



# 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.

January 26, 2017

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

## WHILE THE CAMPERS ARE AWAY....

We know the campers are having a great week up north! Wolverine greeted them with a 6-8" blanket of snow, and they got more snow this week! To let our campers know we're with them in spirit, we wrote them letters on Monday, and then celebrated with a dress-for-camp day on Tuesday. Yesterday we enjoyed a camp movie and popcorn, and today, after mass, we'll sing camp songs and have "s'mores." On Friday we're going to play board games and make a "welcome back" poster. Can't wait to hear about all you did in Wolverine!!!

The campers are due to arrive back at school about 4:30 tomorrow. Their "Carnival Day" t-shirts will be ready for them to pick up then!

## Report Cards

...for the 2nd quarter will go home on Monday, January 30! **Sleep in on Monday: school starts at 8:30 for the "Carnival" that day!**

## Mark Your Calendar....

- TONIGHT—PTO's "Mini Camp" in library, 6-7:30pm
- **W-F Jan. 25-27: No after school East China buses**
- M. Jan 30: **LATE START—school starts at 8:30 today and ends at 2pm**; report cards go home; Blue Water Schools' "Carnival" day (lunch will be provided)—UNIFORM PANTS with the Carnival t-shirt
- **Wed. Feb. 1: "NED" show 8am**
- Tu. Feb. 7: School Committee meets 6pm
- **Th. Feb. 9: PTO's "Cardboard Car Show / Drive In Movie"**
- T Feb. 14: Valentines' Day: dress down in pink/red/white
- **Th. Feb. 16: no East China buses home**
- Feb. 17-20: midwinter break—no classes
- **Tu. Feb. 21: back to school**
- S. Feb. 25: Academic Olympics

## National Geography Geography Bee

Sixth grader **Jimmy Downey** is our school champion! He will advance to the next level, participating online. Congratulations, Jimmy!

## WATCHCTV.ORG

Middle school ELA teacher Ms. Johnson recently sat for an interview for local cable Channel 6's "Focus" show. You can see the interview on their website: [www.watchctv.org](http://www.watchctv.org). (If you don't see Ms Johnson in a link on that page, go to "shows," then "Focus with Paul Dingeman" and select the January 12 interview.)

(The show should also be airing on local cable channels 6 and 902 at 12/4/8am and pm on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays; or try channels 12 or 916 on Thursdays at 11am/6pm and Fridays at 7:30am.)

## Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

"The boys were terrific at the tournament last weekend. We lost a 29-25 heartbreaker to St. Augustine on Thursday night, after fighting back to take a second half lead. Luke Chadra, Kyle Mitotke, and Jimmy Downey led a balanced scoring attack. We defeated MCA on Saturday morning 24-20, rallying from an early 12-2 first-half deficit. Luke Chadra, Chris Winne, and Devin Allam keyed the victory. We had a re-match with St. A's later Saturday morning for the third-place trophy. We lost 17-13 in another very hard-fought game.

"We were the only team in the league with a majority of 5th-6th graders on the roster. They were great ambassadors for the school and the parish community. They fought hard, played well, and demonstrated good sportsmanship in the face of the difficult challenge of playing against bigger, older students. It was a great season!"—Coach Downey

Our thanks to Coach Downey and girls' cheer Coach Duncan for mentoring our athletes this season!

## NEXT WEEK...

...is Catholic Schools Week. Our celebration will begin with the Vicariate-wide "Carnival" to be held here on our site on Monday. **The "Carnival" begins with mass at 9am—please arrive for school at 8:30 on Monday.** (UNIFORM PANTS and your "Carnival" day t-shirt, and you won't need your backpack today.) **"Carnival" will end at 2pm: please plan to pick up your students at that time.**

On Tuesday, Jan. 30: dress in your favorite sports team's clothing. Wednesday will be "crazy hair day" (NO COLORS, though)! Thursday: "twin" day. Friday: "Dress to Impress:" dress up for mass (uniform is OK).

