



# 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 23, 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 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

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....

- **Sat. 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). Best wishes to all our competitors!

## Open House

...is Sunday, March 5, from 1-3pm. Do you have a friend with a little one ready for Kindergarten or preschool?—Invite their family to check us out! How about friends who currently attend other schools?—bring them down to schedule a "shadowing" day! It will be a day for us to highlight the 'Best of Holy Cross,' from our facilities to Science Fair projects to our wonderful families to our individual learning program. Bring a friend—or two!

## 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 c/o the school office (810.765.3591).

## 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.

## Volleyball

St Mary St Clair visited Holy Cross last Thursday. Our girls are tied for second place in the league, with a 2/1 win/loss record so far. Games start at 6:30pm—Crusader fans are always welcome!

Tonight's game is at Trinity. On Monday, we host IC, and then travel to St Peter School next Thursday.

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.

## 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.

## fish fries

OLR sponsors fish fries on all of the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Good Friday). Do you need a few service credits?—shifts (4-8pm) at the fish fries are still available: call Sherrie c/o school for info.

## **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **VG's Receipts and Box Tops for Education**

Thanks to everyone who turned in "Box Tops" last week!

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!!

### **Box Tops for Education Contest**

...was won by the **7th grade**. The traveling trophy now rests in their room, and the students all earn a dress down pass. Congratulations!! (And keep saving those "Box Tops for Education" for us!)

*Thank You!!*

...to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Patti Allam and Mrs. Stacey Earl** for trimming up all the "Box Tops" for this contest!

### **"Flashback Friday"**

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

*Thank You!!*

...seventh grader **Michael Wilkinson** for the digital microscope he donated to our science lab!

## **Chess Club**

Students in grades K-5 interested in joining an afterschool chess club: please see the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

The club would be mentored by employees of "Chess Wizards," and would meet on Tuesdays after school (April 11, 18&25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23&30) until 3:50 pm; the cost would be \$120 per student (payable to "Chess Wizards") for the 8-week season. A minimum of 8 students would be needed to offer the program at Holy Cross: please call school **by March 1** if you are interested in joining.

## **Tuition**

ALL tuition is due to be paid in full **by the end of February** (that's next Tuesday).

### **\*SKS GRS\***

On Saturday, Feb. 25, first graders **Bella Smalley** and **Izzie Deering** will join HC alumni Annemarie and Veronica Heitz on the ice at McMoran Arena in Port Huron for "Ice Fantasies 2017." There will be two shows (1 and 7pm); adult entry is \$12, and students & seniors, \$8 (children under 3: free). Come and enjoy our ladies' skating show!

# **CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**



# **OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 5  
1-3 PM**

**FEATURING A MAC N' CHEESE BAR**



Please join the Cardinal Mooney Community for a fun and interactive open house featuring:

- Faculty, staff, alumni and students give guided tours and answer questions
- Chemistry, Robotics, Art & Biology demonstrations
- Art Gallery by our award winning students
- Coaches running drills in the gym
- Tour of historic Holy Cross church at 12:30
- Performances from our choir

We hope you can join us!

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**Pre-register at: <http://cardinalmooney.org/admissions-home>**

## 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](http://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!

# March

Sun	Mon Feb 27	Tue Feb 28	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
Volleyball games start at 6:30pm:	IC @ HC		Ash Wednesday—mass at 9am	HC @ St P	Regular mass day	
					Vision & hearing screenings for preschoolers	
					Stations of the cross 2pm	
5	6	7	8	9	Fish fry 4-7pm at St. Catherine site	11
Open House with CMC 1-3pm	NO CMC	Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	Ecumenical prayer service & soup dinner at St Martin Lutheran church 6pm	St A @ HC	Food drive for parish pantry	
	HC @ SM				Stations 2pm	
					Fish fry 4-7pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	St P @ HC	Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	Ecumenical prayer service & soup dinner at Holy Cross church 6pm	Dress down in green/white for St Patrick Day	Nacho / chili lunch	
				No pm E. China buses	No East China buses	
				HC @ St A	Stations 2pm	
					Fish fry 4-7p	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SMMCA @ HC	Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	Ecumenical prayer service & soup dinner at St Mark Episcopal church 6pm	HC @ IC	End of third quarter	Volleyball tournament continues
					Fish fry 4-7pm	
					Volley tournament begins (@Holy Cross)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Boater Safety classes all week grades 6-8		Lenten soup & talk 6:30pm in cafeteria	Ecumenical prayer service & soup dinner at St John Church of Christ 6pm		Report cards go home	
					Fish fry 4-7pm	
						2017



Tired of that glazed-over look from too much screen time?

## Ready to make some new friends and amaze your parents with your brain power?

Join Chess Wizards this school year for challenging chess lessons, exciting tournaments, fun team activities, and more! If you're brand new to the game, we'll teach you the basics and get you playing with the big kids in no time. If you're a seasoned checkmate artist, we'll show you new ways to let your creativity loose on and off the chess board.



Your brain is your  
**SUPERPOWER**  
Are you ready  
to use it?

**Chess Wizards** is one of the largest chess academies in the nation. Every year since 2002, our interactive, discovery-based curriculum inspires thousands of students and parents to challenge themselves through the Game of Kings (and Queens!). More than just a game of winning and losing, we challenge our students to think ahead, visualize their goals, treat others with respect, and learn from their mistakes. Studies have shown that chess enhances cognitive development, improves scholastic performance and boosts confidence... plus it's a game kids can enjoy their whole lives!

**LET YOUR CHILD BE PART OF THE FUN AND JOIN THE CHESS WIZARD COMMUNITY TODAY!**

Chess Wizards has an exclusive partnership with **ChessKid.com** a safe and secure online chess server designed just for kids. Students can play each other across the country, do chess puzzles, participate in online tournaments, and more! All content is parent-controlled. If you'd like to purchase a full-access year long Gold membership for \$25.00 (a 50% discount) please add the fee to your total, and include your email address so we can send you all the information you need to get started!

Questions about our program? Call us at: **1-866-94-94-FUN**

Visit [www.chesswizards.com](http://www.chesswizards.com) for additional events, like upcoming tournaments and day-camps!



### 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."

### Holy Cross on Facebook:

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