

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 5, 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 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)

SCRIP credits through the end of 2016 have been calculated and will show up as credits on your January statements (in your mailbox soon!).

A reminder that 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/>

Christmas Program

Many thanks to Mrs. Rock for her hours of work with the Drama Club putting together their Christmas production! Our thanks go out, also, to Mrs. Wassenberg for her beautiful accompaniment.



Mark Your Calendar....

- **F. Jan. 13: food drive for parish pantry; all camp payments and permission forms due today**
- M. Jan. 16: Martin Luther King day: no school
- **Th. Jan. 19: winter sports photos 2-3pm**
- F. Jan. 20: end of second quarter
- **Sat. Jan. 21: AUCTION!**
- Jan 23-27: camp for students in grades 5-8
- **W-F Jan. 25-27: No after school East China buses**
- M. Jan 30: report cards go home; Blue Water Schools' "Carnival" day

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Allam, Mrs. Kukawka and Mrs. Lomasney** for the delicious lunch they brought for the teachers before Christmas break!! So thoughtful of you!

...to **Julia DuVall, Bryce and Aiden Schocker and big sister Annaleise, Claire Campbell, Chris and Anna Winne, Taylor Marlatt and Mrs. Marlatt** for helping the Marine City Old Newsboys pack candy for their Christmas deliveries!

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

The game that needed to be rescheduled will be played here at 6:30 tonight. After that, there is only one more regular season game: next 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.

Volleyball

Welcome back to Coach Samantha Duncan! This year's Holy Cross volleyball team: 6th graders **Claire Campbell, Rebecca Goulette, Lauren Rosemeck, Scarlett Scott, Kierstyn West** and **Anna Winne**; 7th graders **Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Lauren Isrow, Grace Govier-LaParl, Lydia Kukawka, Dresden Scott** and **Nicole Zawadzinski**; and 8th grades **Charlotte Fajardo** and **Sophia Goulette**. The volley season starts as soon as the boys are finished with basketball. Girls: don't forget to get your physical, if you haven't already done that this year.

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.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP!!

A reminder that all **payments and permission forms need to be in before January 13**. (That's next Friday!) Our 5th-8th graders are looking forward to their winter camp experience the week of January 23-27! They will be leaving first thing in the morning on Monday, January 23.

End of 2nd Quarter

...is Friday, January 20! Report cards will go home on Monday, January 30.

"The NED Show"

The NED (Never give up/ Encourage others/ Do your best) assembly that had been scheduled for this week had to be postponed due to the presenter's illness. Instead, we'll welcome them back on Wednesday, February 1.

There is no cost to us to have this assembly. Instead, we agreed to allow them to offer their products for sale to "pay it forward" to provide the program for another school, which is how we are receiving it at no cost. Orders for the NED products may be turned in any time before the show on Feb. 1 (an order flyer went home before Christmas with each student).

Star Students

...for December:

Liam O'Brien and **Kaleb DuChene** are both new to the Holy Cross prekindergarten program. Liam is a 3-year-old who enjoys playing with binoculars, cars and "tubes." His favorite activity is building with his friends. Kaleb is in our 4&5-year-old program and is very outgoing. He enjoys building, playing with the cars and trucks, and the marble works. Both boys get along well with their classmates and are enjoyable additions to our prekindergarten program.

Vincent Finn is a hard working second grader and a good friend to everyone. He loves to build with Legos in his free time. When Vincent isn't at school you might find him up in his new tree house. When he grows up he wants to be a police officer like his dad and his dad's dad. Keep up the good work Vince.

Third grader **Emma Lomasney** is a kind and compassionate young lady who is always willing to help out. She is a good friend to everyone and loves making pictures at home for her classmates. When Emma is not doing school work, she likes to make crafts with her grandma. Someday Emma wants to be an artist. **Janae Miotke** is our new third grade girl. She fit right in with the other girls and has shown real leadership potential. Janae is a careful worker and a great student. When Janae is not in school you might find her in the gym: she practices

12 hours of gymnastics each week and has won many medals. Some day she hopes to coach gymnastics. Way to go Janae—keep on shining and you can do anything you put your mind to.

Brennen DeMeulenaere is having a great year. His favorite subjects are reading and math. This year he has worked with Ms Johnson's reading group and really enjoys the book "Hatchet." Over the summer. Brennen was trained in altar serving, and serves one Sunday a month, and occasionally during school masses. Outside of school, Brennen enjoys spending time with his older brother and younger sister. He plays for the Marysville Youth Soccer Organization and has been rated #1 on his team. Aside from academics and sports, he spends his down-time gaming, building with Legos and swimming.

