer" when he grows up. **Isabella Deering's** favorite thing about school is playing with her friends! Her favorite color is pink and she enjoys playing blocks with her friends at school. Isabella wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

First grader **Owen Isrow's** favorite food is cake! His favorite color is blue. He enjoys doing math homework. When he grows up, he wants to be a vet. Owen is a very helpful student, and he is always standing up for what is right. Owen loves dogs, especially his dogs Cooper and Yukon.

Lylah Schaening tries hard to be a good friend to everyone! She loves to help out and share what she knows with her second grade classmates. In her free time, Lylah enjoys playing with her new puppy, Copper. When Lylah grows up, she wants to be a rock star and a farmer.

Nathan Vercammen has a heart of gold. He is the type of friend who will give his snack to you, if he hears you forgot one at home. He is a friend to everyone! He really enjoys playing baseball in his free time. Nathan is a wonderful example for his younger brother, who he walks to class each and every day. He is also the same child who volunteers to help in his third grade classroom after school. You can find him stuffing mailboxes and watering our bean plants. Nate is a wonderful example of a peace builder! **Skye Moss** is a talented dancer and singer! She is a new student at Holy Cross this year and truly loves school. Skye enjoys cursive writing and reading. Skye is extremely helpful in the classroom. She is always willing to help me out, or help out a friend. Very soon, Skye will make her

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I am glad Skye is part of our family at Holy Cross!

Fourth grader **Daniel Vandebossche** was born with a green thumb! He truly is taking the lead of his family business. He has been extremely helpful in caring for our soybean plants. He has a special assignment of taking care of them during spring break! Daniel is the type of child who will leave me thoughtful notes or cards. He loves to smile and play. In his free time, Daniel enjoys karate class, riding on his family's tractors, and building with Legos.

Fifth grader **Scarlett Scott** is a very quiet and intuitive young lady. She prefers to observe what's happening and thinks through her options before acting. Scarlett has a true Christian attitude and always tries to do her best.

Ava Isrow is a nature lover who, when not in school, enjoys walking in the woods or riding her 4-wheeler. In addition, she leases a horse named Lance, competes in English riding, and participates in 4H. With her family, Ava helps raise chickens and foster care puppies. Her favorite subject is science, and she plans to someday become a veterinarian. Ava is a conscientious friend who cares about others, and she is a joy to have in our sixth grade.

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 (586.531.6270) 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).



Holy Cross LEGO Club Corner

All three of our LEGO League teams will be here Sunday at our Open House. Our Junior team will display their recycling project which includes a simple machine and a motorized component.

The 3rd and 4th grade teams will be demonstrating their EV3 robots as well as their programming skills.

Our FTC Team has finally got their robot up and running. You are invited to come and meet "Timmy". If you are lucky they might even let you take control.

The FTC Team is looking forward to a couple of off site learning opportunities. On March 8, they will be touring the SMR Automotive facility in Marysville to learn more about the robots used in production and we are finalizing our plans to go to Selfridge ANGB to check out the robots the military uses.

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.



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



Our Lady on the River Parish

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2016 Lenten

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

Baked
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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

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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

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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 one (or more), please return this form with \$15 per book ordered (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--