



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 office hours
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

"Shared Time" Teachers

Welcome to Merritt Academy teachers Senora Theresa Armstrong (who will be teaching Spanish at Holy Cross this year), Mrs. LeeAnn Brennan (art), Mr. John Fitzmaurice (PE), Mrs. Bea Wassenberg (music) and Mrs. Lauren Basilico (computers/technology). We look forward to a fruitful partnership and a great learning year!

WELCOME BACK!!

It was so good to see all of your happy faces Monday morning! We met with Fr. Rooney first thing for prayer out in the alcove garden...



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Sep. 2-5: Labor Day holiday
- **Tu. Sep. 6: back to school / first day for East China buses**
- W. Sep. 7: First day of 3-day preschool!
- **Th. Sep. 8: First day for Tu-Th preschoolers!; "Curriculum Night" (K-8 families) 5-7pm**
- F. Sep. 9: first school mass (mass day dress code applies) and food drive for pantry
- **F. Sep 23: "Special Persons' Day"**
- M. Sep. 26: East China half day: no buses home

Thank You!!

...to our hard-working maintenance crew, who made our building sparkle for the first day of school!

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

...to **Mrs. Julie Isrow**, who has been busy all summer logging in new books and straightening up our library!

**NO SCHOOL
TOMORROW
OR MONDAY--Labor
Day Weekend**

Bartone Scholarship Fund Application—second round

The second round of applications for Fr. Bartone Fund scholarships (grades K-8) is now open. Applications are available at the school office. Completed applications (with all required attachments) are due to be returned **by September 9**. Please note that only families who have not received grants from the Bartone fund for this school year are eligible to apply.

Student Athletes

All students planning to participate in any school sports this year need a sports physical before practices begin. (Blank forms are available at the school office or on the school website—check under “Info,” “Forms and Publications;” or in the school office.)

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.

Girls’ Basketball

Welcome back to Coach Mike Govier and his team: 5th grader **Allison Kuzera**, 6th graders **Claire Campbell**, **Rebecca Goulette**, **Taylor Marlatt**, **Lauren Rosemeck**, **Scarlett Scott**, **Kierstyn West** and **Anna Winne**, 7th grader **Nicole Zawadzinski** and 8th grader **Sophia Goulette**.

The team’s first game will be at home on Sep. 12. Parents of athletes will be called on to help with concessions and admissions at home games. Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for once again volunteering to schedule those workers!

Holy Cross on Facebook

find us at

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

“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.

A Few Clarifications...

...of things that apply to students in K-8:

1. Water bottles: students are permitted to keep them at their desks **but they must be clear, no larger than 18 ounces, and be kept away from all Chromebooks and other electronic equipment.**

2. Shorts: on dress down days, gym shorts are NOT acceptable.

3. “Yoga pants” and sweat pants and are NOT approved under either the regular school dress code or the dress down day dress code; “cargo” pants are not approved as dress pants.

4. There are a lot of FREE clothes in our “Blue Room”!!

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.)

VG’s “Direct Your Dollars”

SpartanNash stores (including VG’s here in Marine City) have begun a new fundraising incentive for schools called “Direct Your Dollars.” All you have to do is save your original store receipts and get them to the school office! You can also turn them in at church, in the box in the vestibule. (Please be advised that the ENTIRE receipt needs to be turned in—not just the section that addresses the “Direct Your Dollars” program.) Thank you!

AUCTION 2017

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. This year’s theme will be “camping:” we can’t wait to see what kind of themed baskets you’ll come up with this year!

School families’ auction donations (and themed baskets would be awesome!) may be dropped off at school any time now, and all are due by the end of November.

Please feel free to contact school if you have any questions.

“Box Tops for Education”

We save those snippets from packaging! “Box Tops” may be sent in to school, or dropped in the black collection box at the river entrance of Holy Cross church.

“Box Tops” are usually on the top of the boxes of General Mills brand items.

Concussions

New law requires that, if a student is withheld from athletic activities due to a suspected concussion, s/he may not return to school that day. The student may return on a subsequent day **ONLY** with the written clearance of **an MD or DO.**

Memorials

Holy Cross Catholic School gratefully acknowledges the following for their donations to the school:

in memory of Monsignor George Browne:

Andrew Markel, Fred and Mary Ann Osterbeck, Helen Beauvais, Jill Block, Wally and Joyce Street, John and Peggy Vandebossche, Jim and Helen Arlow, Jerry Westrick, Sid and Anna Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Alvoy Westrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Muzzi, Pete Palozzolo, Tina Burne, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Kazmierczak, Ron and Ann Thueme, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tharrett, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Denean, LeeAnn Olafson, Patrick Sankuer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schwehofer, Mr. and Mrs. Germaine Dorr, Mary Browne and Louise Gibbs;

and in memory of Robert C. Beauvais: Andrew Markel, Dale and Diane Jenks, Lorne and Donna Gilbert, Sue Mireau Ruszczyński, Larry and Patricia Beaker, Ronald and Anne Thueme, Genevieve Street, D. and J. Wilson, Larry and Patricia Nichols, Judith Karle, Fred and Laura Huysentruyt, James and Helen Arlow, Gerald and Kathleen Arlow, James and Christine Shepherd, Marilyn Snider, Dennis and Linda McTevia, Leonard and Helen Biscorner, Susie Babcock, George and Sharon Joachim, and several donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you to all of these people, and to the Browne and Beauvais families for thinking of us during their time of loss.

