



# 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.

December 14-15, 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

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

**NO NEWSLETTER  
NEXT WEEK**

## Boys' Basketball

The home games with St Peter's JV and St Mary's Varsity teams this week were snowed out, and will have to be rescheduled. Our teams' next games are away, on January 8 at St Peter's, followed by their last regular game at home on January 10 when St. Mary McCormick visits. (The Varsity team will have a final home game on Tuesday, January 16, as well, hosting St Mary McCormick.) NO practices 'til Jan 3!

Tournaments: The Varsity tournament will be hosted by St Mary McCormick January 18 & 20; the JV tournament, by St Augustine January 19 & 20. More information after the first of the year.

**Mrs. Stacy Goulette** has again been coordinating workers for this season's games. All athletes' families are expected to help at some point during the season—please contact Mrs. Goulette (c/o school) to offer your help at the last games on Jan. 10 and 16.

## Mark Your Calendar....

- 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

## Christmas Program

Our school-wide Christmas program is scheduled for next Monday, Dec. 18 at pm 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 Monday night.

## Raffle Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased their tickets for next year's calendar raffle.

Holy Cross alumni mom **Judy McBride** won \$1000 on Monday in the final drawing for 2017! (That could be you a year from now: buy your ticket today!)

Do you have a "hard to buy for" person on your Christmas list? How about buying that person a raffle ticket? For just \$25, you can give 34 chances to win! Get your chances today!

## Camp 2018

Families with 5-8th graders planning to attend camp in January; your second camp payment is due tomorrow and the balance by Jan. 16.

Campers received a packet of information and forms last week. (Please ask your camper for it if s/he hasn't already given it to you!) We ask that you return anything that needs to be signed ASAP, but no later than January 12.

The camp crew will leave for camp the morning of Monday, January 22 and return to Holy Cross Friday, January 26.

## VG's Receipts

We are almost **90%** 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!

## Hat / Scarf / Mitten Drive

The 5-6th graders are sponsoring a hat / scarf / mitten drive. Everything collected will be donated to the Marine City Old Newsboys to help them with their Christmas distributions. This is the tree that the students "decorated" with items donated:

Thank you for helping our needy neighbors!



## Santa Shop

Our student-elves were busy on Tuesday! They brought their lists (and—sometimes, thanks to a few adult helpers—checked them twice!); they bought and wrapped treasures for their loved ones. Thank you to **Mrs. Goulette** (again!) for chairing the Shop, and her helpers **Mrs. Allam, Mrs. DeVeny, Mrs. Mensen** and **Mrs. Bailey**.



### Algonac KofC Essay Contest

Applications for the Algonac KofC Council 7227 scholarship are due **by the end of school today (Dec. 15)!**

### “Snow Day!”

A reminder to all, as the weather gets colder: when East China School District closes for inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool will also be closed. On “iffy” mornings (or during the day, when bad weather threatens) keep an ear to your favorite local TV/radio station so you’re “in the know”!

### Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

### Toys for Tots

Thank you to everyone who brought in toys for needy children! Here is a photo of Michael and some of his donors, along with the box of toys:



### 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 was held this past Tuesday. The team’s calendar of times and tasks was begun.

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

# 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.

January 2018							Holy Cross Catholic School						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6							
	A blessed 2018 to all!!	Strategic Plan Comm 5pm	Classes resume No East China buses 'til Jan 8										
7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
Basketball games (start at 6:30):	East China buses resume their runs HC @ St P	OLR men's group meets 6pm			Nonperishable food drive for pantry					St A @ HC			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
	ML King Day—no school	CMC students: exams this week		Winter sports photos 2-3pm	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter Nacho lunch								
		SMMCA @ HC-- VARSITY ONLY 6:30pm		No East China buses home	No East China buses home --basketball tournaments--								
21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
	5-8 <sup>th</sup> graders leave for camp!	Strategic Plan Comm 6pm			Campers return 4:15-4:30pm								
28	29	30	31	FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3							
(Volleyball practice begins this week--)	Blue Water Vicar. "Carnival Day" (Report cards go home)												

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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***