

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.

May 5, 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) 810.434.9557
Kelly Glowski(Algonac)810.499.7844

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **M&Tu May 9&10: 7th & 8th graders' trip**
- Tu May 10: PTO meets 6pm
- **Th May 12: no East China buses**
- F May 13: food drive for pantry
- **S. May 14: 2nd track meet**
- Sun. May 15: Holy Cross Alumni Association annual brunch (@MC KofC Hall after 9:30mass at HC)
- **S May 21: last track meet**
- Tu May 24: talent show
- **Th. May 26: field day**
- May 27-30: no school—Memorial Day weekend
- **Tu May 31: back to class**
- W June 1: last day for PK & K / 8th grade graduation 9am at mass
- **F June 3: last day for students in grades 1-7: report cards, honors assembly 1pm in gym**

Registration for 2016-17

Please send your registration paperwork in as soon as possible so we know your plans for next year—thank you!

Thank You!!

...from our staff to our wonderful PTO board and members for providing a delicious "Teacher Appreciation Week" lunch on Tuesday!

...from all of us to our wonderful PTO, again, for the "Welcome Dr. Wagner" picnic lunch they planned and provided yesterday!

...to **Mrs. Betsy Davenport** for school bulletin board items she donated!

First Communion

Congratulations to our second graders on receiving their first Communion last weekend!

Bingo!

Still need workers for the 1st and 4th weeks of each month (approx. 5:30-9:30pm). The first bingo for the 2016-17 school year is next week: on May 4. If you're considering bingo for your 2016-17 service credits or if you just need more info, please call Tracy Wilson today! (phone ca/o school or email: tracycarnahan@comcast.net)

Track

Our team ran its first meet last Saturday. Although official scores aren't back from the records-keepers yet, Coach Duncan says: "**Grace Govier-LaParl** and **Matthew Zammit** "did awesome in the mile! **Julia DuVall** and **Lauren Isrow** stepped up to run the 7th & 8th grade relay with **Luke Chadra** and **Ethan Rogus**. **Sophia and Rebecca Goulette** did really well in shot put—thank you to their brother, Ricky, for helping at practice!"

Their next meet will be Saturday, May 14, with the third and last meet a week later, on Saturday, May 21. All meets are held at the Marine City track on Ward Street beginning at 9am. Athletes should show up no later than 8:30.

Attention Preschool Families::

Just want to warn you that the pre-school is filling up quickly for next year: please get your registration paperwork in ASAP to ensure your spot!

PTO Flower Sale

Thanks to everyone who ordered--plants will be available to be picked up at school tomorrow, May 6.

Sports Banquet

Our annual sports awards dinner was on Monday. It's always a joy to see young people being commended! Thank you to the coaches and parents for supporting our student athletes throughout this school year.

The Booster Club extends a special thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette**, who not only organized concessions and workers for all indoor sports all year (again!) but planned and cooked this year's awards meal. Stacy: we would be so lost without you!!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at
<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

AUCTION

The Auction is only days away! The committee has been gathering treasures and preparing for an evening of fun. Items include a camping package, wine tasting, picnic and party packages, hunter basket, toys, tools, jewelry—something for everyone in the family, and raffles galore. The event will be held in our own Activity Center; doors will open at 7pm (after 6pm mass) on Saturday, May 7.

If you haven't bought your ticket yet (\$35 for one, \$60 for a couple), it may not be too late. Call the school office (810.765.3591)—we counted on a few extra guests, so there's most likely room for your party. Looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday night!!

Auction Help Needed

Are you short a credit or two? Some help is still needed with set up and decorating tomorrow, May 6 and on auction night, May 7. Please contact Lisa Schulte c/o school if you're interested.

Student Highlights

...for April are:

Tristan Bowden, Stephen Gottler and **Ethan Middel** are three youngsters new to Holy Cross's prekindergarten this year. These children have very different personalities which have contributed to the unique atmosphere of our class and program. Tristan is a sensitive child who is very focused on how he and others are treated; Stevie is the carefree jokester who is friends with everyone in the class; and Ethan is the child always willing to help out. Yet these boys also have many characteristics which they all share. Some of the activities they all enjoy are building with blocks, playing with the cars and pretending they are their favorite "super heroes." I hope they have all enjoyed coming to school as much as I have this year! (I would like to wish all my students a very happy summer. Make the best of the nice weather, get outside and play hard. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you in the fall. For those of you who will not be returning, have a great summer and good luck in school next year!

Kindergartner **Emma Schulte's** favorite part about school is playing in the kitchen. Her favorite color is blue and she likes to play "store" in the kitchen. Emma wants to be a doctor when she grows up. **Charlotte Middel's** favorite thing to do is playing with her friends. Her favorite colors are pink and blue. Charlotte wants to drive to school when she grows up.

