



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 9, 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' first games will be on November 13, at St. Mary McCormick. Please note that **SMMCA plays at St. Edward on the Lake in Lakeport.** (Cheerleaders will NOT attend away games.) The teams will also travel on Wednesday, the 15th, to St. Augustine School. JV games will start at 6:30 and V, right after.

We expect our first home game to be at the end of November. **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.

Families—a reminder that, as the coaches are responsible for their team members during practices and are not able to monitor siblings: **only team members** may attend practices.

Spirit Wear

We have a few extra items for sale at the office: T-shirts (\$10 each), "sparkly" T-shirts (\$13), and caps (\$20 each).

Mark Your Calendar....

- **TOMORROW, 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**
- T. Dec. 12: "Santa Shoppe"
- **M. Dec. 18: Christmas program—6pm**

Iowa Test Scores / Report Cards

Report cards and test scores of K-4 students will be available for parents to pick up at conferences tomorrow. (Students in grades 5-8 took their home last week in order to better prepare for conferences.)

Conferences

A confirmation of your conference time(s) was sent home with your oldest student yesterday—please ask him/her for it.

Our newer Crusader parents may not be aware of the fact that our oldest students (7th and 8th graders) participate in their school conferences. In fact, they actually lead the conference, with their teachers and parents as co-participants. In preparing for and leading their own conferences, the students learn to analyze their work and discover their own strengths and needs.

Spanish teacher 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. The other Merritt teachers are not able to be here for conferences, but are happy to contact any family with concerns or questions.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Next Friday (Nov. 17) is our school-wide Thanksgiving Feast. Students help provide and prepare a part of the meal, and they and their 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 for 20 servings or 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.

What to Do With Leftover Candy?

7th grade teacher **Mr. Cherry** is spearheading a drive for candy to send service people. Perhaps you (or your children) have candy from Hallowe'en that you'd like to be rid of? Chocolate doesn't weather the storage/shipping well, but just about any other kind of candy would be welcome. Mr. Cherry can get it to Selfridge ANG base to be shipped to active duty service members overseas—all candy donated needs to be here by **Monday, Nov. 13.**

An alternative use for your candy: Marine City's Christmas parade is less than two weeks off (Tuesday, Nov. 21). All wrapped candy donations (chocolate especially included!) are welcome for marchers to toss to the crowd! Drop off with Mrs. Steinmetz any time before Nov. 21.

Veterans' Wall

Thank you to **Mrs. Julie Isrow**, who has created a veterans' wall here at Holy Cross. The tribute to service persons (retired, reservist, deceased, or actively serving) runs from the staff room down the hall toward the science room. (If your service member isn't represented, please send in a photo and short bio, and we can add him/her.) Please keep all of our service members in your prayers.



IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO TO ORDER MEN INTO BATTLE. IT TAKES A HERO TO BE ONE OF THOSE MEN WHO GOES INTO BATTLE.
- GENERAL H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF

Holy Cross Alumni Receiving Honors at CMC

Congratulations to the following HC alumni who are receiving honors at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School for their first quarter accomplishments:

Principal's List (All As): **Sophia Goulette, Hannah Lee, Luke Schulte.**

First Honors (minimum of 3As no grade lower than B): **Jessica Barr, Luke Chadra, Caitlin Downey, Rick Goulette, Julia Jakubowski, Shanna Kowalewski, Calvin LaBelle, Jack Maben, Ron Schulte, Thomia Tomlanovich.**

Great job—we are proud of each of you!

SERVICE CREDITS

Thank you to all who have been faith-fully working their credits! You are a huge part of the firm foundation of Holy Cross School.

There are still a few families who have not signed up for their service credits. Bingo is pretty well manned for this year (though you could contact Tracy Wilson to see if your help is needed there). The raffle calendar is handled for this year (call school if you're interested in doing that next year!).

The other opportunities for earning credits will come in the spring, with the Auction and the Lenten fish fries. If you plan to earn your credits in the Auction, please contact Mrs. Tiffany Mensen (c/o school) to figure out how many you need, and how you can earn them. If you'd prefer the fish fries, call Mrs. Sherrie DuVall (c/o school) to schedule your work shifts.

We will assume that families who have not scheduled their work credits by the end of the month prefer to pay for their credits instead.



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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

“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. Their goal is 50 blankets by the end of November. Ms. Pam Dezsi is mentoring the students and coordinating 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 Springgrove Variety Store in Marysville for discounts and other assistance they've already given for the project.



(some of our “blanket crew” at work)

Congratulations!!

—to PE teacher Mr. Middleton on the birth of Lucy Rose. Mom and baby are doing well, and he'll be back after Thanksgiving.

VG's Receipts

We are 80% 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!



Preschool “Community Helpers”

Our preschoolers are learning about the people who help in our communities—like police, firefighters, doctors, and teachers. Yesterday they dressed up as their favorite community helper. Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen think we're going to be in good hands!

PTO meets Tues. Nov 14

6:30pm

Teachers' room

To request having a discussion topic put on the agenda, contact Suzy DeVeney by Nov. 13.

