



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 2, 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.)

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 office will be closed in honor of Thanksgiving on Friday, November 24.

Cheer and Boys' Basketball

The boys and girls have begun practicing, preparing for the first game on November 13.

We had such a great turnout among the boys that we will be able to field two teams. Mr. James Downey will have the Varsity team. **Mr. Brian Cherry** will coach our JV team: 5th graders **John Bailey, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs** and **Collin Kloss** and 4th graders **Gavin Kloss** and **Renton Gadzinski**.

JV games will start at 6:30 and Varsity right after, about 7:30pm.

Athletes are reminded that they need to have their sports physicals and get the completed forms to school before they may participate. Families: as the coaches are responsible for their team members during practices, they are not able to monitor siblings—**only team members** may attend practices.

School Pictures

Please turn in school picture orders (from retake day proofs) by November 6.

Mark Your Calendar....

- by F. Nov. 3: report cards and Iowa test scores go home with students in grades 5-8
- **W. Nov. 8: no Marine City buses home**
- F. Nov 10: no school—conferences (pick up report cards & Iowa scores for students in grades K-4)
- **F. Nov. 17: schoolwide "Thanksgiving Feast"**
- Tu. Nov. 21: Marine City's Christmas Parade (begins 7pm at Holy Cross church)
- **W-F, Nov. 22-24: no class—Thanksgiving recess**
- M. Nov 27: back to class after Thanksgiving

Iowa Test Scores / Report Cards

Iowa scores will be distributed along with report cards. They will be going home with **5-8th graders** by tomorrow.

Report cards and test scores of K-4 students will be available for parents to pick up at conferences next week.

Conferences

Please return your conference request form **by Monday, Nov. 6** if you would like to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher on Nov. 10. Please mark a few time slots, or a range of times, that would work for you. (The form is included again as the last page of this newsletter.)

Senora Armstrong will be available on Nov. 10 from noon to 2pm in the art / Spanish room for anyone who would like to speak with her.

Spirit Wear

We have a few extra items for sale: T-shirts (\$10 each), "sparkly" T-shirts (\$13), and men's and women's caps (\$20 each). Contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

One of our longstanding traditions is our school-wide Thanksgiving Feast. This year, it will be held on Friday, Nov. 17. The classes help provide and prepare a part of the meal, and the students and teachers will sit down to enjoy it as a big, loving family.

Classes are each assigned to bring a part of the meal; your child's teacher may already have told you about this. Each student should bring in his/her item by Wednesday, Nov. 15 unless the teacher has given you a different date. The items that will be requested of students:

Ms. Betsy's class: milk
Ms. Jondron's class: butter
Mrs. Gryszkiewicz's class: corn
Mrs. Rock's class: orange Jello
Mrs. DeMeulenaere's class: rolls
Mrs. Wade's class: making deviled eggs:

Mrs. Wade will contact families about ingredients needed
Mr. Cherry's class: mashed potatoes and stuffing mix
Ms. Johnson's class: celery, carrots, pumpkin pies

As you can imagine, it takes a few talented kitchen helpers to make this all happen! Thank you to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall, Mrs. Stacy Goulette** and the PTO for providing the core of the meal's "architects" and workers. If you are available that morning and willing to help, please contact the school office.

"Books Are Fun!"

The traveling book display is here. "Books are Fun" offers good quality items at reasonable prices, and the school earns an item for every 10 purchased. Knowing that the holidays are closing in, you may want to take a second look at the display table...Orders and payments must be in the office by Monday, Nov. 6; items will go home with your student on Tuesday, the 7th, or can be held at the office—just let Mrs. Steinmetz know ahead of time.

VG's Receipts

We are more than 3/4 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!

“Kids 2 Kids” Blanket Project

A group of our older students will be 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. Their goal is 50 blankets by the end of November. Ms. Pam Dezsi has offered to mentor the students and coordinate the project.

If you'd like to help: donations of small toys (for both boys and girls) that will fit in a sandwich bag would be appreciated. Crafters may have personal blanket-sized pieces of unused fleece fabric: the students would love to have those. Buying the fabrics and books and shipping the finished gifts will both cost money: if anyone would like to donate cash to help with those costs, it would be greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Springrove Variety Store in Marysville for the discount they've already given on items purchased for the project! (Springrove coupons for 25% off purchases made this Saturday only are available at the school office: call, and we can send one home with your child.)

Auction 2018

A reminder that families' auction donations are due by the end of November: just a few weeks left to put together something that will leave your mark on the Auction!

What kind of item?—a good rule of thumb: if YOU would bid on it, so would someone else! Some of last year's clever family ideas were a fire pit with s'mores fixings, a cooler with camp gear, and a tiny “theater” with gift cards for performances and student acting classes. So far this year, we already have some Wings tickets, a weekend getaway, and some lovely wooden furniture.

Maybe the restaurant you go to every week would agree to donate a certificate for dinner for two. Perhaps your child's orthodontist would help with an electronic toothbrush. Try asking the establishments you frequent: they are often generous to regular patrons!

Travel is also very popular: if you have a family cottage by a lake, say, or a hunting cabin—a week at such a spot will no doubt have many competing bidders.

So be creative! Remember: if you would bid on it—so, probably, would someone else.



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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 for forms and more detail. Essays due by 12/15/17

Councils 7227 Algonac and Marine City 856

Trunk or Treat...

Everyone had fun! Here are a few pictures—



...and Hallowe'en

Students in all grades enjoyed the day! There were princesses, Mario and Luigi, and even a dinosaur! Meanwhile, Mrs. Wade's class built catapults to get marbles into a bucket, while the younger students put on a parade around campus:



Dear Families,

Oct. 26, 2017

This is the schedule of times for conferences on Friday, Nov. 10. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Monday, Nov. 6. (No spots will be guaranteed after this time.) You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Wednesday, November 8.

(Morning)

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If you wish to speak with one of our itinerant teachers please check appropriate teacher's name, give names and your preferred method of being contacted, and the teacher(s) will contact you:

- Mrs. Meldrum (music)
- Mrs. Brennan (art)
- Mrs. Basilico (technology)
- Senora Armstrong (Spanish)
- Mr. Middleton (PE)

_____ student name(s)

_____ parent name

_____ preferred method of contact—phone number or email address

_____ parent signature