



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.

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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.)

OLR parish will host the workshop on **Saturday, September 16 2017**. To register, go to

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_0.cfm?theme=0

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.

School Office Hours

The school office will be closed for the month of July. It will re-open on August 1 and will be open daily from 8am-1pm. If you need to reach someone outside of those hours, please feel free to call or email (school@holycrossonline.net or 810.765.3591) and leave a message, and we'll call back to figure out how to meet your need. (Or—if you need us more urgently: contact the parish office—810.765.3568—and leave a message. They know how to find us!)

got SCRIP?

SCRIP SUMMER office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 8-10am
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-may-2017/>

June's SCRIP credits have been posted to FACTS accounts! 26 Holy Cross families shared nearly \$2200 in credits this quarter: was your family among them?

The SCRIP office will be closed July 31-August 6 for a well-deserved vacation.

Mark Your Calendar....

- F Aug 25: "Crusader day" 9am-3pm in school
- M Aug. 28: first day of class for K-8!
- W Sep. 6: first day for preschoolers
- Th Sep. 7: "Curriculum Night" 5-7pm (for K-8 families)

Thank You!!

...to the **Marine City Knights of Columbus**

for their recent donation of \$17,000 earned at the past year's Wednesday bingos! (This photo shows Knights Mike Zyrowski and Lenny Schwartz presenting the check to Dr. Wagner.)



...to the **Holy Cross Educa-**

tional Fund, Inc. for their annual distribution—almost \$22,000. This brings the Fund's total donations to Holy Cross since its inception in 1984 to nearly **\$403,000!**

...to two Holy Cross families who gifted each classroom from preschool through grade 4 with a new rug this summer! (Kindergarten already had a new rug, and so opted to share with another room.) Those two families wish to remain anonymous, but we hope they know how grateful we are to them for providing our younger students with these cheery and useful additions to their classrooms.

...to our hard-working maintenance crew, who are busy preparing for the first day of school.

...to our dedicated SCRIP workers, who stay at school all summer as scheduled trying to help with YOUR tuition bill!

We are so blessed to have the support of all of these good people! Thank you all!

TUITION BILLS

A notice is in the mail to you if you haven't yet signed up with FACTS. Included, for school families, is a copy of your service credit record. Please let Mrs. Steinmetz know if you note any discrepancy.

TUITION AND "FACTS"

A few families have sent registration materials to school but have not yet registered with FACTS. PLEASE register with FACTS ASAP!! (If you applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance, you may create your tuition account under that login.) If you can't find instructions on creating your tuition account with FACTS, please call or email the school office and we'll get those instructions to you. (FACTS' help line: 866.441.4637.)

Students whose 2017-18 tuition is not paid in full will not be able to come to class until their families' FACTS accounts are active.

Bingo Concessions

...is looking for someone to help (for service credits!) any Wednesday in August. Please contact Sherrie DuVall c/o school (810.765.3591). Thank you!

Girls' Basketball and Coed Cross Country

Students interested in participating in our girls' basketball or coed cross country teams this fall: (please get your physical! and—) call the school office to get your name on the roster. Practices should begin around the time school starts.

Sports Physicals

Students planning to participate in any sports are reminded that they'll need a sports physical. There was a blank form in your "summer study" packet (it can also be found on the school website: holycrossonline.net/school—select "info," then "forms and publications"). Summer is a great time to get that (as well as any needed immunizations) taken care of.

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinic's" or "Prompt Care's". Also, St. Clair County Health Department's Teen Health Center also offers them: call 810.987.1311 for more info.

For a flyer with information and a \$5 off the physical \$25 fee visit:

<http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/shhs/2017%20Summer%20Physicals.pdf>

Family Directory

We will be publishing a directory of all of our school and preschool families, including parents' and children's names and the family's address and phone number. The directory will be distributed to all families with entries. If you like us to include your email address with your family's entry, please send that information to the school office by August 11. If you do NOT want your family's information in the directory, please contact the school office by that date as well. Thank you!

