



# 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.

January 4, 2018

## 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

SCRIP credits through the end of December are being calculated, and will be posted to families' FACTS accounts very soon!

*Thank You!!!*

Thank you all for your kindnesses and generosity to us this Christmas season!

Thank you, too, from the teachers for a delicious lunch on the 15th to **Mrs. Theresa Kukawka, Mrs. Suzy DeVeney, Mrs. Tiffany Mensen, Ms. Leeanne Morelli, Mrs. Margaret Path and Mrs. Janine Winne!** It was delicious, and much appreciated.

## Christmas Program

A million thanks to **Mrs. Rock** for guiding our thespians through practices all fall and on to their performance. The play added to our guests' (and our own) appreciation of the blessed season.



## Mark Your Calendar....

Welcome back!!

- M Jan 8: East China buses run again
- **F. Jan 12: nonperishable food drive for parish's pantry**
- M Jan 15: Martin Luther King day: no classes
- **Th Jan 18: winter sports team & individual photos (2-3pm)**
- F. Jan 19: no Chartwells: nacho lunch; end of 2nd quarter
- **M-F, Jan 22-26: camp!**
- M Jan 29: "Blue Water Vicariate Carnival Day"; report cards go home

## Snow "Etiquette"

We know how eager your students are to see you and get to your vehicle at the end of the day! But, for the safety of all the people who need to use the sidewalks (as well as our dedicated maintenance staff, who struggle to keep the walks clean and dry) we need to try to keep the snow OFF the sidewalks. Please encourage your children to STAY OUT OF THE SNOW near the sidewalks as the enter or leave school.

## Boys' Basketball

Both teams have a practice scheduled for Friday, Jan. 4, right after school 'til 4:30pm.

Our teams' next games away, on January 8 at St Peter's, followed by their regular season games at home on January 9 and 10. The Varsity team will have a final home game on Tuesday, January 16, as well, hosting St Mary McCormick.

The Varsity tournament will be hosted by St Mary McCormick January 18 & 20. Due to the imminence of the new Cherry baby, the JV team will end its season before their tournament.

**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. 9, 10 and 16.

## Camp 2018

Bills are in the mail to families with 5-8th graders planning to attend camp in January. **Final payment is due Jan. 16.**

Campers received a packet of information and forms before Christmas. We ask that you return anything that needs to be signed ASAP, but no later than January 12. Please have any needed medication labeled and given to Mrs Steinmetz before Friday, Jan. 19.

The camp crew will leave for camp the morning of Monday, January 22 and return to Holy Cross Friday, January 26. We know they're in for a wonderful experience together in Wolverine!

## Volleyball

Practices will begin near the end of January. Girls who haven't had their physicals yet: please get that taken care of ASAP so you don't miss any practices!

*Thank You!!!*

...to **the Guldemonds** for bright copy paper they donated to school!

## 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!

## "Snow Days!"

A reminder to all, as the weather gets colder: when your favorite TV stations reports East China School District closed 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"!

*Muffins with Mom*

Holy Cross PTO is hosting a light breakfast of muffins, other breakfast pastries, and juice for moms, grandmas or aunts to enjoy while spending time with their special HC student(s) on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 7-7:30am in the cafeteria.

## Head Lice!

A few cases have been discovered. While not dangerous, they are uncomfortable and annoying and can be a challenge to eradicate: every nit must be removed to ensure your child won't have a second round infestation or spread it to others.

Information about detecting lice and how to get rid of them is available from the St Clair County Health Department at:

<http://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/forms/hdlicebro.pdf>.

## Lunch Help Needed

At least temporary help is needed with lunchtime supervision, as Mrs. Davey is scheduled for surgery and will be out of commission for a few weeks. Can you help?—please call Dawn Davey c/o school: 810.765.3591. Thank you!

### Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

## “The Blanket Project”

The blankets, snug in their plastic shoe boxes and cradling their little gifts, have arrived in Puerto Rico and are being distributed to our new friends this weekend! Puerto Ricans celebrate Christmas with family and services, but their “gift-giving” holiday is on Epiphany, the commemoration of the visit of the three kings, which occurs on January 6. The blanket-packages will be in their new owners' hands to be opened that day. Here are the students delivering the packages to be shipped:



The students also made about 150 Christmas ornaments. They gift-packed them with a bit of candy and delivered them to residents of a nursing home in Fort Gratiot Township. Here are the students in the library packaging the goodies and at the nursing home:



## Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral

Dr Wagner sent out a notice to all families about this special mass being celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron on Feb. 1. Please contact Dr Wagner if you are interested in attending.

# 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.

## PTO Next Meets Tu. Jan 9, 6:30pm Riviera Restaurant

All are welcome!

## Blue Water Vicariate Schools' 3rd Annual “Carnival Day”

...is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, here on the Holy Cross/Cardinal Mooney campus.

Permission forms went home with all K-8 students (and to all families via School-Speak) yesterday. Please fill out and return your form(s) and fee **by tomorrow morning**.

We apologize for “springing” this with so little warning. If coming up with the fee on short notice is a problem, please call the office. But please get your forms in (a separate form for each student, please) without the fee if necessary **first thing tomorrow morning** (as the T-shirts are being ordered tomorrow). Thank you!