



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 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 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.)

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)

Just a week left to do your Christmas SCRIP shopping!! (Credit earned through December will show up in the form of a credit on your January tuition statement.)

Thank you, THANK YOU to **Patty Smith** and **Julie Wolf** for their work all year, but especially for the extra hours they put in during this time of the year: all to help YOU with your tuition! We are blessed to be able to include such dedicated folks in our "family!"

Please note that the SCRIP office will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3 (in honor of Christmas).

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/scrip-order-form-nov-2016/>

Doing Our Part

December statements are in the mail. All tuition should be 70% paid by now, with the 8th (10%) payment due by December 31. School families' Auction donations were due Nov. 30. Bills for camp are also included in this mailing; all camp bills need to be paid in full by January 13. Thank you to everyone who has been faithfully honoring their commitments to Holy Cross!

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

The boys' basketball team hosted IC on Monday. Last night, they hosted St Mary McCormick. This week's games added 1 to each side of our win-loss record—way to go, boys!

Our last game of 2016 will be at home on Mon. Dec. 12, as St. Augustine School comes to town. 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!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tu. Dec. 13: PTO sponsors "Santa's Secret Shop"**
- W. Dec. 14: Santa Shop for preschoolers
- **Th. Dec. 15: 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

Baby, it's COLD Outside!

Winter is on its way! 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 be wearing hats, gloves, boots, snow pants and warm coats.

Koeze Nuts

...are expected to arrive early next week. For more info contact Stacy Goulette c/o school (810.765.3591).

Spirit Wear

PTO has had many requests for spirit wear and is preparing order information. T-shirts (short sleeves) will be \$10 (long sleeves: add \$5) and sweatshirts, \$20; sizes youth S, M and L; adult S, M, L and XL; \$2 extra for adult 2XL and 3XL; \$5 extra for personalization. For more info (or to order), contact Laura Bailey c/o school.

Need Service Credits?

Just a handful of bingo shifts are left now for someone who would like to earn a few credits this year. Contact Tracy Wilson (tracycarnahan@comcast.net).

Calendar Raffle

2017 calendar raffle tickets were mailed to all the parishioners of *Our Lady on the River* parish. Congrats again to the all 2016 winners: Jan--Carl Szabelski, Bob Zweng, M A Soenen; Feb--John Arnold Jr., Carolyn Rowland, Jamie Guyor; Mar--M A Soenen (again!), Jim Zweng, Janet Zweng; Apr--Colleen Kowalewski, Caty de Graaf, Carol (Turke? ticket 2870); May--Barbara MacLaren, Charlene Smith, Larry Iminski; June--Paul Johnson, Mary Ann Neumann, Kathy Sweet; July--Paul Ivan, Connie McCartney, James Burridge; August--L. Tomayko, Lynn Markel, M A Soenen (again! different ticket this time); Sep--Bill Roland, Charles Stahl, Katy Sharrow; Oct--Roseann Clements, Joe Cortis, Walter Breiling; Nov--Brendan Cummings, Connie McCartney and Bob Zweng (again!!) How lovely to see that parishioners from each of our Parish sites have WON! How fun to see that Bob Zweng won twice, M A Soenen won three times and Jim and Janet Zweng had both of their tickets drawn in March! What are the chances?!?—pretty good, if you're a Zweng! But you can't win if you don't buy a ticket. For just \$25, you will have 34 chances to win in 2017! Thanks in advance for your purchase and support of Holy Cross Catholic School!

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.

Santa's Secret Shop

Next Tuesday (Dec. 13) the PTO will play Santa's little helper by offering a "Santa's Secret Shop" to help students with Christmas shopping.

"Santa's Shop" will be open on Tuesday from 7:45 to 10:45am, then 11:30am to 3:00 pm. The students will be shopping with their classes. Items range from \$0.50 to a few \$8.00 items. "Santa's Shop" will also be open on Wednesday, December 14 at 11 am for preschool shoppers and from 2:30 to 3 pm for any last minute shopping. Volunteers are needed throughout the day on Tuesday to help students shop and wrap gifts. Contact Stacy Goulette c/o school—thank you!

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.

Marine City Knights of Columbus Msgr. George Browne Memorial Scholarship

The Marine City Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for their brand-new Msgr. Browne memorial grant. Two \$500 awards will be made in mid-January. Application forms are available in the school office, and completed applications are due back at the school office by December 12.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP!!

Information packets and permission forms are going home today with your oldest camper--please "shake down" your camper for that packet! (Permission forms need to be returned to school before Jan. 16, and 5th-8th graders will attend camp the week of January 23-27.)

Holy Cross on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/
holycrosscatholicmc/](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/)



**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

COST

11:00am - 12:30pm - Grades 5-8

Donations Only!

