



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.

February 16, 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 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)

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

NEW PROCEDURE— FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2017-18

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a NEW application process this year! It must be done online, and will be processed through FACTS tuition management company.

Here is the URL for the 2017-18 financial aid application and directions (copy and paste into your browser):

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/new-archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-process/>

Remember: to be eligible for any other aid at Holy Cross, you MUST (if you are eligible) have first applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance. Print off your application, because you will need to submit a copy of it along with all other grant and scholarship applications.

The deadline for applying for the AoD grant is April 7.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow and Monday:** no school
- Tu. Feb. 21: back to school
- **S. Feb. 25: Academic Olympics in Richmond**
- W. March 1: Ash Wednesday (mass today: church dress code)
- **F. March 3: Friday mass as usual; vision & hearing screenings for preschoolers for Kindergarten entry; first Stations of the Cross 2pm and first Lenten fish fry 4-7pm at St. Catherine**
- S. March 5 (1-3pm) Open House
- **Th. March 16: dress down in green & white for St Patrick Day; no afternoon East China buses**
- F. March 17: nonperishable food drive for pantry; no Chartwells: nacho lunch; no East China buses

Academic Olympics

Students in grades 5-8 have been issued the challenge to compete academically against the other Blue Water Vicariate schools! The annual "Academic Olympics" will be held at St. Augustine School in Richmond on the morning of Saturday, February 25 (time to arrive depends on the student's area(s) of competition).

Students have begun practicing in class for the math, forensics (humorous and serious prose and poetry readings), problem solving and religion quiz bowl competitions. Some of the competitions are individual events, while others are teams. (Students may ask any of the middle school teachers if they'd like to compete, and they'll help get the students signed up.)

Attention 8th Graders' Parents:

We're hoping to put a page of 8th graders' baby pictures in this year's yearbook. Do you have a (preferably digital) baby photo you can submit? Please send either digital or print copy to Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net) with your child's name on it—the photo will be returned. We'll need all the photos before the end of this month to make the publication deadlines.

Volleyball

The team hosted Trinity on Monday, and will play at home again tonight, welcoming St Mary St Clair. Games starts at 6:30pm—all Crusader fans invited!

No game next Monday; the team's next outing will be at Trinity on Feb. 23.

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 c/o school to let her know when you'll be able to do your share.

Congratulations!!

This past weekend, our third grader **Janae Miotke** (8 years old) competed at 'The largest women's gymnastics competition in the world' at Navy Pier in Chicago. This is Janae's first year making the travel team at All-American Flames Gymnastix in Port Huron, and she is competing at level 3. In Chicago on Saturday, Janae won 4 gold medals for her 1st place scores in Floor, Vault, Uneven Bars and the All-Around event (combined total of all 4). She also took 2nd place in the Balance Beam, receiving a silver medal. Her team of only 6 girls won 1st Place Team in Level 3. If you would like to come and watch her or her brother **Kyle** (6th grade) compete, All American Flames Gymnastix is hosting a large competition the weekend of March 3-5th in Port Huron, most likely at McMorran Place. Kyle and Janae are scheduled to compete on Sunday, March 5 (times TBA in future newsletter). Congratulations, Janae!!

Free Movie!

PTO is pleased to announce it is sponsoring a free movie on Feb. 25 & 26 at 10 am Riverside Cinema! All are invited to come and watch "Trolls."

Thrift Sale!

The ever-popular "Thrift Sale" (to benefit the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago) is returning! The sale is scheduled for the school hallways on Saturday, April 22 (from 9am-3pm).

They're looking for treasures to sell! Do you have a basement full of stuff you don't need, and just don't want to bother with your own yard sale? You may drop items off at the school office any school day (between 7am-3pm). (Sorry, but they can't accept clothing, shoes, or stuffed animals.) If items are large or donors need someone to pick up their things, they can contact the school office (810.765.3591) to be put in touch with someone who can help.

Vision & Hearing Screenings for Kindergarten Entry

The Health Department will be here on Friday, March 3 to do the preschool vision and hearing screenings that are required for starting Kindergarten. If you have a little who will be joining us for Kindergarten next fall, you could bring him/her that day and get those screenings out of the way: call the school office for an appointment and the required form.

Science Fair and Display Boards

Completed science fair projects are due the morning of Wed. March 1. Students in grades 5-8 have been working on the written portions in school, but their experiments must be completed at home.

Display boards are available in the school office for \$4 each.

VG's Receipts & Box Tops for Education

A deadline is quickly approaching: [please turn in all "Box Tops for Education" by tomorrow, Friday, 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 receipts must have the paragraph about "Direct Your Dollars.") Thanks to all who save these for us!!

CYO Camps

A few days ago, K-8 students were given brochures about CYO camps. If you are thinking about summer camp for your child, you may wish to consider CYO's programs.

Former Crusaders in the News

Congratulations to Holy Cross alumni (now at CMC) who have recently won awards! **Caitlin Downey** (HC Class of 2014) won a total of 5 awards in a recent art competition: a gold, a silver, and 3 honorable mentions (all in photography)! Former Crusader **Abbey Obrzut** and **Lilly Wolf** (Class of 2013) also won honorable mentions in photography. **Thomi Tomianovich** (Class of 2015) won first place in her age division in the largest gymnastics invitational in the US (this after surgery last fall)! **Jessie Barr** (Class of 2016) won a honorable mention in poetry in a Scholastic writing competition. **Lilly Wolf** also won an honorable mention in the Port Huron Times Herald's awards for the top 25 area athletes. We're so excited for you when you shine!

Valentines' Day meets "100 Day!"

Students in grades K-3 put together "100th day" projects to celebrate 100 days of school this year. That day happened to fall just days before Valentine's Day, so many projects reflected both special days:



Boy! 100 of something is a lot!!



When Your Student Doesn't Feel Well

A reminder that—for their sake as well as that of their classmates—sick kids shouldn't be in school! The Health Department says if a student has had a fever s/he needs to remain out of school until there is no fever for 24 hours without using any kind of medication. Thanks for helping keep epidemics under control!

Refreshments for Open House

PTO is looking for donations of cookies, fruit trays and bottled water for the Open House on March 5. If you can help, please contact Suzy DeVeny at 810.434.3454.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for February: Jack Westrick of China Township, Betty Babel of Marine City and Walter Breiling of Fair Haven. Congratulations to these Holy Cross supporters!

"Flashback Friday"

Holy Cross alums interested in having their bio featured on our Facebook page: contact Leslie DeMeulenaere (mrsd.leslie@gmail.com) for more info.



Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

ORDER YOUR 2016-17 YEARBOOK!

Time to order your yearbook! This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books are expected to be here by mid-May. Reserve your copy for \$15!

Family name _____

Students' names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$_____

(Checks can be made out to "OLR.") When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

Orders need to be in the school office by Friday, March 17.

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 (855)980-7900

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Lenten Soup and Talk Series

All are invited to all or any of the gatherings in this series, moderated by Frs. Rooney and Bechill and Deacon Oldani. The series will take place on the Tuesdays in Lent, at 6:30 in the Holy Cross cafeteria.

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 churches 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!