

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.

October 27, 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.)

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop. **Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp or to chaperone field trips.**

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith (St Clair)

End of First Quarter

...is tomorrow!! A reminder that report cards will be ready for K-8 parents to pick up at conferences on Friday, Nov. 4. There are still quite a few conference slots open: please send in your time preference by Monday if you'd like to speak with your child's teacher. Confirmation of your appointment time(s) will be sent to you with your oldest Crusader by Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Honoring Those Who Served

On November 11 we will be honoring veterans. We will begin by offering special intentions for them at our Friday morning mass. Later in the day we will be walking to the Veterans' Memorial (on Water Street) for their 11am memorial service. Parents, veterans and anyone who would like to pray for those who have served our country are all welcome to join us at either event--or both.

Holy Cross on Facebook

find us at

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

Mark Your Calendar....

- F. Oct. 28: end of first quarter!
- **Tu. Nov. 1: Holy Day of Obligation—church dress code**
- W. Nov. 2: vision & hearing screenings
- **F. Nov. 4: NO classes—parent/teacher conferences (parents can pick up report cards there)**
- F. Nov. 11: Veterans' memorials; no East China buses home
- **Th. Nov. 17: no preschool**
- F. Nov. 18: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **Tu-F Nov. 22-25: Thanksgiving recess: no school**
- M. Nov. 28: back to class
- **W. Nov. 30: Auction donations are due!**

Girls' Basketball

The mini-tournament was Monday. Coach Govier was proud of how hard the girls played! They brought home a third place trophy for the season.

Thank you once again to Coach Govier for mentoring our players this season!

(Parents: have you taken any photos during girls' games? If you have a couple good pictures you could share for the yearbook, we'd be most appreciative!—please send to Mrs. Steinmetz: school@holycrossonline.net, or we can arrange to scan and return prints. Thanks!)

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

All athletes are reminded to get their physicals taken care of ASAP: practices will begin soon, and physical results must be on file at school before students may practice.

HALLOWE'EN HAPPENINGS

As you know, Monday is Hallowe'en. Classrooms will have small parties during the last part of the day Monday. Students in grades K-4 may bring a costume to change into, and will parade from the rectory to CMC (weather permitting).

Cross Country

The team ran its last meet on Tuesday. All of our runners finished, and a few placed: 5th graders **Isaac Zammit** and **Aiden Schocker** were in 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in their division, and **Gemma Downey** came in 2nd, 6th grader **Matthew Zammit** was 1st, 7th grader **Michael Wilkinson** was 2nd and **Grace Govier-LaParl**, 1st in their divisions. Coach Zammit says: "Thanks to all who supported the Crusaders with their valuable time to cheer on the runners and assist in the course! The past few meets have been much fun and a great experience. It was great to be a part of the first cross country season for the Blue Water Vicariate!"

"The Crusaders all came out prepared to practice each day, gave it their best and completed the task of seeing this through. They practiced hard and hopefully learned a bit more about themselves and experiencing how to push through pain and persevere. Congrats to all the runners who ran and did their best, Never Quit. I am proud of them all! Quote from the Apostle Paul "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the Faith, I have finished the race." Great job Cross Country Crusaders!"

Our thanks go to Coach Zammit and his family for organizing this brand-new sport for our runners! We are grateful, also, to **Steve & Betsy Davenport and Dylan and Preston** for organizing the record-keeping end of all three meets for the whole league: thank you!!

Runners: please turn in your (tank top) jerseys ASAP.



NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY (Nov. 4)—conferences (K-8)

Tuesday-Thursday

Preschool Families:

Please note that there will be NO preschool on Thursday, Nov. 17 (as Ms. Cindy and Ms. Anna will be gone to a conference). However, they hope you'll come for the Thanksgiving feast! (Ms. Cindy will give you more information about the feast.)

Trunk or Treat!

The PTO is planning its indoor "Trunk or Treat" for **tomorrow evening** from 6-8pm. Please contact Laura Bailey (lauradookie@yahoo.com) for info or to man a table-last year they had 300 "beggars."

PTO Pie Sale

Orders are due by Monday, Oct. 31; pies will be in on Nov. 15. (Checks should be made payable to "OLR.")

Need Service Credits?

Wednesday night bingo is a fun and easy way to earn your credits! It gives us a chance to interact with other Holy Cross parents: without kids. There are currently 24 service credits available for the floor worker position which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You haven't played bingo since 4th grade?—no problem! It really is just as easy as you remember: and we'll train you! Last year bingo raised just under \$20,000 for our school! Interested? Questions? Contact HC bingo chair-person Tracy Wilson (phone Tracy c/o school or email her at tracyarnahan@comcast.net)

Shifts are from approximately 6-10pm and are available on the following Wednesday evenings: Nov. 9, 16, 30; Dec. 14, 21 (2 shifts available this date); Jan 11, 18; Feb. 1, 8, 15(2 shifts), 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29(2 shifts); April 5, 12, 19, 26(2 shifts).

