



# 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 21, 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

**Due to jury duty among the volunteers, the SCRIP office MAY NOT be open on September 25 and/or 27. Please plan your ordering with that in mind.**

## Girls' Basketball

The girls' first game was Monday. They hosted IC in a close contest! Last night, St Augustine School was here. After a cool start, our girls rallied as the game progressed, and they ended up just 6 points behind St A's 23.

Next week sees the team on the road: on Monday (the 25th) they head to St Mary McCormick, and on Wednesday (the 27th), to IC. (Parents: please note that St Mary McCormick plays at St Edward on the Lake in Lakeport.)

Parents: don't forget to let Mrs. Goulette know when you can help at our home games. She'll have everything ready—she just needs YOU to do your part. Please contact her c/o school to offer your help. Thank you!—and GO CRUSADERS!!

## Attention Photographers:

—Mrs. Steinmetz will be looking for photos for the yearbook. If you've taken some great shots (at any student events!) and are willing to share, please email ([school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)). Thanks!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- F. Sep. 22: Special Persons' Day
- **M. Sep. 25: No East China buses home**
- Oct. 1-13: Iowa testing
- **Sunday, Oct. 8: Holy Cross Harvest Dinner 12:30-6pm in the Activity Center and Open House in the school**
- Wed. Oct. 18: school picture re-takes

## Booster Club Magazine / Cookie Dough Sale

Last Friday was the final turn-in day for prizes—thank you to everyone who participated! Cookie dough will arrive in mid-October: we'll let you know as soon as we have a date. The prizes, also, will be sent to us, probably about the same time.

Earning dress down passes for selling at least 4 items each were **Andrew Earl, Leo DeVeney, Alexander Path, Izzie Deering, Maeve Brennan, Dominic DeVeney, Boyd Wilson, Niamh Brennan, Katie Kowalewski, Erin Wilson, Zander Somma, Ava DeVeney, Olivia Ogden, Daniel Pelz, Matthew and John Bailey, and Jimmy and Gemma Downey** : great work, all!

As Christmas or other gift-giving times draw near, remember that magazines are

great gifts—especially to encourage the love of reading in youngsters. We are able to accept new and renewal subscriptions all year—talk to Mrs. Steinmetz in the office if you need more information. The Boosters thank you for supporting the sports program at Holy Cross School!

## Special Persons' Day

...is tomorrow! We'll meet up with our special guests in the Activity Center about 8:50am to head over to mass with them. After, back to the classrooms to see what's been prepared for them!

## Middle Schoolers and Hurricane Relief

Mr. Cherry and the middle schoolers (assisted by younger siblings) collected items to send to hurricane victims this past weekend. VG's was kind enough to allow them to set up a table in front of the store, and shoppers were very generous. The work crew included Olivia and Alex Ogden, Taylor Marlatt, Brittany Cherry, Lauren Rosemeck, Kyle Miotke, Kierstyn West, Claire Campbell, Anna Winne, Evan Jacobs and John Bailey. They are helping to fill a semi to be delivered to hurricane-hit areas. On behalf of all the people who will benefit from your collection: WE THANK YOU!



## Middle School Science

Mrs. Wade's fifth graders explored "owl pellets" this week. They learned that owls completely consume their prey, and that their bodies eliminate the undigestible parts (such as feathers, fur and bones) by regurgitating compacted "pellets". Then the students pulled apart real owl pellets to look for clues as to what the owl had eaten. They found all kinds of tiny bones, including a miniature mandible with teeth. At the right: two 5th graders display what they found (close up in the photo below). They saw a tiny (mouse?) skull—its orange-y incisors clearly visible—still partly covered with debris. Cool!!



## *Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...the family of HC alum **Luke Chadra** (Class of 2017) on the death last week of Luke's dad. Craig Chadra was an assistant coach for our track team last year, and a regular presence at our boys' basketball games; his mom is our Grandma Chadra who helps with lunch supervision (and is famous for her cookies).

## Family Bike Night

The PTO sponsored a family biking event last week. Looks like it was a beautiful afternoon to ride! Here are some photos:



## Iowa Tests

Between October 1-13, all of our students in grades 1-8 will be taking nationally-normed Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and/or Cognitive Abilities Tests. These assessments help us develop and tweak our curricula, and each student's results will also help guide his/her personalized learning plan.

The best test prep: a good night's sleep and good nutrition! Come rested and well fed: then, just do your best.

## Cross Country

The team's first meet is next Thursday: September 28. Future meets will be on October 5, 12 and 19, at 6pm at East China park on River Road. All Crusader fans are welcome!

## Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## "Books Are Fun!"

Every 6 weeks or so, we are visited by a traveling book display. "Books are Fun" offers a nice selection of quality books (and other items) at reasonable prices; we earn an item for every 10 we sell.

The display is set up by the office. Orders and payments need to be in by Tuesday, Sep. 26; items will go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Wed., the 27th (or can be held for you at the office: talk to Mrs. Steinmetz).

## Keep It Moving...

When dropping students off in the morning: please keep the line moving. If you need to go into school, or to stop to talk to another parent, **please leave the line and pull into the parking lot.** That allows the other parents to drop their children off safely. Thank you.

No E China Buses Home next  
Monday, Sept. 25!

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...Respect!

Your child can show respect for the earth by helping to keep it clean and healthy today—and for future generations. Share these ideas:

1. Ask your youngster to help you gather up clothing and toys he has outgrown. Donate them to a charitable organization so the items can be used again.
2. Work together to separate plastic, paper, and glass items for recycling pickup. Explain that recycling reduces the waste that's taking up space in landfills. And recycling materials instead of making new ones saves natural resources.
3. Let your child carry your reusable shopping bags when you go to the store. Tell him that using these bags means you won't need to waste disposable paper or plastic bags.
4. When you go for walks, take along a trash bag and pick up trash you see along sidewalks and in grassy areas. *Idea:* As a family, participate in a community cleanup.

—from "Home & School Connection, 128 N Royal Avenue, Front Royal VA 22630

# Our Lady on the River Parish

## Holy Cross Church



Invites you to the  
46th Annual



# Harvest Dinner & Holy Cross Catholic School Open House



## Sunday, October 8, 2017

12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
at the Holy Cross Activity Center & School  
610 S. Water Street, Marine City  
810-765-3568



Come by, Tour our School & Enjoy  
the Farmer's Wagon and Bake Sale



*Our Lady ON THE RIVER* PARISH Raffle  
Drawing Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Cross Activity Center

1st Prize \$5,000.00  
2nd Prize \$3,000.00  
3rd Prize \$1,000.00

Tickets \$5.00 Each



**Complete  
Roast Beef &  
Chicken Dinner**  
(with all the trimmings)

Adults \$10.00  
Children 4-10 yrs \$6.00  
Children 3 yrs & under Free  
Carry Outs Available \$9.00



