



# 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.

November 30, 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

To be sure you have your SCRIP order in time for Christmas, **orders and payment must be received by the morning of December 13.** (If your order comes after then, it may not arrive in time for Christmas.)

The SCRIP office will be closed from December 22 through January 2.

## Boys' Basketball

Our first home game was on Monday, as we hosted IC. Last night, the teams swapped guest/host duties as we traveled to IC. Next week brings only one game: on Wednesday, Dec. 6, when St Mary McCormick visits Marine City.

**Mrs. Stacy Goulette** is again coordinating workers for this season's games. All athletes' families are expected to help at some point during the season—please contact Mrs. Goulette to offer your help.

## PTO Meeting

**6:30pm Tuesday, Dec. 5  
at Riviera Restaurant**

All parents invited!!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **T. Dec. 12: "Santa Shoppe"**
- **M. Dec. 18: Christmas program—meet your teacher in the gym by 5:45pm**
- **W. Dec. 20: first day of Christmas vacation**
- **W. Jan. 3: back to school**

## Camp 2018

Families with 5-8th graders planning to attend camp in January should have received their first bill in the mail within the past few weeks. Students' days at camp are always a fond memory for our alumni, and we expect this year's trip to be no less impactful.

Camp bills are payable in thirds: 1/3 of total was due Nov. 15, with the next 1/3 due by Dec. 15 and the balance by Jan. 16.

## Our Thanksgiving Feast:

Students at work preparing the meal: the 8th grade cupcake crew—



—the seventh graders discovering where mashed potatoes come from:



Mrs. Wade and her egg devilers:



And the pie bakers (under the direction of super baker Grandma Chadra):



No wonder the meal was so delicious: it was made with love and the magic of working together.

Thank you to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall** and her crew: **Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Ann Guldemon, Mr. Brian Chadra, Mrs. Dolores Chadra, Mrs. Tiffany Mensen, Mrs. Michelle Bartholomew, Mrs. Val Finn, Mrs. Stacey Earl and Mrs. Laura Bailey. Mr. Gary Barr** provided an invaluable service in setting up and tearing down the room. We have so much—and so many people—to be thankful for!

## SERVICE CREDITS

Thank you to all who have been faithfully working their credits! You are a huge part of Holy Cross school's solid foundation.

You should have recently received a copy of your service credit record. Please check to be sure we have everything you've signed up for, as well as everything you've worked, recorded on the form. (The Tuesday morning bingo in Marysville could use two workers: please call the school office for more info.)

A few families have not signed up for their credits. We will assume that families who have not scheduled their work credits by the end of the month (TODAY!) prefer to pay for their credits instead.

## “Kids 2 Kids” Blanket Project

A group of our older students began meeting during their lunch times in November to make knotted fleece blankets for other kids—they will send them (each with a small toy and book) to Puerto Rican children who have been fighting back after the devastation their island suffered during the recent hurricane. We're happy to report that the students met their goal of 50 blankets by the end of November! Many thanks to **Ms. Pam Dezzi** for mentoring the students during the project. A big thank you to Springgrove Variety Store in Marysville for discounts and other assistance they provided for the project.

The students packaged the blankets (each with a book and toy) in plastic shoe boxes to prepare them for shipping. **Mr. Gary Kohs** of the Mariner Theater is taking care of shipping these to a contact person in Puerto Rico, who will distribute them to nearby families. From our hearts to yours!



## Raffle Calendar

Next year's tickets are in the mail. Many thanks to these wonderful area businesses who helped underwrite the printing and postage costs of the raffle:

**Real Estate One—Westrick, Great Lakes Insurance Agency, McBride-Manley & Co. Accountants, Steinmetz Vandebossche Insurance Agency, Baxter Insurance Agency, Bower Rose / Kammeraad Merchant Funeral Homes, Print Masters, Riviera Restaurant and Anita's Restaurant.**

During 2017, 31 people each won \$100 (and two of them won twice, on two different tickets!), and one person will win \$1000 on Dec. 11. 2018 might be the year you join this elite group—it all starts with buying your ticket.

*Congratulations!*  
...to **Gavin** on bagging his first buck ever this hunting season:



## 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!

## VG's Receipts

We are about 85% of the way to the \$1000 reward in our VG's receipts collection! Please keep sending in those receipts—entire receipts, please, with the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph—thanks!

## Algonac KofC Essay Contest

Applications for the Algonac KofC Council 7227 scholarship are due by **Dec. 15.**

## Toys for Tots

Eighth grader **Michael Wilkinson** is spearheading a "Toys for Tots" collection again this year at Holy Cross. The collection box near the school office will be available for school families' donations for another week: until December 8.

If you've ever wanted to help make sure Christmas is special for local needy children, here's your chance to help. Thank you to Michael and family for giving us this opportunity to serve.



# 2017 Spelling Bee




**December 1, 2017**  
St. Catherine's Activity Center - 1103 Washington, Algonac  
4th, 5th and 6th grade contest (Level 1) - 5:30 pm 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> immediately after "Approx 7:00pm"

We are excited to announce our annual Knights of Columbus spelling Bee.  
We invite all students to take part in the competition.