YEARBOOKS

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

Library Books

We're still missing a few books from last school year. Notices have been given to those students (and will be included with your September statement)—please look for the book one last time and return either book or payment. Thanks.

Chess Club and Yoga Club

We would love to be able to offer those activities for students interested! Are there any knowledgeable parents who'd be interested in helping mentor either group? Please contact Dr. Wagner (810.765.3591 or email principal@holycrossonline.net).

Assignment Books

...are required for students in grades 4-8. They are available at the school office for \$4 each.

Prayer Chain

"Holy Cross PTO has created a Prayer Chain and Hospitality email as a support for our Holy Cross School community. We want this to be a way for Holy Cross families and staff to support each other...(as we deal with) difficult situations or life events happening among our families that could be supported through prayer and/or hospitality.

"Please feel free to share this resource to families who share things with you: as a source of the support, love and friendship we want our families to know is there.

"Holy Cross Catholic School's Prayer Chain and Hospitality email address is holycrossprays@gmail.com.

"If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact PTO officers or members: Laura Bailey, Stacy Goulette and Betsy Davenport c/o school (810.765.3591). You can also email questions directly to the Prayer Chain and Hospitality email address above.

"Sincerely, Holy Cross PTO"

Special Classes

On Mondays, students in K-8 will have music and Spanish lessons. Tuesdays will be "technology day" with computer/media classes. On Wednesday we'll have art, and on Thursdays, PE. On Fridays we'll have Accelerated Reader.

Credit Card Payments

...for tuition may be made at the Holy Cross church office. Please be advised that there will be a 3% service charge on all such payments.

East China Bus Riders

East China buses will begin their runs next Tuesday. Call Transportation (810.676.1100) to find out your stops and times.

PTO's "Crusader Day" Raffle

We'd like to thank all families that stopped by our table and participated in the tasks for the raffle. First place winner was Luke Chadra and 2nd place was Joseph Jordan. The prizes are a \$10 SCRIP gift card or a spirit wear T-shirt. Congratulations, boys!

CAFETERIA A LA CARTE ITEM PRICES

Elementary student lunch	\$2.40	Chocolate chip oatmeal bar	\$.75
Entrée only or lunch—secondary students	\$2.65	Fresh fruit	\$.60
"Super" (second entrée-students only)	\$1.35	Fruit Roll Up	\$.65
Entrée only (adult)	\$3.00	Goldfish crackers	\$.50
Adult lunch	\$3.75	Juice	\$.50
All chips	\$.80	Milk	\$.50
Cheese-It	\$.60	Muffin	\$.85
Cookie	\$.50	String cheese	\$.60
Bottled beverage	\$1.50	Vegetable	\$.60
Cereal bar	\$.80	Yogurt	\$.85

September

Sun	Mon AUG 29	Tue AUG 30	Wed AUG 31	Thu SEP 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
	Welcome back to Holy Cross!!				No class—Labor Day weekend	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	No class—Labor Day	Back to school! First day for East China buses	First day for (3-day) Preschool!	First day for (2-day) Preschool! *Curriculum Night* 5-7pm (w/Chromebook presentation)		Chromebook presentation 9am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Basketball games: begin at 6:30pm if no JV game (~7:30 if there's a JV game before)—	St A @ HC	Chromebook presentation 9am	5 th anniversary of Fr Bechill's ordination Chromebook presentation 5pm		Constitution Day	"Protecting God's Children" workshop at Holy Cross (must pre-register)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Special Persons' Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	No afternoon East China buses today					

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Crusader Day

Last Friday was "Crusader Day." Students who attended were able to have their school portrait taken, and they visited their classrooms and picked up their first day of school packets.

If you didn't make it on Friday, your family's packet went home on Monday with your oldest "Crusader." The packet contained the school handbook and many forms that your student needs to have returned. If you haven't yet, please sign those forms and stick them in your child's backpack for Tuesday!

Cross Country

The league is investigating the possibility of having boys' cross country during the girls' basketball season. The course would be approximately 1.5 miles long. If it happens, we would need a coach (or co-coaches): if you might be interested, please contact the school office.

Chromebooks

Thanks to the generosity of our Auction 2016 guests, we have our new Chromebooks, and can't wait to start using them! Each student in grades 2-8 will be issued a Chromebook, which will be his to use—and his responsibility!--for the year. (Please note that water brought to class will NOT be allowed near the Chromebooks or other computer equipment.)

Parents will need to attend an orientation meeting where the Chromebooks will be distributed and the policies and procedures for their use will be explained. In order for a student to take home his/her Chromebook, the parent must attend one of the available orientation meetings. While there is no charge for using the Chromebooks, there is an insurance fee of \$25 for the year to insure against theft, vandalism, damage, and repairs. If damage results from careless abuse, there is a deductible on the insurance.

Please select ONE date when you will attend the Chromebook orientation meeting:

- Th. Sep. 8 at the "Curriculum Night" between 5-7pm;
- Sat. Sep. 10 at 9am;
- Tue. Sep. 13 at 9am during school hours; or
- Wed. Sep 14 at 5pm.



Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

See you on Tuesday--