



# 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.

September 8, 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](http://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](http://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)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Today, Sep. 8: "Curriculum Night" (K-8 families) 5-7pm: cafeteria
- 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 Mrs. Patty Smith for her donation of school supplies!

## "Doing Our Part"

September statements will be in the mail soon. One-half of your tuition should be paid by the end of September. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

## 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.

## Bartone Scholarship Fund Application—second round

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

## Algonac KofC Scholarship Applications

...are available at the school office; they are due to be completed and turned in by **September 23**.

## Girls' Basketball

The team's first game will be at home next Monday, Sep. 12. Parents of athletes will be called on to help with concessions and admissions at home games--please call Stacy Goulette c/o school to let her know when you can help.

## Assignment Books

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

## Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale

Thanks to the Holy Cross Booster Club (which covers the costs of uniforms, coaches and officials), every student in grades 5-8 can have the opportunity to be part of a team at no cost to his family. To raise the funds to cover those costs, the Boosters sponsor a magazine / cookie dough sale in the fall of every year.

Information and order materials went home last Thursday with all students. Students returning the "postcard book" with at least five names and addresses earn a Garfield keychain. Tomorrow is the first order turn in day: for every 5 orders a student turns in tomorrow, s/he will get one draw from the cash box (which contains prizes ranging from \$1-\$20)! Students who have earned the cash draw will participate in the drawing during afternoon announcements tomorrow.

Next Friday is the last turn in day to qualify for the prizes in the prize chart. Every student with at least one order will receive a Garfield keychain. Also, when calculating prize points, every magazine subscription counts as two points.

If a student turns in orders for 10 items, s/he may also select a free tub of cookie dough! Just mark your selection's name and item number in the "enter prizes" box on the upper right hand corner of your order form. (Also, a student turning in at least 4 orders will receive a dress down pass.) Cookie dough will arrive in mid-October: we'll let you know when the date is scheduled. Prizes will arrive a few weeks after the end of the sale, too.

All orders and payments need to be in the office by Friday, September 16, to count for prizes. Magazines are a great way to encourage children to read (such fun to receive them in the mail!), and are full of information and fun ideas for adults as well. They also make great Christmas or birthday gifts. (And cookie dough is wonderful any time!) Every order will help our student athletes—thank you for your support!

## Chromebook Pickup

Your 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader's Chromebook will be available:

- Tonight, during "Curriculum Night--" meet in the cafeteria at 5pm;
- Sat. Sep. 10 at 9am;
- Tue. Sep.13 at 9am during school hours; or
- Wed. Sep 14 at 5pm.

## 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](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)).

## 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.

## Your Papers, Please

If you didn't make it to school on "Crusader Day," 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 and return those forms ASAP--Thanks!

## 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!

## "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](mailto:mrsd.leslie@gmail.com)) for more info or to submit a bio.

## 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.

## "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.

## Food Drive for Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for the parish's food drive to restock the pantry. They always need breakfast foods, canned meats and other protein sources, canned fruits, and paper products. Please bring something tomorrow if you can to help our local needy—thank you.

## Library Books

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

## "Special Persons' Day"

...will be held on Friday, September 23. Students will be making invitations to deliver to their special guests. The day will begin at 8:50am when students meet up with their special friends in the activity center. They will attend mass together, then return to their classrooms afterward for special activities. The event will conclude before lunch time. More info next week—ask your children!

## SCHOOL SNACK STORE

Mrs. Wade and the National Junior Honor Society have opened their morning Snack Store! Items (water, Fruit Roll Ups, animal crackers, Cheez Its, pretzels, fruit snacks, Goldfish, Chex mix, veggie straws and various munchies) are available for 25-40¢. NJHS members man the stand, and sales benefit the chapter's works.

## "Curriculum Night"

...is tonight! Meet up with Dr. Wagner at 5pm in the cafeteria. The welcome will provide parents with a brief presentation related to the goal of developing "student-centered, standards-based, personalized, individualized learning for each unique child in multi-aged grouping at Holy Cross Catholic School." The process for supporting student-ownership of learning mastery will be enhanced with the new, one-to-one Chromebook launch.

Parents will be able to purchase an annual insurance on each Chromebook through Networks Computers, Inc. for \$25 a year. This insurance covers theft, damage, repairs, and other problems that could happen. Parents who do not intend to purchase the insurance do have the opportunity to sign an agreement to assume the full-cost of replacement on the Chromebook as an alternative. We strongly recommend the insurance especially for youngsters because "things happen."

Some resources for further information about "personalized, student-centered learning" and about the use of integrating technology to facilitate this are available by clicking on the following links:

[Learner-Centered, Personalized, Multi-age Instruction](#)

[Mapping a Route to Differentiated Instruction](#)

[What Is Personalized Learning?](#)

[Chromebooks for Personalized Learning](#)

Afterward, you can move on to your children's classrooms and meet/speak with their teachers. Hope to see you then!

## Holy Cross on Facebook

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**"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."**

—Abigail VanBuren