Star Students

...for October:

Grace Carlson is a returning prekindergartner. Grace has a very kind heart, always willing to help her teachers or classmates. Grace loves to play with dolls and enjoys pretending. Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen love to watch Grace work at school because she always has enthusiasm and pride in what she accomplishes. **Lucas Chipman** is new to our pre-kindergarten this year. Lucas works hard in school and approaches new experiences with a positive attitude. Lucas makes Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen laugh a lot with his sweet sense of humor! Lucas loves books and story time. He is a wonderful addition to our class!

Kindergartner **Preston Davenport** is not new to Holy Cross. He attended our preschool program last year. He enjoys traveling with his family to Tennessee. Preston would like to be a computer programmer when he is older. His favorite color is green. Playing video games is his favorite pastime. Preston also enjoys eating pizza!

First grader **Andrew Earl's** favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is blue. He enjoys jumping on the trampoline and playing with his chickens. When he grows up, he wants to be a police officer. Andrew is a sight word master! He has great leadership potential, and he is a helper to all,

Isabella Deering is a hard worker and a friend to everyone. She is a figure skater who loves to show the class her “best” moves on ice. Some day Izzy wants to be in the Olympics. Keep up the good work. You make your parents (and second grade teacher) proud.

Third grader **Gabriel Lomasney** works hard in school and loves it when the class earns a “Fun Friday.” Some day Gabe hopes to be a police officer but for now, his favorite thing to do is jump on his trampoline. Thank you for bringing your smile to school each day.

Gabriel Jacobs has a wonderful heart, great sense of humor, and works very hard in his third grade classes. He does very well in math and really likes sports. In the classroom, he has many friends and always shows kindness. Gabe is inquisitive and loves to learn. I love Gabe's honesty and work ethic. Keep up the hard work!

Fifth grader **John Bailey** is a wonderful young man who is compassionate and kind to everyone. Although he has a quiet side, his willingness to share his thoughts and opinions adds greatly to class discussion. John's desire to learn about the world around him and share his treasures helps to enhance our science classes.

Bryce Schocker is a compassionate sixth grader who is willing to stand up for what is right. He always strives to do his best and isn't afraid of a challenge. Bryce is a good friend to many people and is always willing to help.

Eighth grader **Dresden Scott** is kind, honest, caring, hardworking, compassionate, and a born leader. She is very intuitive and makes wise decisions that not only affect her but those around her. Dresden enjoys reading and she is a master at writing, especially descriptive writing. I am very proud of Dresden and all of her accomplishments. She is a true model student and a special young lady who deserves to be recognized.



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

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 your family owns, say, a family cottage by a lake, or a hunting cabin—a week at such a spot will no doubt have many competing bidders. Or perhaps a week at a timeshare—

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

Thanksgiving Feast Part 2

Mrs. Sherrie DuVall is looking for a few helpers—5 or 6 more parents, from 9:30 to about 11:30 (and anyone who can stay after to help clean up).

Also—they're adding cupcakes to the menu. Mrs. DuVall invites any 6th-8th graders who are able to help make and decorate the cupcakes. They'll be working Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 6-8pm at St. Catherine's in Algonac. She is looking for donations of cake mix or cans of frosting, and asks that they be dropped off tomorrow at conferences or delivered to school on Monday.

Please contact Mrs. DuVall to let her know if you can help in any of these ways, so she can plan accordingly. Thank you!

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 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.

Holy Cross Catholic School

Honor Roll—First Quarter

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Preston Davenport, Liam Guyor, Joshua Jacobs.

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Vance Finn.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: Ava Mensen, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington Clark, Boyd Wilson, Xavier Zammit.

Third Grade

All As: Micah Arlow.

Honor Roll: Vincent Finn, Owen Isrow, Gabriel Jacobs, Nikolai Wilson.

Perfect Attendance: Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Vincent Finn, Gabriel Jacobs, Zander Somma, Naylee Verellen.

Fourth Grade

Honor Roll: Emma Lomasney, Janae Miotke, Lylah Schaening, Erin Wilson.

Perfect Attendance: Gavin Kloss, Janae Miotke, Lylah Schaening.

Fifth Grade

All As: Olivia Ogden.

Honor Roll: John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeny, Conor Guyor, Skye Moss, Rebecca Shmina, Angela Winne.

Perfect Attendance: John Bailey, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Rebecca Shmina.

Sixth Grade

All As: Gemma Downey, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.

Honor Roll: Audrina Guldemon, Evan Isrow, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker.

Perfect Attendance: Gemma Downey, Audrina Guldemon, Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.

Seventh Grade

All As: Maggie Bartholomew, Claire Campbell, Jimmy Downey, Kyle Miotke, Anna Winne, Matthew Zammit.

Honor Roll: Devin Allam, Rebecca Goulette, Taylor Marlatt, David Marshall, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite.

Perfect Attendance: Devin Allam, Joey Fajardo, Taylor Marlatt, Kyle Miotke, Lauren Rosemeck, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite, Anna Winne, Matthew Zammit.

Eighth Grade

All As: Dresden Scott.

Honor Roll: Ashton DeMeulenaere, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow, Lydia Kukawka, Michael Wilkinson, Nicole Zawadzinski.

Perfect Attendance: Ashton DeMeulenaere, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Lydia Kukawka, Dresden Scott, Matthew Shmina, Nicole Zawadzinski.