



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community.

December 15, 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 lunch-room volunteering. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help.)

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) 810.434.9557

Please note that the SCRIP office will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3.

Also: the SCRIP order form is now on the Holy Cross website: copy and paste this address into your browser—
<http://www.holycrossonline.net/school/scríp-order-form-nov-2016/>

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

The game that had been scheduled for Monday is being rescheduled. After Christmas break, there is one more regular season game on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at St. Mary St. Clair. All Crusader fans are welcome!

On Saturday, January 7, Holy Cross and St Mary St Clair will face off at SC4! The game will start at 5pm in the new field house on the campus of St. Clair County Community College. The SC4 "Skippers" play at 3 pm, before our game begins; cost for the double-header SC4 / HC-SM games is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. All are invited!

Baby, it's COLD Outside!

Winter is HERE! Parents—please bundle your children up for the weather. Unless it is dangerously cold or rainy, students will be heading outdoors for recess at lunch time: they need to wear hats, gloves, boots, snow pants & warm coats.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **TONIGHT: Christmas program in the gym (be there by 5:45pm)**
- F. Dec. 16: last day of class before Christmas break!
- **Tu. Jan. 3: back to school!**
- M. Jan. 15: Martin Luther King day: no school
- **F. Jan. 20: end of second quarter**
- Sat. Jan. 21: AUCTION!
- **Jan 23-27: camp for students in grades 5-8**
- M. Jan 30: report cards go home; Blue Water Schools' "Carnival" day

Christmas Program

...is tonight! Drama Club members should meet in Mrs. Rock's room **by 5:15 pm**; all other students should be in the gym by **5:45**. (The bottom two rows of the bleachers are reserved for preschoolers.) Dress code: dress up—Christmas best!

All students are expected to participate in the program. If there is a reason your child will not be there, please send his/her teacher a note to explain.

The program is scheduled to begin at 6pm and all are welcome. The PTO will have refreshments afterward.

Doster Contest Winners

Mr. Rick Goulette of the Knights of Columbus came Tuesday to present prizes to the winners of the Knights' "Keep Christ in CHRISTmas" poster contest:



Dylan Davenport, Micah Arlow, Matthew Bailey and Alex Ogden were the winners in the youngest age group; **Emma Lomasney, Lylah Schaening, Erin Wilson and Gemma Downey** took honors in the middle group; and **Claire Campbell, Sophia Goulette and Anna Winne** were the oldest winners. Congratulations to all, and thank you to all who entered!

Santa's Secret Shoppe

Monday's "snow day" set us back a little, but **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** and her helpers kept the Shoppe open yesterday instead, so all our shoppers were able to get their treasures. Thank you to Mrs. Goulette and her helpers: **Mrs. Dawn Davey, Mrs. Tiffany Mensen, Mrs. Sherrie DuVall, Mrs. Theresa Kukawka, Mrs. Suzy DeVeney, Mrs. Becky Bryson and Mrs. Betsy Davenport.**

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...teacher Mrs. Rock and her family during her mom's illness. (Thank you to veteran teacher Mrs. Linda Hanna for filling in for Mrs. Rock this week.)

Giving Tree

Fifth and sixth graders with the gifts they bought for "Giving Tree" recipients:



Calendar Raffle

The grand prize winner of \$1000 in the 2016 raffle is **Marsha Polk** of St. Clair! Congratulations—and thank you for supporting Holy Cross.

2017 calendar raffle returns are pouring in—merci beaucoup!! Muchas gracias!!!

Holy Cross Catholic School relies on this fundraiser to provide individualized learning opportunities to all of their students. Each ticket purchased helps in a big way!

Do you have a "hard to buy for" person on your Christmas list? How about giving that person a calendar raffle ticket? For just \$25, s/he will have 34 chances to win! Last year, one ticket was even drawn twice!! To all those who have already purchased a ticket or two, THANK YOU for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School!

Third Week of Lent

Lighting the school's advent wreath during morning prayer:



Holy Cross on

Facebook:

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

AmazonSmile

If you shop with Amazon, you can designate a percentage of what you spend to Holy Cross School as the charity of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.com and follow the prompts.

Snowball Dance

Attention Holy Cross 6th-8th graders: St. Augustine School in Richmond has invited you to a dance! It will be held on Friday evening, January 20 from 6-8pm in the St. Augustine cafeteria. Permission slips and information are going home with those students today. Cost is \$5 if you turn in your permission slip at the Holy Cross School office by Monday, Jan. 9—make checks out to "St. Augustine School". (Cost: \$7 if you pay at the door.)

GETTING READY FOR CAMP!!