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

**50% PROCEEDS TO ST. MARY'S
50% PROCEEDS TO SIITA'S NEST**

SIITA'S NEST

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 little more than 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. Mr. Mike Govier has graciously agreed to serve as the evening’s host and auctioneer. You can reserve your table today—contact the school office (810.765.3591). Tickets are \$30 per person.

You’ll find a sneak peek at some of the treasures we have to offer to the right:

In addition, we have jewelry, sports items, a patio set, 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 next Thursday evening.



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.

Auction 2017 Classroom Donations

Before Thanksgiving, Auction Chairperson Pam Dezsi sent home a letter and envelope with each student. She is planning to create Auction items representing each class, and asks if parents would send a favorite photo of each HC student. She will use the photos to create these special Auction items.

You may send prints (high quality, please, so they scan well; they will be returned), or your photo may be emailed: send to maeseelem@sbcglobal.net. **Pam needs to have all the photos by next week.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam at the above email address. Thank you for your help!

STAR STUDENTS

...for November:

Preschooler **Oliver Meusling** is a high energy three-year-old who enjoys playing with cars and trucks. He also likes building with blocks. Oliver is very inquisitive and plays well with his peers. **Preston Davenport** is in the 4-5-year-old program. He is "all boy!" Preston enjoys interacting with his peers, playing jokes, and building structures with his friends. He also enjoys books and doing crafts. Both boys are a wonderful addition to our prekindergarten family!

Kindergartner **Katherine Bryson's** favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite colors are pink and blue. She loves to play. Something special about Katie is that she is different from everybody else. Katie is a caring, smart, funny little girl, and a fast learner!

Isabella Smalley's favorite food is McDonald's. Her favorite color is pink. She loves to color. When Bella grows up, she wants to be a vet. Bella is a kind and helpful first grader, and she loves her pets!

Second grader **Dylan Davenport** is a loyal friend with a fun-loving personality. He likes performing in plays, and was a frog in the Riverbank Theatre production of *Jungle Book*. When Dylan grows up, he can't decide if he'll be an actor, a singer, or a bug collector. Keep up the great work Dylan. **Matthew Bailey** is a kind and cooperative second grade boy. Matt is always willing to help his classmates and his teacher. When he is not in school you might find him playing video games on his new Chrome book. Matt plans on being a police officer and a scuba diver when he grows up. His favorite subject in school is science.

Katherine Kowalewski's favorite subject in school is gym, and her favorite thing to do when she is not in school is participate in drama. Katie recently played "Happy" in *Snow*

White and the Eight Dwarfs and she is one of the angels in our Christmas play at school. Keep up the great work.

Fourth grader **Skye Moss** enjoys school and works hard each day! Skye has become quite versed in using her Chromebook, and utilizes it to help her in her studies in class and at home. Skye loves animals, specifically cats! She is an amazing singer and dancer. In her spare time, she takes dance class, which she started at the young age of 4. When she grows up, she hopes to become a veterinarian!

Joseph Jordan is a very intelligent fifth grader with the ability to go far with focus and determination. He can think through a problem, look at different solutions and come up with the best outcome. His honesty and sense of loyalty to his friends shine through every day in the classroom.

Sixth grader **Lauren Rosemeck** is a wonderful young lady with a kind heart and bubbly personality. Her Christian attitude and sense of fairness help bring a family atmosphere to the class. Lauren is helpful and kind to all, which sets a great example to others.

Dresden Scott is a hard-working and cooperative seventh grader. She is an avid reader and enjoys ELA class. Her drawing and artistic skills are to be commended and represent her kind and pleasant natured personality. Dresden enjoys swimming and playing volleyball for fun.

Eighth grader **Ron Schulte** is always willing to help or just give a hug. He is honest, trustworthy, and a true friend. Ron loves NASCAR racing and is a car enthusiast. Ron loves reading the Percy Jackson series and is interested in learning more about Greek mythology. He also is interested in historical wars, such as the Civil War. Ron plans on attending Cardinal Mooney High School next fall. He is a pleasure to have in class, and an all-around good kid!

Drama Club / Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas program is next Thursday. Many thanks to **Mrs. Rock** and the members of the Drama Club, who have been working on a short play for the program, and to the classroom teachers, **Mrs. Wassenberg** and the music classes for their additions to the program. **All students are expected to participate**—if there is a reason your child will not be able to be there, please send his/her teacher a note explaining the absence.

The program will be at 6pm. All students should be in the gym by 5:45 that evening. Dress code: dress up (in Christmas colors, if you like). The bottom two rows of bleachers will be reserved for preschoolers and their families.

Members of the Drama Club: please meet at 5:15 in Mrs. Rock's classroom to get ready for your performance. "Break a leg!"

STUFFING STOCKINGS

Thanks to everyone who donated to the collection for service members! Some NJHS members and friends show the stuffed stockings ready to send overseas from Holy Cross:

