

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 13, 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 v. 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)

SCRIP credits have been calculated and posted to accounts: the good news should be in your mailbox by now! Congratulations to the 17 families sharing nearly \$1900 in credits this quarter!

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner Thanks!

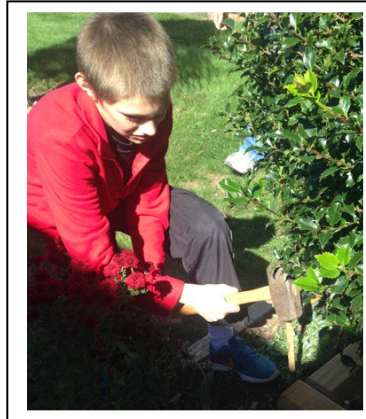
A million thanks to many people, beginning with **Ron and Michele Sykes** who, ten years after they first agreed to chair the Harvest Dinner, are still at it, and putting on a better event each year! (They are always willing to share, and will be glad to talk to anyone interested in taking over or co-chairing the event!--contact either the church or school office to get in touch with them.) Thank you to all their committee chairs and helpers: adults and students (especially the cucumber peelers!), to those who baked, sold raffle tickets, cooked, served, cleaned up after. Thank you, all. Winners of the raffle were Dianne Neiman (1st place), R. Martin (2nd) and Frank Nadolski (3^d).

Thank You!!

...to all who worked on and attended the Harvest Dinner!

...to **our maintenance staff** for all the extra work the Harvest Dinner causes them, from hauling tables and chairs to all the extra cleaning.

...to **Marge and Jay Nicaise**, assisted by a friendly 8th grader, who installed new landscape timbers in our courtyard garden: it makes such a difference!!:



...to **Steve and Betsy Davenport**, who have been helping with cross-country (even though they are three years away from having their first eligible runner!)—we really appreciate your expertise and assistance!

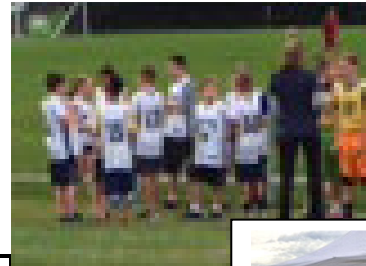
MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **Oct. 14: Iowa testing concludes**
- F. Oct. 14: food drive for pantry
- **W. Oct. 19: school picture retakes and fall sports pictures**
- F. Oct. 21: no East China buses home
- **M. Oct. 24: no Chartwells—nacho lunch**
- 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: no East China buses home

Cross Country

The team's first meet was on Tuesday. (Thanks again to the Davenport for organizing the finish line and record keeping!!) Holy Cross runners had a great afternoon, earning 5 of the 12 medals awarded—5th graders **Sofia Neagos** and **Gemma Downey** came in 1st and 3rd place, respectively, in the 5-6th grade girls' division; 6th grader **Matt Zammit** and 5th grader **Isaac Zammit** came in 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the 5-6 boys' race; and in the 7-8th grade girls' division, **Grace Govier-LaParl** placed 1st. Special kudos go to 7th grader **Michael Wilkinson**, was hot on the heels of the three 8th graders who came in just before him; with such stiff competition, he did great coming in 1st among Holy Cross runners and 4th place in the 7-8 boys' division!

Next Tuesday (the 18th) the teams will meet again, at East China Park: athletes should be there by 5:30 for the 6:00 start. Go Crusaders!



Girls' Basketball

The girls went to IC on Thursday. Last night was their last home game: and what an exciting end to the season, with their 19-20 final score. The league is planning a one-day tournament: more news as plans are finalized. Congratulations to our girls and their coach on good season!

Iowa Tests

...are done! Thanks to everyone for doing their best.

School Photo Make Up Day / Fall Sports Photos

Our photographer will be here next Wednesday, Oct. 19, to take photos of students who missed "Crusader Day" as well as sports team photos. Athletes may bring their uniforms to change into at the end of the day for their team and individual sports shots; students who are having their school portraits taken may dress up. Proofs and order information will go home with students having their school pictures taken; order info went home with athletes today.

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 or cleaning products. Please bring a nonperishable item or two to mass tomorrow if you are able, to help our needy neighbors—thank you!

Trunk or Treat!

The PTO is planning its indoor "Trunk or Treat" for Friday, October 28 from 6-8pm. They are looking for help with set up, decorating and cleanup: please contact Laura Bailey: by email at lauradookie@yahoo.com or by phone c/o school (810.765.3591). Last year they had 300 little "beggars," and so expect a busy and fun evening!

"Box Tops" Contest!

It's Box Top time! PTO is sponsoring a contest to turn in General Mills' "Box Tops for Education." The contest will end October 20: the class with the most box tops wins the traveling trophy and a dress down pass for each student in the class! So raid your pantry and (carefully) snip off all those "Box Tops for Education" tabs!

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 or both event.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The St. Clair County Health Department will be here on 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.

"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.

JUNIOR ROBOSAPIENS

The group is working toward its first competition on Nov. 18! Questions regarding this group: contact Pam Dezsi c/o school.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for this month are Roseann Clements of East China, Joe Cortis of Algonac and Walter Breiling of Fair Haven. Congratulations, and thanks for your support!

Trip to Blake's Orchard

Grades K-3 are heading off to Blake's Apple Orchard on Oct 27. They will be going by Cardinal Mooney bus. We wish them clear skies!!

Personalize Your Bag!

Mrs. Patty Smith is lending her sewing services to help the PTO earn money while offering you a bargain on embroidery work. For \$1 per letter (payable to "OLR"), you can ask her to personalize your child's chromebook case, backpack or sports bag (white thread only) with his/her name or initials. (Could be very helpful to your child in telling which of those identical chromebook cases is his/hers!) For more info, contact Mrs. Smith at the SCRIP desk.