## AUCTION 2017

At Saturday's auction, we hosted our greatest number of guests in recent history! Many people shared in the event's preparations, but a HUGE thank you goes out to chairperson **Ms Pam Dezzi** for the countless hours of devoted detail-juggling she invested in the auction. Profit figures are still in the works—hope to be able to announce that next week.

## PTO "Mini Camp" & "Cardboard Car Drive In"

PTO is planning two fun family events! The first is "Mini Campers," **TONIGHT, from 6-7:30pm**. This is for students and their families preschool-4th grade and will be in the school library. Come (**enter through FAB front door**) and enjoy your own fun camp activities while the big kids are away at camp!

The second event is the "Cardboard Car Show / Drive In Movie," which will be held in the library on Thursday, February 9. More info later!

## Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display has once again stopped at Holy Cross! "Books Are Fun" offers a nice assortment of high quality items at reasonable prices, and the school library earns a book for every ten items sold. Orders and payment need to be in the office by next Tuesday, Jan. 31; your items can go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Wednesday, Feb. 1 (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

## VG'S RECEIPTS & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to all who save these things for us! A deadline is quickly approaching: please turn in all "Box Tops for Education" **by Feb. 17**.

We have a couple more months to continue collecting VG's receipts—but we're less than halfway to the goal of \$150,000 worth of receipts to earn their rebate. Please keep saving and turning in those receipts: it will be worth \$1000 to us if we succeed! (We need the entire receipt, and they need to have the paragraph about "Direct Your Dollars.")

## "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](mailto:mrsd.leslie@gmail.com)) for more info.

## School Speak iPhone App!

An iPhone app for SchoolSpeak is now available on Apple App Store (search for SchoolSpeak on App Store)! Your login ID and password are all you need to begin. The app requires WiFi or a mobile data connection to login and update content (please note that using the App on mobile data connections may cause additional charges).

## Volleyball

We expect the game schedule to be ready by next week's newsletter and will publish then.

A million thanks to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** again, for continuing to coordinate concessions and workers for this season's sport! Parents of athletes are expected to help work at the games (to earn money to pay for our athletic programs' expenses). Please note that the volleyball tournament will be here at Holy Cross at the end of March and will give us the opportunity to earn the money to keep our sports program running: therefore, parents of ALL athletes in all sports (not just volleyball) are expected to help. Please contact Stacy to let her know when you'll be able to do your share.

## Ecumenical Lenten Services

On the Wednesdays during Lent Marine City churches will gather at 6:00 pm for a soup supper and 7:00 pm for a prayer service; this year the theme will be a reflection on the Ten Commandments.

Date and church hosting:

March 8: St. Martin Lutheran

March 15: Our Lady on the River

March 22: St Mark Episcopal

March 29: St. John Church of Christ

April 5: Our Lady on the River

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Dynamic Catholic Presents...

# The Four Signs

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Featuring Dr. Alan Hunt



Saturday February 25, 2017

9:00am-1:30pm

St. Isidore Catholic Church

18201 23 Mile Road- Macomb Township, MI 48042

Tickets \$25

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# February

Sun	Mon Jan 30	Tue Jan 31	Wed Feb 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
	"Blue Water Vicariate Carnival" at Holy Cross site: arrive at 8:30 am  Report cards go home after school		NED show 8-9am		St Blaise throat blessing	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Volleyball games start at 6:30pm:	HC @ SMCA	School Committee meets 6pm		(no game tonight) PTO's "Cardboard Car Show / Drive In Movie"		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Trin @ HC	Valentines' Day: dress down in red/pink/white PTO meets 6pm		No afternoon East China buses SM @ HC	No school: midwinter break	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	No school: midwinter break	Back to class!		HC @ Trin		Academic Olympics at St. Augustine School in Richmond 9am-1pm
26	27	28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4
	IC @ HC			HC @ St P	Open House Sunday Mar 5, 1-3pm	

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### Photo from Camp!

This group looks totally spell-bound! Wonder what tale the leader is telling??

### Holy Cross on Facebook:

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