Information packets and permission forms went home on the 8th with your oldest camper—please be sure your campers gave it to you! Payment needs to be in before January 13; permission forms, before Jan. 16. 5th-8th graders will have their winter camp experience the week of January 23-27!

"Flashback Friday"

Holy Cross alums interested in having their bio featured on "Flashback Friday" on our Facebook page—contact Mrs. DeMeulenaere (mrsd.leslie@gmail.com) for more info or to submit a bio.

Koeze Nuts

Nuts have all been delivered—the PTO thanks all who ordered!



10 FEET UP GIVES BACK!!
JOIN US MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH FOR A
COED BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC
100% PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED

ST. MARY'S ALUMNI RACHELLE "ROCKO" MATTHYS RETURNS TO HER ALMA MATER TO HOST A COED BASKETBALL CLINIC!

WHEN Monday December 26, 2016
WHERE St. Mary's
(800 Orchard Street St. Clair, MI 48079)
TIME 9am-10:30am - Grades 1-4
11:00am - 12:30pm - Grades 5-8
COST Donations Only!

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE www.10feetup.com/skills-clinic.html

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50% PROCEEDS TO SIITA'S NEST

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Orphanage in Jinja, Uganda
for children who have lost
their parents to AIDS

More information can be found here:
<http://www.10feetup.com/charity-stripe.html>

COME TRAIN WITH RACHELLE MATTHYS

- St. Clair State Championship Runner Up
- Division I Athlete at University at Buffalo
- 4 Years of Professional Basketball in Germany, Australia and England
- Team USA U-19 Coach for the United World Games Klagenfurt, Austria 2015 & 2016
- USA Gold License Coach

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

Our Holy Cross School Auction is barely a month 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. You can reserve your table today—contact the school office (810.765.3591). Tickets are \$30 per person and would make great Christmas gifts for grandparents or favorite friends!

Here are a few more of the items you might take home from the Auction:

In addition, we have jewelry, sports items (including an autographed Dylan Larkin jersey!), Disney tickets, weeks for students to go camping, and a gift certificate worth **\$3000** toward any travel package offered by AAA Travel Agency! (That oughta get you closer to someplace warm!) There will be raffles, spirited bidding, live entertainment, good food and great friends: the makings of a wonderful night—and all to benefit Holy Cross children.

Tickets will be available before and after the children's Christmas program tonight.



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 LUV Courses for Global Learning.

Who Else is Going to the Auction?

In order to make our major fund raiser of the year – our Annual Auction – successful, we need to build relationships with our community, parents, alumni and other friends of Our Lady on the River Parish. If we could find parents who are willing to make contacts with others associated with our parish and community from a list provided in order to welcome them to join their table at the Auction, this could benefit the fund-a-need goal and also, maybe even more importantly, begin our effort to build relationships as our school mission states ".....the mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to PARTNER WITH ITS FAMILIES....in the education of tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community." **Can you contribute to the role of inviting a table of YOUR guests to participate in this year's Holy Cross School Auction? You could even consider this a "party" with new and old friends sharing the purpose of supporting Catholic education.**

January

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Welcome 2017!	No school today	Back to class! NO East China buses 'til tomorrow School Committee meets 6pm	"NED" assembly 8am			Do you have your Auction tickets yet? CALL SCHOOL!
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Basketball games start at 6:30pm:	(no game)	PTO meets 6pm	HC @ SM		All camp payments are due today	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No school: Martin Luther King Day			Winter sports pictures 2-3pm	End of second quarter Middle School "Snowball Dance" @ St. Augustine 6-8pm	Auction 6:30 in activity center
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	5 th -8 th graders go to camp!		No afternoon East China buses for the rest of the week	March for Life leaves Queen of Creation for Washington DC	Campers return 4- 4:30pm	
29	30	31	FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3	FEB 4
Catholic Schools Week	Report cards go home 2 nd Blue Water Vicariate Carnival day					

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Marine City Knights of Columbus Msgr. George Browne Memorial Scholarship

Congratulation to the winners of the Marine City K of C Msgr. Browne scholarships: 1st grader **Isabella Smalley** and 2nd grader **Dylan Davenport!**

Applicants in grades 5 and higher were required to submit essays on the top of "the importance of service to community and/or country." Even though the rules did not require the essay of him as a second grader, **Dylan Davenport** wrote and submitted this essay with his family's application:

"God says to treat others the way you want to be treated. I want to treat others with respect and kindness. Community service is important because you help others. My examples of community service that I have done are: I had a lemonade stand for the Ronald McDonald house, I have been a bell ringer for Salvation Army and donated some of my toys."

At his young age, Dylan obviously understands community service! Thank you, Dylan, for being a helper, and for reminding us of the importance of service.

We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

We look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready for learning on **Tuesday, January 3.**