

# 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.

March 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](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/scríp-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 completed application** because you will need to submit a copy of it along with other grant and scholarship applications.

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

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **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; yearbook orders due
- **F. March 24: end of third quarter; volleyball tournament today & Saturday at Holy Cross**
- M-F, March 27-31: boater safety classes for students in grades 6-8
- **F. March 31: report cards go home**
- F. April 7: pizza lunch
- **Th. April 13: last day before Easter break**
- M. April 24: back to class after Easter break

## Fr. Bartone Scholarship

Applications for 2017-18 are now available at the school office.

## Re- Registration Packets

...went home with your "oldest Crusader" some time ago. (Please ask your child for the big white envelope with your name on it!) You'll notice many similarities to the details of this past year, and maybe a few changes. We will be going with FACTS tuition management company this year.

Registrations that are completed, returned and accepted by the end of April will qualify for a discount in the registration fee. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to return.

*Congratulations!!*

...to preschooler **Layla Reichle** and her family on the Feb. 23 birth of little brother Reid Ames! Mom and baby are well.

## Calendar Raffle Winners

...for March are Walter Breiling of Fair Haven, Geraldine Begg of Algonac and Christina McQuade of Clay Township. Congratulations to all, and thank you for supporting Holy Cross School!

## Volleyball

Last Thursday we hosted St Augustine School and on Monday, St. Peter School, (and scored another win!). Tonight our girls are on the road to St. Augustine's.

The season is coming to a close very quickly: one more home game next Monday (against St Mary McCormick) and one more away, on Th. March 23 at IC. Games start at 6:30pm:—all Crusader fans are welcome! Monday's game will be "Parents' Night"—Coach Sam asks if every player could have at least one parent at the game that night.

The tournament begins on Friday evening, March 24; Holy Cross will host. Parents of ALL athletes in all sports (not just volleyball) are expected to help. Please contact Stacy c/p school to let know when you'll be able to help.

## Track Season

...will soon be upon us, with the first meet scheduled for early in April (the 7th). Many thanks to Coach Sam for coaching for the past few years! However, her schedule will not accommodate this year's meet schedule (April 28 and May 5 & 16), so we are looking for a track coach. Mr. Matthew Zammit has already offered to help coach the running events.

Practices in the past few years have been several days a week, for an hour or so after school. This practice time seems to work well for most of our athletes, since they need to be able to run outdoors as often as possible.

If you are interested, please call school ASAP (810.765.3591). Thank you!

## Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is scheduled for the first week of April. More info will follow as the date draws closer.

## Chili Nacho Lunch

Tomorrow (March 17) Chartwell's will not be serving. Instead, we'll have Mrs. Isrow's chili nachos! For \$2.50 you can order a generous serving of nachos and cheese, with meatless chili, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa and sour cream available to top them, along with fruit and a drink. If you didn't already turn in an order, don't forget to bring a lunch from home.

## 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 and baked goodies 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. Baked items of all sorts are being sought for the bake sale, as well.

## Music Scholarships

East China School District and the St. Clair Music Club (in cooperation with the Community Foundation of St. Clair County) announce their 2017 Music Scholarship auditions. Auditions will be on Sunday, March 26 in the First Congregational Church in St. Clair, and 7 scholarships (of \$650 each) will be awarded: for students of voice, piano, brass, woodwind, percussion or orchestral strings.

Applicants must be residents of or students in the East China School District, and (except for the organ scholarship) in 7-11th grades. Applications are available in the school office (or online at [ecsd.us](http://ecsd.us) or [stclairfoundation.org](http://stclairfoundation.org)).

## "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 TOMORROW (Friday, March 17); your items can go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Monday, the 20th (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

## "Students in the News"

Soccer, Scouts, geography bee, dance / music recital or other live performance—does your child have an accomplishment outside of school to share with the rest of our readers? We'd love to be able to let all of his/her friends and classmates know! Please submit to Mrs. Steinmetz ([school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net) with a photo, if you have one).

## fish fry

OLR sponsors fish fries on all of the Fridays of lent (with the exception of Good Friday). Many thanks to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall** for chairing!

Do you need a few service credits?—shifts (10am-3pm and 4-8pm) for adult workers at the remaining fish fries are still available: call Sherrie c/o school.

A few 6th-8th grade student helpers are welcome each week, as well: but they need to be scheduled ahead of time. Too many student helpers at one time just get in each other's way, and that encourages behaviors that detract from the positive image of our school that we expect those students to reflect to the public. Please call Sherrie ahead of time to schedule your child's shifts—please do not just drop your child off without having spoken with Sherrie first.

## Lenten Family Night

Holy Cross PTO invites parish families to our Lenten Family Night. It will be on Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center. This event will offer family centered Lenten activities to help parents and children to grow in their faith during Lent.

## 2017/18 Bingo Service Credit schedule now available online!

Avoid the \$540 service credit fee for the 2017-18 school year. Whether you want to fulfill all 12 of your service credits or you just need a few, the 2017-18 bingo service credit schedule is up and running, and filling up quickly. If you work just 1 bingo a month you satisfy your 12 credit obligation for the school year. The 2017-18 service credit year begins in May and runs through April 2018.

"Control" and "click" to follow this link (or copy and paste this URL into your browser—and then, maybe, you'll want to bookmark it):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqlQTlcjurgrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at [hcwedbnging@gmail.com](mailto:hcwedbnging@gmail.com).

**Reserve your spots before they're all gone!**

## Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are due TOMORROW—don't forget to turn yours in!

## "Flashback Friday"

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

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## 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.

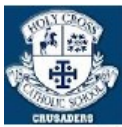
## Ecumenical Lenten Services

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 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!



# Holy Cross Catholic School

## Open House for Kindergarten & Pre - Kindergarten

Thursday March 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- Meet Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teachers
- Childcare available while parents talk with teachers
- One-on-one cost and tuition assistance Q&A
- Lenten Family Night – Craft stations for children of all ages.
- State Certified Teachers
- Small Class Sizes / Individual Attention
- Christian Morals & Family Focused Values
- Creative Curriculum
- Music & Movement

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For more information or to schedule a shadowing day please call 810 765-3591



### Your Pot of Gold is Safe Now!

On Tuesday (just in time for St Patrick's Day!) the Kindergarten and first grade classes came up with a great idea for keeping their gold safe from Leprechauns. Then they found some big kids to help them, and they made Leprechaun traps! (Leprechauns: watch out!!)



### 'March is Reading Month' Visitor

Joe Case of the Prowlers visited the fourth grade this week for reading month. Above is a picture of him with the class. They all look like they had a wonderful visit!

### East China Bus Riders:

NO afternoon bus this afternoon; no buses at all tomorrow—Friday, March 17.

## ORDER YOUR 2016-17 YEARBOOK!

LAST CHANCE 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 and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

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 TOMORROW, Friday, March 17.**