Congratulations!!

...to technology teacher **Mrs. Basilico** on the birth of Salvatore Gaetano on June 2. Mom and baby are both well.

"Crusader Day"

Friday, August 25, will be "Crusader Day." From 9am to 3pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2017-18 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Monday, August 28), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up. We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your picture taken, and gear up for school!

Seventh Graders and New Students: Immunization Updates and Waivers

The Health Department assesses the immunization records of all new students and students entering 7th grade. Summer is a great time to check with your health care provider to see if your children's shots are up to date.

Parents who opt not to immunize are required to contact the Health Department for the new certified waiver. The St. Clair County Health Department may be reached at 810.987.5300.

No More "Snow Days"!

With all students in grades 1-8 having the use of Chromebooks, "snow days" will become a thing of the past! From now on, whenever school is canceled due to inclement weather, teachers will be in e-contact with their students, and students will be able to continue along with their individual learning plans. (In the event of a power outage preventing school from being open, students will work on their religion portfolios.) This way, "snow days" will not impact students' learning or be counted against the school calendar, and we won't have to add days at the end of the school year.

These new procedures will be explained in more detail at "Curriculum Night"—5-7pm on Thursday, September 7. We hope to see all families represented there!

FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

ANSWER A CALL TO SERVE

HELPING CHILDREN IN SUPERVISED COMMUNITY SETTINGS

RECRUITING NOW FOR ALGONQUIN ELEMENTARY,
HOLY CROSS ELEMENTARY AND LOCAL HEAD START



Grandma
Pat Quinn



Grandpa
Bob Cowper

THE REWARDS:

- Unconditional Love and Appreciation
- Opportunity To Give Back To Your Community
- The Joy Of Knowing You Are Needed and Are Making A Difference
- A Worthwhile Reason To Get Out and Meet People
- Enjoy A Little Time Helping Children With Reading And Other Skills
- Become Part of a Significant, Nationally Recognized Group of Amazing Seniors

THE BENEFITS:

- Tax-Exempt Stipend (average \$200 month to help enable you to volunteer without it being a cost burden), Meal During Service, Paid Training, Transportation Assistance, Volunteer Supplemental Accident Insurance, Assistance With The Cost of an Annual Physical
- Structured Placements, On-going Learning Opportunities, Expanded Resources, and a System of Support and Assistance with other needs

THE REQUIREMENTS:

- 55 and older, able to work with youth in schools and public settings 3 to 5 hours a day, 3 to 5 days weekly (minimum 15 hrs. per week)
- Successful completion of thorough background checks including fingerprinting (at our cost)
- Income at 200% of poverty level or less (after medical deductions, \$2,010 per month one person; \$2,707 for two-income family)



Grandpa Ron Phillips &
Grandma Sandi King

CALL **810.987.8813** OR **810.984.5061 EXT 113** (Laura) or **EXT 115** (Jason)

The Foster Grandparent Program Is Sponsored Locally By:

THE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.,
Serving St. Clair County

Substitute Teachers Needed

We're looking to replenish our sub list. If you know of anyone interested in being a substitute teacher, please ask them to contact principal@holycrossonline.net. Thanks!

...As Well As Native Speakers of Foreign Languages!

Do you know an immigrant, or perhaps a second generation citizen, who is a native speaker of French, Spanish or Italian? (Or any other language?) Or perhaps someone fluent in American Sign Language? We are hoping to expand our foreign language program and are looking for volunteers who can really make the languages come alive. (This could be a "foster grandparent" for someone eligible to participate in that program: please see the "foster grandparent" article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Please contact Dr. Wagner for more info: principal@holycrossonline.net.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Dear Dads...