Fifth grader **Gemma Downey** is a wonderful young lady with a bubbly personality and a knack for drama. She doesn't shy from a challenge and always encourages others to do their best. Gemma can think outside the box, adding great input to class discussions.

Kyle Miotke is a hard working and focused sixth grader with the ambition to do well. Not only is he a wonderful student, he pulls double time with many long hard hours in the gym practicing his gymnastics. Kyle has an infectious smile and a Christian attitude, making it easy to get along with others.

Nicole Zawadzinski is an energetic

and fun-loving seventh grader who describes herself as "having a crazy imagination!" In her free time Nicole enjoys roller skating. When she grows up she wants to work for NASA which supports her great love for traveling the world: she recently returned from an exciting trip to Peru with her family, where she enjoyed many exciting experiences and adventures.

Gabriel Rowland Renaud enjoys participating in theater and was recently in the play A Christmas Carol at the Riverbank Theater. Some day Gabe hopes to be an architect. He enjoys building Scandinavian style homes on SIMS 4. Gabe has been nicknamed "Gobstopper" by his classmates because he always leaves French class late. In school, Gabe's favorite subject are literature and French. Gabe is extremely intelligent and a magnificent author. I enjoy having Gabe in my classes every day!

"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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

2017 BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



FREE THROW
THREE POINT
TRICK SHOT



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14

January 14 2017, 11 AM

610 South Water Street,

Marine City MI 48039

Free family event and everyone is invited!!!

Please send registration forms to rgoulette2@yahoo.com

For more information and registration details please Email rgoulette2@yahoo.com



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

Our Holy Cross School Auction is just two weeks 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 is a sample of the "class" items that will be featured at 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.



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.**

Holy Cross Alumni: Why Wait for Your Class Reunion??

The Auction could provide you and your classmates a wonderful way to enjoy each other's company again! Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved for \$30/ticket. The evening will include a "wandering" meal, open bar, raffles, and lots of items in both the silent and live auctions to bid on.

For more information contact the school office (810.765.3591 or email school@holycrossonline.net).

Please Help Stock the Bar for Auction 2017

The auction is just around the corner! Many of us still have extra drinks on hand from the Christmas and New Year's holidays: the Auction bar could use some of those!

We're asking every student to contribute two-liter bottles of mixers (or lemons/limes) for the Auction bar as assigned below:

- Students in K: please bring two limes each
- 1st graders: 2 lemons each
- 2nd graders: 1 2-liter bottle of 7 Up
- 3rd graders: Canada Dry ginger ale
- 4th graders: Sprite
- 5th graders: tonic water
- 6th graders: Coke
- 7th graders: diet Coke
- 8th graders: cranberry juice

Students who drop these things off with Mrs. Steinmetz before Wednesday, Jan. 18 **will receive a dress down pass!** As always, thank you for all you do to keep our awesome little school going!

Dress Down to Fight Cancer!

Seventh graders **Abbie Cullen** and **Julia DuVall** are spearheading a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Next Wednesday, January 11, students may dress down for a \$1 (or more!) donation to the American Cancer Society. Just come to school (dressed down) with your donation: the girls will come to your classroom just after morning prayer to collect the money to help fight cancer. Thank you, girls, for both the opportunity to dress down and for using it for such a great cause!

School Committee

The School Committee extends an invitation to families to nominate new school committee members. They want to reach a membership of nine on the committee and to have a committee very different from PTO by nominating parishioners and community members with expertise in the areas of budget / finance, facilities auditing, secretary, growth and development, policies relevant to mission as a Catholic school and management of school funding.

If you are interested in any of these areas (or know of someone else who might be), please contact the school office (810.765.3591 or email school@holycrossonline.net). Please include the name & contact information as well as the candidate's area of interest or expertise. Thank you!

Dynamic Catholic Presents...

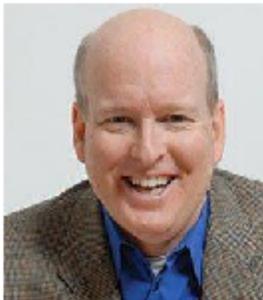
The Four Signs

Incredible Possibilities for Your Life and Your Parish

What if each day, every Catholic prayed for ten minutes and read five pages of a great Catholic book? What if every Catholic gave one percent more of their income to their Church this year and did one thing each week to intentionally share God's message with others? The Catholic Church would be staggeringly different from the Church today. But how do we get Catholics to take on these life-changing habits?

Based on Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, this event is designed to help participants discover how to master the Four Signs in their own lives.

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

Order tickets online at DynamicCatholic.com or call (859)980-7900



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