



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.

September 7, 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.)

OLR parish will host the workshop **next 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.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

Girls' Basketball

The Lady Crusaders began practicing this week. Welcome back to longtime coach **Mr. Mike Govier!** His team: 8th grader **Nicole Zawadzinski**; 7th graders **Claire Campbell, Rebecca Goulette, Taylor Marlatt** and **Lauren Rosemeck**; 6th graders **Gemma Downey** and **Allison Kuzera** and 5th graders **Olivia Ogden, Rebecca Shmina** and **Angela Winne**. Their first game is at home on Monday, Sep. 18, as they host IC. Have a terrific season, girls!

...and Coed Cross Country:

Thank you to coach **Mr. Matthew Zammit** for returning for his (and the team's) second year! Meet the 2017 cross country team: 8th grader **Michael Wilkinson**; 7th grader **Matthew Zammit**; and 6th graders **Gemma Downey, Evan Isrow, Aiden Schocker** and **Isaac Zammit**. They started practicing on Tuesday, and their first meet is Thursday, Sep. 28.

Mark Your Calendar....

- This evening, Sep. 7: "Curriculum Night" 5-7pm (for K-8 families)
- F. Sep. 8: nonperishable food drive for parish pantry
- S. Sep. 16: Protecting God's Children workshop at OLR
- W. Sep. 20: vision & hearing screenings
- F. Sep. 22: Special Persons' Day
- M. Sep. 25: No East China buses home

Sports Physicals

Students planning to participate in any sports: don't forget that sports physical! (The form can be found on the school website: "holycrossonline.net/school"—select "info," then "forms and publications.")

Monthly Food Drive

On the second Friday of each month, Holy Cross students are invited to bring a nonperishable food item or two. The items will help replenish the parish's food pantry, to help keep our needy neighbors fed. Tomorrow will be our first food drive day of the school year—thank you for whatever help you can offer.

Preschoolers' First Day:

Yesterday we welcomed our newest Crusaders!:



Important Papers and Forms for K-8 Students

Please send in your signed forms from the packet you picked up at Crusader Day (or that your oldest "Crusader" took home on Monday) regarding internet use and publishing, school lunches, and Chromebooks. Thank you!

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Technicians from St. Clair County Health Department will be here to do vision and hearing screenings on Wednesday, September 20. Students in grades 1,3,5 and 7 will receive the vision screening and students in grades K, 2 and 4, the hearing tests. (Preschoolers whose parents have completely filled out and returned the required history and info form will be eligible for the vision screening.) If your child is scheduled for a screening but you do not wish to have it done, or if s/he is not scheduled for a screening you'd like to have done, please let the school office know.

Students who wear glasses or contact lenses: please be sure you have your lenses/glasses that day so the screening will be accurate.

Curriculum Night

...THIS EVENING, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will begin at 5:00 in the cafeteria with a brief update on our beginning of the year and any new changes. Then parents will go to the rooms of their child's teacher[s] for the curriculum expectations presentations. Small children can be brought to the gym where we will have student ambassadors to care for them.

Support Our Troops!

As a Christian service project (as well as a thank you to them), we are collecting things to send to service persons. Needed are Q-tips, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, tissues, white wash cloths and towels, and navy T-shirts. (We can't send liquids, aerosol cans, alcohol based products or pork.) Cash donations will be accepted to help cover shipping costs.

If you can help, please have your donations dropped off at the school by tomorrow. Thank you for your support!

Bus Parking

Cardinal Mooney's buses park on the east side of Water Street across from the Fine Arts Building. Please DO NOT park there—thank you.

Thank You!!

...to 7th grader **Devin Allam** for the load of (awesome like-new) books he donated to the school library!

School Pictures

Students who sat for their pictures on "Crusader Day" received ordering info this week. You may order online, or return your envelope (with photo proof and package selection marked, and payment made out to "HRI"). Those orders must be in the school office by next Friday, September 15.

Photo Retakes

...will take place on Wednesday, October 18. Students who missed the photographer on "Crusader Day" will be able to have their portrait done on this day: dress up!

We will also be getting team pictures for the fall sports teams (cross country and girls' basketball), so those athletes should bring their uniforms for the photo shoots on Oct. 18.

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. Sincerely—Dr. Wagner

Paying for lunches:

Lunch tickets are available (in bulk or singly) for \$2.40 each (or milk only for 50 cents). If you opt to pay by check, please make your check out to "East China Food Service." (If you send money for tickets for more than that day, the remaining tickets will be sent home with the child who brought in the money.)

Booster Club Magazine / Cookie Dough Sale

The Holy Cross Booster Club funds the cost of all league sports for our 5-8th graders: all of those students are eligible to participate at no cost to their families.

To raise the money to cover those expenses, the Booster Club runs an annual magazine / cookie dough sale. All students have received sale info packets. Watch for "turn in" days, where you can earn prizes! The drive runs through next Friday, September 15.

If you currently have magazine subscriptions, chances are they can be renewed through us: just mark on the order form that it is a "renewal", and be sure the addressee information matches the current subscription. (Or, if you prefer to wait until the regular renewal time, ask Mrs. Steinmetz for an order form them.)

Checks can be made out to "Holy Cross School" or "OLR." Save the back sheet from the order form as your receipt.

You can also order magazines online: go to gafundraising.com (Holy Cross's online code is 2709251).

In addition to the "cash box" and "chart" prizes, students with orders for 10 items get a free cookie dough—your choice: mark it in the prize box at the top of the form. 4 orders earn a student a dress down pass. Students turning in at least 1 order will receive an emoji collectible.

Tomorrow is the first turn-in day. For every 5 orders a student turns in (or orders online) by noon tomorrow, s/he will receive one draw from the cash box (to win prizes of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 or even \$20 per draw).

Thank you for supporting the sports program at Holy Cross!

"Drive 4UR School" at CMC

Cardinal Mooney is hosting a Ford "Drive 4UR School" event on Saturday, September 9, from 9am-4pm. Come test drive a Ford vehicle and the school will earn \$20 for each test driver (one per household allowed). Drivers must be at least 18 years old.

Spirit Wear

PTO has extended the order deadline to tomorrow. Orders and payment must be in school before noon on Friday.

Basketball Games

The girls' team will have home games on September 18 and 20 and on October 2, 4 and 9. Parents will be asked to help man the concessions stand and the admissions table during those games. If any of these evenings stands out as really convenient for you to help, please contact **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** (who once again has agreed to coordinate our concessions and game workers this year!)—call her c/o school (810.765.3591).

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Funds raised by kind donations of Bottles & Cans will be used to purchase the necessary items!



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EMPTIES**

**FUNDS RAISED
TO SUPPORT
AUCTION NEEDS**

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DONE DAILY**

THANK YOU!!!

**AUCTION BOTTLE &
CAN COLLECTION
CONTACTS**

Tiffany Mensen
Jennifer Kuzera
Stacey Earl
Stacy Goulette



Dear Parent,

This year we have an exciting opportunity for you. Parents love collecting their children's artwork, so we are teaming up with Art to Remember, a company with the mission of supporting and promoting art education. Art to Remember transfers children's artwork onto wonderful keepsake items, such as phone covers, mugs, necklaces, and many other useful things! This is a unique way for you to enjoy your child's artwork and for the children to see you appreciate their accomplishments. This is a great gift idea for friends and family members that goes to support our school!

After the artwork is complete, we will be sending home order forms featuring artwork created by your child printed on the cover! The school is so excited to be able to do this program this year.

Making art is a fun experience for your child allowing them to see where their imagination can take them!

Thanks,