You are invited to "Alpha For Men" meetings, beginning on Thursday, September 21 at Winne Acres. Alpha is an eleven week program for men on Thursday evenings, from 7-8:30pm. Fr. David Bechill will be the leader with assistance from Carl Wagner, Mike Oldani and Joe Kuligowski. The evening will begin with food and drink and a video on Alpha topics, and will follow up with discussions of topics on faith.

Perhaps a major benefit of the Alpha program (and the thrust of the Archbishop's message for Synod 16) is the value of building relationships among the men while talking over topics of our Catholic faith. The setting at Winne Acres is ideal as a "man cave" atmosphere where we can eat, drink, and merrily share in a manly relationship with discussions about Jesus and His call for "joyful missionary disciples." This is a great opportunity to get more acquainted with the other dads and friends of your Holy Cross Catholic School family while building positive friendships and sharing in our efforts to grow in our faith.

Please consider trying it out: contact me at cwagner@holycrossonline.net if you're interested.

Sincerely—Dr. Wagner

School Clothes for Next Year

As your children sprout this summer, keep in mind our "blue room" full of used school wear. These items are free to school families—and there are a LOT of things there. Contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office if you'd like to come and check it out.

School Chromebooks

Students in grades 1-8 will each be issued Chromebooks after school starts. (The Chromebook insurance fee must have been paid, and the annual Internet and Chromebook use agreements signed, before a machine is released to a student.) They will be available for parents to pick up at "Curriculum Night" on September 7. (More info later.)

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for June: Therese Thomas and R.C. Beauvais of Marine City and Dennis Short of Algonac; and for July: Janet Gottler of Clay Township, Marilyn Stefanich of Cottrellville Township, and Lief & Julie Wolf of East China. Congratulations, and thank you all for supporting Holy Cross!

Cafeteria Prices

Chartwell's informs us that there will be no change in the cost of milk (50 cents) or lunches (\$2.40) for the upcoming school year.

VG's Receipts and Box Tops for Education

Yep—we'll be collecting these through-out the summer and into the 2017-18 school year. Please keep saving them for us! You can drop them into the box at the river entrance of Holy Cross church during the summer (or even in the collection baskets at any of the OLR sites: just put in an envelope marked "school"). Thanks!

Monthly Statements

FYI: after you sign up with FACTS, your monthly tuition payments will go to the school through FACTS. Therefore, you won't receive monthly statements in the mail from us. (However, we will continue to send your service credit record periodically.)

T Shirts For Sale

The PTO still has a few Holy Cross t-shirts for sale (\$10 each): 1 each youth small and large, and 1 adult medium. Call the office for more info, or stop in to see them.

2017/18 Bingo 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 began on May 1 and runs through April of 2018. To see the schedule go to

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqITicjurqrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at hcweding@gmail.com.

Auction 2018

...will be on Saturday, **February 10, 2018**: so it's already time to start planning! Thank you to **Mrs. Tiffany Mensen** for offering to service as this year's chairperson!! The theme of this year's auction will be "Denim and Diamonds." As you shop this summer, remember the Auction: maybe you can pick up your amazing donation at a bargain price!

Tiffany is eager to hear your ideas! You can contact her by email: tiffany.mensen@gmail.com or at the school number

School families' auction donations may be dropped off at school any time after the school office re-opens in August; all are due by the end of November.

ECLIPSE 2017

You have probably already heard about the upcoming solar eclipse—August 21, beginning about noon. We are not in the right area to see a total eclipse; however, we should experience about 3/4 of totality at the darkest point. If you plan to watch, be sure you have adequate protection for your eyes—your eye doctor or physician can advise you.

Needed—"Lunch Moms"

We're always looking for lunch supervisors/subs! Please contact Dawn c/o school for more info if you are interested.

Teacher Needed

Holy Cross Catholic School is accepting applications for a teaching position. A current and valid Michigan teaching certificate is required. The position available is for middle school social studies and religion (or may be separated into part time religion and part time social studies). Please send resume with letter of interest to principal@holycrossonline.net

We hope your summer has been refreshing and full of love and learning—see you next month!!

