



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.

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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.)

A session of the workshop will be held HERE, at Holy Cross, on Saturday, September 17. All participants must pre-register: go to aod.org, look for the blue box in the upper right hand corner and click on "Protecting God's Children." A new screen will pop up; look for the yellow box on the right about halfway down. Under "Register for Training," select "Protecting God's Children." Another screen will pop up to start the registration process.

Sign-in and a light breakfast will begin at 8am before the workshop starts at 8:30 on Sep. 17. All employees and volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP SUMMER office hours

Mondays and Fridays, 8-10 am;

Mondays; 5-7pm; and

Wednesdays 1-3pm

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St Clair)

Kelly Glowski(Algonac)

Congratulations to the 27 Holy Cross families who are sharing some \$2400 in SCRIP credit! If you are registered for the 2016-17 school year, your credit will show up on your (enclosed) July statement.

Please note that the SCRIP office will be CLOSED from July 24-31.

YEARBOOKS

We still have a 2015-16 yearbook available for purchase: if you forgot to order, the first \$15 will take it home!

Thank You!!

...to our hard-working maintenance crew, who are busy preparing for the first day of school!

...to our dedicated SCRIP workers, who stay at school all summer as scheduled trying to help with YOUR tuition bill!

School Office Summer Hours

The school office is closed for the month of July, and will re-open August 1 (from 8am to 1pm, Mondays through Fridays). However, we will continue to check email and voice messages regularly, so give us a day or two to respond. You may also leave a message for us at the church office—810.765.3568—if you need something more urgently.

Congratulations!!

...to former Holy Cross teachers **Ralph and Madonna Knotts** who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month! Mr. Knotts was our computer teacher and Mrs. Knotts taught our Kindergarten class for years. They will be renewing their vows on July 24 at the 9:30 mass at the Holy Cross site: if you are there, stop to congratulate them!! (Mrs. Steinmetz would be happy to forward any cards sent c/o the school office.)

"FACTS" and Bills

Your July statement is enclosed. If there are no charges on the statement, your student is NOT yet registered. If that's the case, please get your paperwork in ASAP!

Fees for the 2016-17 school year were due at registration; you should have just made your second 10% tuition payment at the end of June, with the third due at the end of July. (Please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office if you have any questions.)

Please continue making your regular monthly payments at the school office as we learn to navigate FACTS tuition management! Thanks again for your patience.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **Friday, August 26: "Crusader Day!"**
- **Monday, August 29: first day of school!!**

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for June were Paul Johnson of East China, Mary Ann Neumann of Clay Township and Kathy Sweet of Marine City. Congratulations!

...and for July: Paul Ivan of Clay Township, Connie McCartney of Marysville and James Burrige of East China. Thank you all for supporting our school!

PTO News--

PTO announces its new slate of officers: President, Suzy DeVeney; Vice President, Betsy Davenport; Secretary, Amanda Smalley; and Treasurer, Laura Bailey. Thank you to these ladies for assuming leadership roles in the PTO! We are grateful for the PTO's support, and we look forward to another wonderful year.

School Committee

...is also looking for fresh ideas! The School Committee acts as the principal's advisory group. Interested?—for more info please email Dr. Wagner (principal@holycrossonline.net).

Seventh Graders and New Students: Immunization Updates and Waivers

The Health Department assesses the immunization records of all new students and students entering 7th grade. Summer is a great time to check with your health care provider to see if your children's shots are up to date.

Parents who opt not to immunize are required to contact the Health Department for the new certified waiver. The St. Clair County Health Department may be reached at 810.987.5300.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

find us at

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

Chromebooks

Thanks to the generosity of our Auction guests, we have our new Chromebooks and can't wait to start using them. Each student in grades 3-8 will be issued a Chromebook, which will be his to use—and his responsibility!—for the year. The Chromebooks will be available for parents to pick up at "Curriculum Night," on September 8 (5-7pm). More info later.

AUCTION 2013!