"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.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The St. Clair County Health Department will be here next Wednesday, Nov. 2 to perform vision and hearing screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will have their hearing screened, and those in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will have vision screening. If your child is in a grade that is not scheduled for screening and you would like him/her checked, contact the school office. (Likewise, if you prefer your child NOT be screened, let us know that, as well.)

If your child is under care for either hearing or vision issues, please notify the school office so that we can let the technicians know. Students who wear corrective lenses (glasses or contacts) should be tested wearing those lenses.

Please be advised that the audiometer's headphones have magnets with fairly large field gradients which may cause risk for unwanted pressure regulation changes in implanted programmable shunts. If your child has an implanted digitally programmable shunt or other medical device that contains magnets, it is imperative that technicians are made aware of that fact.

November

Sun	Mon OCT 31	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
	Balloon!	Mass 9am (church dress code)	Vision & hearing screenings		No classes: K-8 conferences (pick up report cards there)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Veterans' memorial	
					Food drive for pantry	
					No East China buses home today	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Basketball games start at 6:30pm--	SM @ HC		(no basketball game)		Thanksgiving Feast	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	(no basketball game)	No school: Thanksgiving recess	Thanksgiving recess	Thanksgiving Day	(No school)	
		Marine City's lighted Christmas parade				
27	28	29	30	DEC 1	DEC 2	DEC 3
	Back to class!					Old Newsboys fundraiser at MC KofC hall
	HC @ MCA		HC @ St. A			

2016



2016 Spelling Bee



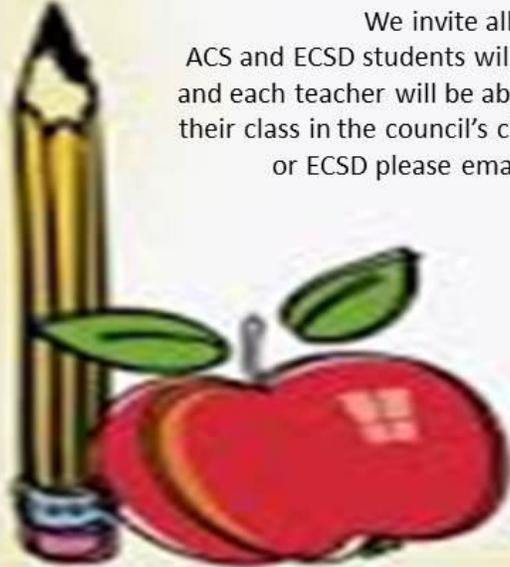
November 10, 2016

St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac
4th, 5th and 6th grade contest (Level 1) - 5:30 pm

We are excited to announce our second annual Knights of Columbus spelling Bee.

We invite all students to take part in the competition.

ACS and ECSD students will have copies of a spelling list available by their teachers, and each teacher will be able to select up to 5 students from each class to represent their class in the council's championship. Home school and students not part of ACS or ECSD please email rgoulette2@yahoo.com for registration details.



Prizes:

- Grade winners at each grade level 4th, 5th and 6th will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 4 runner ups will win gift certificates.

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Auction 2017: 'A Celebration of Camp'-- January 21, 2017

Our Holy Cross School Auction is just three short months away!

Have you purchased your tickets for this evening featuring **live entertainment**, food and fun (and open bar)? Join us for "A Celebration of Camp:" experience the Holy Cross tradition. Mr. Mike Govier has graciously agreed to serve as the evening's host and auctioneer. It is our understanding there will be guest appearances by "Clyde" and "Sammy"—with lots of good camp fun! You can reserve your table today—contact the school office (810.765.3591).

Auction 2017 "Fund a Need"

The "Fund-a-Need" goal of this year's Auction will be to support more STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) hands-on experiences for our younger students. We hope to purchase a SmartLab Cart with several SmartLab Kits for young learners in grades K-4 especially. This can give our younger children more personalized and engaged learning in science and related STEM areas. We also hope to be able to purchase some of the courses produced by LUV ("Leveling Up the Village") which links young students online with one-on-one learning partners doing the same lessons in collaboration but from very different countries. LUV links students in America one-on-one with students in up to 20 other nations who are working on the same lessons. We would probably need to find about \$15,000 to enable us to implement both the SmartLab Cart and SmartLab Kits as well as some of the LUV Courses for Global Learning.

Auction 2017 Help Wanted

Food Vendor Coordinator: A person is needed to be at the Activity Center at 4 pm the day of the auction to welcome food vendors, direct them to their assigned table and assist in set-up (if needed). This person would make him/herself available throughout the dinner and ensure vendors break-down their tables and exit the venue without any problems. Contact Mrs. Steinmetz (810.765.3591) if you can serve as the Food Vendor Coordinator.