Nacho Lunch

On Monday, October 24, Chartwell's will not be serving. Instead, we'll enjoy Mrs. Isrow's delicious nachos. An order slip is going home with each K-8 student today—please return your order before next Friday, Oct, 21, so we prepare enough food for everyone. (As always, if you have to call your child in sick on the day of a "special lunch," we will pull his/her order and return your payment.)

Along with the lunch, the 8th graders will be sponsoring a bake sale to help them pay for their class trip in the spring. They will have goodies from 25-50¢: bring a little change on the 24th to buy a treat, if you can!

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...OLR DRE Mr. K as he recovers from an illness.

Camp Bills

...are on their way to your mailbox, along with your October tuition (and service credit) statements.

Camp bills need to be paid in full before Friday, January 13.

Holy Cross on Facebook

find us at

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



2016 Spelling Bee



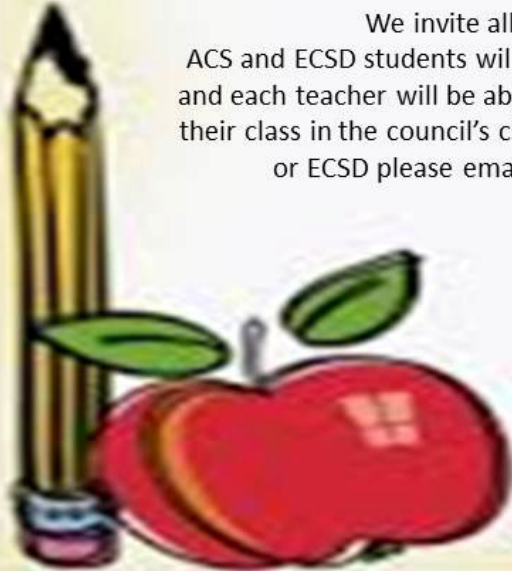
November 10, 2016

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.

Sponsored By:

Knights of Columbus
Councils #7227 Algonac and #856 Marine City
In service to one. In service to all.

Auction 2017: 'A Celebration of Camp' Tickets Now On Sale

Auction tickets are available in the school office. \$30 per ticket provides a hearty sampling of local cuisine, open bar, live entertainment while having fun with friends and families. Support Holy Cross Catholic School and purchase your tickets today!

The holiday gift-giving season will be upon us before you know it. Grandma and Grandpa probably already have matching reindeer sweat-shirts-- how about giving them a matching pair of tickets to our January 21 auction instead? Contact the school office.

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

Energetic parent / grandparent willing to canvass the Blue Water area procuring outstanding desserts for the Auction's Dessert Raffle. (Last year's raffle raised over \$1900 for our school!) Please contact the school office if you are the right person for this position!

Auction Family Baskets

Looking for a "basket" or donation of items from each family valued at \$80 with a "Camp" theme. Be creative: camp themes can include music camps, sport camps, writing camps, hunting/fishing camps..... These baskets will be auctioned off via a Chinese Raffle. The family basket with the most raffle ticket entries the night of the Auction will receive a \$100 Meijer gift card. Donations must be received by Friday, December 2, 2016 to avoid invoicing your school "Service Credit" account.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

One of our younger students has been diagnosed with this ailment. The Health Department tells us it has been “going around” in local schools, and sends us the following “Fact Sheet” to help all become aware of its spread and symptoms:

Fact Sheet

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

Also Known As: (HFMD)



www.scchealth.co | [f/sccchdmi](https://www.facebook.com/sccchdmi) | [t/sccchdmi](https://twitter.com/sccchdmi)

What is Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease?

Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a common illness of infants and children. It is often confused with “hoof-and-mouth” disease of cattle, sheep, and swine. Although the names are similar, the two diseases are not related at all and are caused by different viruses.

Spread of Disease

HFMD is moderately contagious. Infection is spread from person to person by direct contact with nose and throat discharges, saliva, fluid from blisters, or the stool of infected persons. A person is most contagious during the first week of the illness. HFMD is not transmitted to or from pets or other animals.

Signs and Symptoms



It is characterized by fever, sores in the mouth, and a rash with blisters. HFMD begins with a mild fever, poor appetite, malaise or “feeling sick”, and frequently a sore throat. One or two days after the fever begins, painful sores develop in the mouth. They begin as small red spots that blister and then often become ulcers. They are usually located on the tongue, gums, and inside of the cheeks. The skin rash develops over one to two days with flat or raised red spots, some with blisters.

The rash does not itch, and it is usually located on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. It may also appear on the buttocks. The usual period from infection to onset of symptoms or “incubation period” is three to seven days.

Treatment and Complications

No specific treatment is available for this or other enterovirus infections. Symptomatic treatment is given to provide relief from fever, aches, or pain from the mouth ulcers. Nearly all patients recover without medical treatment in seven to 10 days. Complications are uncommon.

Diagnosis

HFMD is one of many infections that result in mouth sores. A throat swab or stool specimen may be sent to the laboratory to determine which enterovirus caused the illness. Since the testing often takes two to four weeks to obtain a final answer, the physician usually does not order these tests. The physician may diagnose based on the pattern of symptoms, age, and appearance of the rash.

Prevention

Specific prevention for HFMD or other enterovirus infections is not available, but the risk of infection can be lowered by good hygienic practices. Preventive measures include frequent hand washing, especially after diaper changes, cleaning of contaminated surfaces and items by diluted solution of chlorine-containing bleach (made by mixing approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of bleach with one gallon of water), and washing soiled articles of clothing. Children are often excluded from group settings during the first few days of the illness, which may reduce the spread of infection, but will not completely interrupt it.