ACS and ECSD students will have copies of a spelling list available by their teachers, and at the front office. Each teacher will be able to select as many students as interested from each class to represent their class in the council's championship.  
Home school and all students not part of ACS or ECSD please email [GK7227@mikofc.org](mailto:GK7227@mikofc.org) for registration details.

**Prizes:**

- Grade winners at each grade level 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class!!!
- Overall Council Champion and 4 runner ups in each level will win gift certificates.

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**St. Clair Community Singers**

Jo-Anne Wilkie, Director  
Carol Lohr, Accompanist

**Christmas Concert**

**Sunday December 3, 2017 4pm**

**St Mary's Church**  
415 North Sixth Street  
St Clair, Michigan

Free admission  
(freewill offerings accepted)

Special Performance by Andrew and Kathy Meagher

**Strategic Planning**

Following through on the challenges for Catholic Schools addressed in the Archbishop's letter Unleash the Gospel, pastors and principals have been directed to begin a revision of our School Strategic Plan to align our goals and strategies with the Archbishop's charges based on Synod 16 recommendations. We will need to have two teachers, two parents, two parishioners, one alumnus, and one parishioner each from two nearby Parishes without a school. We will be needing a number of surveys from parents and parishioners.

The preliminary meeting of the Strategic Planning Team will be on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 5pm in the faculty room (just before the PTO meets at 6:30 at the Riviera). This meeting will be for the purpose of developing a calendar and times and tasks for the team moving forward.

Any cooperation you are able to give in support of this work from the directive of the Archbishop will be sincerely appreciated and valued.

**Holy Cross on Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

**Auction 2018**  
A reminder that school families' auction donations are due TODAY!

**Christmas Program**

Our school-wide Christmas program is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 18 at 6pm in the gym. We are planning on having the participation of all students: even the preschoolers! They are going to dress as angels and sing "Happy Birthday" to baby Jesus.

Dress code is 'Sunday best' for students not in costume. Please plan to meet up with your teacher by 5:45pm in the gym that night.

**DENIM & Diamonds**

**HOLY CROSS**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION**

**EVENT DETAILS**  
Date: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Location: Holy Cross School  
Time: 6:30 doors open

- > Strolling Appetizers to Kick Off
- > Dinner catered by Big River BBQ
- > Live Entertainment with Dancing!
- > Live and Silent Auction!
- > Raffles tickets!
- > Keeping the tradition "Dessert Dash"

Attire: Your fave jeans & best "BLING"!

**TICKETS**  
2018 Auction tickets are available in the school office and through Tiffany Mensen our Auction Chair.  
[tmensen@holycrossonline.net](mailto:tmensen@holycrossonline.net) or 810.794.3823

Enjoy a fun evening out with family, friends, and neighbors while showing your supporting for Holy Cross Catholic School.

- > \$30 per person
- > \$240 for a table of 8

**A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY EARLY!**

**FAMILY BASKETS**  
**THANK YOU** to the families who have provided such **WONDERFUL** and **CREATIVE** baskets thus far!  
Please remember our auction depends on donations of items, not just random by any means these **Family Baskets** display to the community of people attending our family support, dedication, and belief in what our school represents. We hope you feel the same and look forward to seeing the unique and creative ways you display your baskets.

- > Baskets are due on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- > In lieu of the donation a cash contribution of \$60 will be accepted no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- > After December 1<sup>st</sup> an invoice will be sent for \$80 to cover your commitment.

December 2017							Holy Cross Catholic School						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 JV basketball games begin at 6:30; varsity, right after (about 7:30)--	4 School Comm meets 6pm (no game)	5 PTO meets 6:30pm at Riviera	6 SMMCA @ HC	7	8 Nonperishable food drive for pantry	9							
10 Confirmation prep 1:30-3	11 \$1000 calendar raffle winner drawn today (no game)	12 "Santa Shoppe"	13 St M & St P @ HC	14 Grades 5-8 field trip to Holocaust Museum	15 Confessions	16							
17	18 Christmas program 6pm—meet your teacher in the gym by 5:45pm	19	20 Christmas break begins today!	21	22	23							
24	25 Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas season!	26	27	28	29	30							
31 Happy new year!	JAN 1	JAN 2	JAN 3 Classes resume No E. China buses 'til Jan. 8	JAN 4	JAN 5	JAN 6							



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## 2017 Christian Service Essay Contest

### **"Going to the Peripheries"**

*"Through his Incarnation, the Lord has united himself forever with suffering humanity — not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question for us is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him."*

- Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

**This year students should consider the role of the Catholic Church going to the peripheries, then select one of the following ideas to complete your essay:**

- Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went to the periphery.**
- Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went to the periphery.**
- Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.**

**Entry forms will be available through the school office or you can email [GK7227@mikofc.org](mailto:GK7227@mikofc.org) for forms and more detail. Essays due by 12/15/17**

***Councils 7227 Algonac and Marine City 856***