Next year's school Auction will be in mid-January: so it's already time to start planning! Thank you to **Ms. Pam Dezzi** for returning as Auction chairperson. The theme will revolve around camping, and we can't wait to see what kind of themed baskets families will come up with this year!

School families' auction donations (themed baskets would be awesome!) may be dropped off at school any time after the first of August; all are due by the end of November.

"Shared Time" Teachers

As many of you already know, East China School District has decided not to continue our "shared time" partnership. (They will still provide busing and special education assistance.) However, we are expanding our shared time partnership with Merritt Academy (which provided our Spanish instruction last year), and "specials" teachers will be in place well before the first day of school.

Crusader Day

Friday, August 26 will be "Crusader Day." Any time from 9am-3pm that day, you'll be able to get your school picture taken, sign up for service credits, talk to PTO or School Committee members, pick up forms, and check out your classroom! (The activities will be centered in the Activity Center—just drop in between 9am-3pm on Aug. 26.)

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

How would you like to spend lunch hours with your child? We are looking for lunch aides for next year. Lunch supervision is one of the ways you may earn your service credits: you earn two credits if you work any one week day all year (e.g. all Wednesdays). We had a number of moms who volunteered for "lunch duty" last year simply out of the goodness of their hearts, too! Please contact Dawn c/o the school office (810.765.3591) if you might be interested in helping.

Student Athletes

All students planning to participate in any school sports this year will need a sports physical before practices begin. (Blank forms were included in your "summer study packet" for eligible students, and are also available on the school website—check under "Info," "Forms and Publications;" or in the school office.) Summer is a great time to get that taken care of—and you could take this opportunity to double-check your immunization status, too!

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinic"s or "Prompt Care"s. Also, St Clair County Health Department's Teen Health Center also offers them: call 810.987.1311 for more info.

People call school (810.765.3591) or email school@holycrossonline.net to let us know if you're a 6-8th grade girl interested in playing basketball this fall. (Remember: you need to have already had the physical--and sent the completed form to school--before practice for your sport begins.)

Volleyball Clinic

Girls going into grades 5-8 are invited to a free volleyball clinic: July 20, from 9am-noon in the gym. Contact the number in the ad below ahead of time to register and give your T-shirt size.

Girls Interested in Playing Basketball this fall--

Please contact the school office! (Oops: we forgot to put out a signup sheet before school got out for summer!) Practices should be beginning in a few weeks—there's still time to get that physical taken care of before the season starts.

School Clothes for 2016-17

We have a roomful of school-appropriate clothes, FREE to school families. Call if you'd like to take a look, or just drop in during school office hours. (To order plaid, go to www.shopconnies.com.)

Family Directory

We will be publishing a directory of all of our school and preschool families, including parents' and children's names and the family's address and phone number. The directory will be distributed to all families with entries. If you'd like us to include your email address with your family's entry, please send that information to the school office by August 15. If you do NOT want your family's information in the directory, please contact the school office by that date as well. Thank you!

SCHOOL LUNCH

Chartwell's will still be providing our school lunches this year. The cost for a student lunch will be \$2.40 this year. (Milk remains at 50¢.)

"Flashback Friday!"

Are you, or do you know, a Holy Cross alum who would be interested in having your/his 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.

OLR Parish Directory

Mrs. Theresa Kukawka is looking for anyone interested in helping put together a new OLR parish pictorial directory—for more info please contact her at shepherdoftheflock@gmail.com.



Free
Volleyball Skills Clinic
5th - 8th grades
July 20 9:00 am - 12 noon
618 South Water Street, Marine, MI 48039

We would like to invite all our parish families and friends to take part in another lady crusader volleyball skills clinic.

Please call ahead to register and for t-shirt size and more information - 586 855-9349

T-Shirts sponsored by Knights of Columbus - Algona council 7227 & Marine City council 856

Wishing all a safe, fun and restful summer—can't wait to see you refreshed and ready to learn in the fall!