Matthew Bailey's favorite food is cake. His favorite color is green. When he grows up, he wants to be a gamer. Matthew is great at helping his classmates, and he always tells "epic" stories! **Nikolai Wilson's** favorite foods are spaghetti and pizza. His favorite color is red. He enjoys playing basketball with his cousins. When he grows up, he wants to drive a car. Nikolai is an awesome reader, and a hard worker! **Gabriel Jacobs's** favorite food is candy. His favorite color is green. He likes to play video games. When he grows up, he wants to make phones. Gabe is an excellent mathematician. He also has a very kind heart.

Second grader **Erin Wilson** is a hard worker and a friend to all. She likes to help others and has a fun-loving attitude. Erin loves to do art projects and her creativity is evident in her writing pieces. Her favorite subject is art: she especially likes working with clay. Some

day Erin wants to be a farmer and have "a whole bunch of chickens!" Keep up the great work, Erin.

Third grader **Allison Kuzera** is a wonderful addition to the Holy Cross family. She has made many new friends! Allison shows a special compassion for animals, crafts and signing. She enjoys reading and is always up for a challenge. In our classroom, Allison acts as a peer mentor for many students. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her mom, dad and younger sister. **Gavin Isrow** has been a Holy Cross student for many years. He comes to school each day ready to work and with a smile on his face. He is always participating in class and enjoys making new friends. Gavin enjoys traveling with his family, playing hockey and riding dirt bikes. While he is with his friends, he enjoys playing soccer at recess time, ping pong hockey at snack time, and trading Pokemon cards. **Lily O'Conner** is a wonderful student! Her laughter is contagious and she is always there to help a friend. Lily is a wonderful reader and enjoys to color. Her favorite animal is a cat! She has a couple cats, and she also takes care of her grandma's cats. Recently she got some baby chicks. Soon she hopes they will begin to lay eggs. Lily is always friendly and playful! She is a wonderful example of a peacebuilder in our classroom.

Fifth grader **Taylor Marlatt** is a wonderful young lady with great leadership potential. She shows compassion and caring for her friends and is not afraid to speak her mind if she feels something is wrong. Once focused on a goal, Taylor is unstoppable! **Joe Fajardo** is an intelligent young man with lots of energy and potential. He also shows leadership qualities and has the ability to succeed at whatever goals he sets his mind to. Joe can think outside the box and challenges conventional thought with new perspectives. **Joe Morelli** is a wonderful young man who shows compassion and concern for his fellow classmates. Joe is always willing to step up and help out when needed. His easy-going smile and demeanor add greatly to the pleasant atmosphere of our class!

Michael Wilkinson is an energetic and kind sixth grader. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and volunteer whenever needed. This summer Michael will be traveling to Australia to help out as a student

ambassador. He enjoys playing hockey and riding his bike around town. He has a pet Chihuahua named "Felise," 3 cats, "Moe," "Marley," and "Murphy," and a horse named "Tivvey." When Michael grows up he would like to become an engineer or a neurosurgeon. These are all great goals for this ambitious young man. **Lydia Kukawka** is an outgoing student who likes Holy Cross because of Field Day, dances, and Camp Wolverine. She is an avid reader who enjoys reading mythology, Egyptian books, and adventures. In her free time Lydia enjoys hanging out with friends, playing on her iPod and computer and watching movies. With all that going, it's clear Lydia brings a lot of excitement and activity to our sixth grade!

Free Concerts

The St. Clair Community Singers invite you to their spring concert on Sunday, May 15 at 4pm in St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Clair. The Holy Cross Bell Choir will be featured, performing selections to complement the Singers' secular and sacred choral presentations. The next evening, Monday, May 16, the Singers will join the East China Community Band at the PAC at 7:30pm. No admittance charge for either event (free will offerings will be accepted).

"Labels For Education"

The Campbell's "Labels for Education" program is being phased out!! We can still turn in labels for credit until this summer. Please keep that in mind as you collect them, and turn in all your "Labels for Education" before the end of the school year. (The General Mills "Box Tops for Education" program will not be affected.) Thank you!

Books Are Fun!

The "Books Are Fun!" traveling display is here—last time this school year. There's a nice assortment of books and gift items at reasonable prices, and the school earns an item for every ten sold. Orders and payments must be in the office by Tuesday morning, May 10; orders will go home with your oldest Crusader on Wednesday, May 11 (or can be held at office for you to pick up: contact Mrs. Steinmetz).

**NO EAST CHINA BUSES
THURSDAY, MAY 12!**

How Is Your Student's School Wardrobe Holding Out?

Our "Blue Room" is practically bursting with previously-worn school clothes (free to school families)! If you need a couple shirts, maybe a skirt or a pair of shorts for warmer days (they're coming! We promise!!), call Mrs. Steinmetz to arrange a time to check out our used clothing stash.

By the way: we could use some more clip-style hangers for pants and skirts. If you have any you can spare (the plastic ones that your new pants were hanging on at Kmart are perfect!) we'd love them. Thanks!

SUMMER READING

On the last day of school, we'll send home to each family a packet personalized just for them. It will include general school info, like next year's calendar, supplies lists, sports physical forms and dress code info; it will also contain hints on how to keep students' "summer slide" at bay. There will be suggestions and activities put together by the teachers and principal for students at each grade level to help them better retain what they've learned this year. Watch for the white envelope going home with your oldest "Crusader" on Friday, June 3!

A website that may offer you some faith-based summer reading options: <http://store.pauline.org/landing-pages/summer-reading-2016#gsc.tab=0>

Another resource we've mentioned before is the "GRASP" summer study program. For more info you may contact them at 616.819.2548 or check their website: www.grps.org/grasp.

Reading Success!

Our fifth grade students completed the Gates-MacGinitie reading test this week with Mrs. Johnson in ELA. The tests are individualized-or-group administered and assess student achievement in reading. The test is aligned with state and national reading standards. Ms. Johnson is excited to report that **every** fifth grader increased his/her grade equivalent reading score by at least **1 grade level** and, in some cases, **up to 5 grade equivalent reading levels!** The table shows the average grade equivalent for vocabulary, comprehension, and overall reading totals from last fall and this spring. Hats off to the fifth graders (and Ms. Johnson, their ELA teacher) for putting forth great effort and doing an amazing job!


"Flashback Friday!"

Are you, or do you know, a Holy Cross alum who would be interested in having your bio featured on "Flashback Friday" on our Facebook page? Please contact Mrs. Leslie DeMeulenaere (mrsd.leslie@gmail.com) for more info or to submit a bio.


Congratulations HC Alumnae!

Annemarie Heitz and **Rebecca Schultz** (HC Class of 2012) are sharing honors as Cardinal Mooney's co-Salutatorians this year. Congratulations, ladies—we're proud of you!

2016 CYO FOOTBALL



Blue Water Vicariate



We welcome all students that will be entering the 6th, 7th & 8th grade for the 2016 school year. Students must attend school or Faith Formation at one of the following schools/parishes.

Schools & Faith Formation Parishes

- Holy Cross School or Parish
- St. Augustine School or Parish
- St. Mary School St. Clair or Parish
- Immaculate Conception School or Parish
- St. Mary - McCormick School or Parish
- Holy Family Parish
- Our Lady on the River Parish
- Holy Trinity Parish
- St. Christopher Parish
- St. Edward on the Lake Parish
- St. Mary Queen of Creation

Registration Fee \$75.00

Includes full uniform with exception of girdle (players to purchase and keep)

OUR PROGRAM OFFERS

- Safety first and foremost
- Teaching knowledge of the game
 - Position specific skills
 - Team building skills
 - Sportsmanship
- Conditioning starts in August

Register online @ www.cardinalmooney.org
 Print Registration form and mail with check to Cardinal Mooney Attention: CYO
 For Information call Kelly Loria (810) 765-8825 ext.24

Cardinal Mooney is located @ 660 S. Water Street, Marine City MI 48309

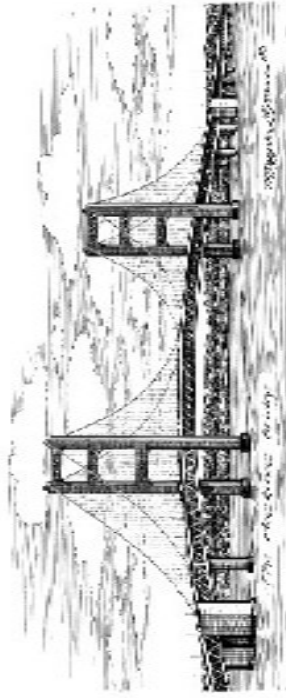
	Vocab.	Compre- hension	Reading Total
Fall 2015	6.6	6.0	6.0
Spring 2016	12.0 (post high school)	6.8	9.3

**FIELD DAY
REMINDER**

Field Day T-shirt orders and payments are due tomorrow, May 6!

HOLY CROSS ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

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Event at Holy Cross School Gymnasium

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016

Entertainment All Evening!

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

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Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Guidelines for the 2016 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

There will be 3 participant groups - 5th&6th, 7th&8th and 9th - 12th.
Poster size is 8 ½" x 11".

Posters must reflect an original theme and image of Alcohol
Awareness and Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse.

On the back of the poster the artist should include their name, phone
number, school, grade and teacher.

No Identification should be on the front of the posters.

If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or
covered with clear plastic.

Digital media/photography can be used but must follow an original
theme and image.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and may
not be returned.

Return completed posters to your principal's office by 5/20/16.

Judging will take place 5/24 at 6pm. (6385 King Rd, Marine City, Michigan)

The principal's office will have a copy of this flyer for rules.

Prizes - Each group: 1st place \$50 Gift Card, 2nd place \$25 Gift Card,
3rd-5th Free family pizza deal. (2 large pizzas and breadsticks)

We are proud to partner with our local schools to help build
awareness to the effects of substance abuse in our community!

Questions please contact Rick Goulette at 586-855-9143

Councils - Algonac 7227 & Marine City 856