



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 11, 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 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 have been posted to families' FACTS, service credit and camp accounts. Congratulations to the 31 families who are sharing in over \$4500 in SCRIP credits this quarter!

Also: auction tickets are available at the SCRIP desk during their regular hours.

Martin Luther King "Service" Day

Next Monday, Jan. 15, is Martin Luther King day. In his honor, the day is scheduled at Holy Cross as a no-classes, "service" day. School will NOT be open that day.

Students who don't complete their "service day" requirements will be counted absent for this day.

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.

Mark Your Calendar....

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

Snow Preparedness

Students are reminded that (when conditions allow us to go outside:) they need to wear snow pants and boots to be allowed to play in the snow at recess. (Don't forget hats, coats and mittens!)

Camp 2018

Bills should have arrived last week-end in the mailboxes of families with 5-8th graders planning to attend camp. **Final payment is due Jan. 16.**

Campers received their packets of information and forms before Christmas. Please return anything that needs to be signed **by tomorrow**. Please have any needed medication labeled and given to Mrs Steinmetz before **next 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!

Congratulations!!

...to **Ava DeVeney, Matthew Zammit, Allison Kuzera, Claire Campbell and Skye Moss** for submitting the winning essays in the K of C essay contest! Many thanks to the Algonac Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the contest and funding the awards.

**East China Bus Riders:
NO BUSES HOME on Th & F,
Jan. 18 & 19.**

Boys' Basketball

Our teams visited St Peter's this week, followed by their last two regular season home games; 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 the JV tournament.

Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for coordinating workers and concessions for this season's games! We would be so lost without her competent kindness!

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!

Winter Sports Photos

Boys' basketball team members and girls on the cheer and/or upcoming volley squads: team photos are scheduled for **next Thursday, Jan. 18**, from 2-3pm. Bring your uniforms! Information about packages and pricing went home with athletes earlier this week.

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for January: Regina Lomasney of Algonac, Jerry Dudzinski of East China and Paul Ivan of Clay Township. Congratulations!

NACHOS

Next Friday, January 19, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Mrs. Isrow's delicious nachos. For \$2.50 you'll get a generous order of nachos with your choice of cheese, ground beef and various toppings, and fruit and a drink; you can "supersize" your order for an extra \$1. Order slips were given to all students (K-8) today—please return orders **by Tuesday** so we have time to get enough food for all. (As always, if you call your student in sick on the day of a special lunch, his order will be pulled and your money returned.)

VG's Receipts

We are practically there, to the \$1000 reward in our VG's receipts collection! Maybe we can start on a second reward!: please keep sending in those receipts—entire receipts, please, with the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph—thanks!

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.

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 the school office (810.765.3591). Thank you!

Food Drive for Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time to help restock the parish's pantry. If you are able to bring a non-perishable item or two, you'll be feeding our local needy. Thanks for helping!

"Books Are Fun"

The traveling display is here! "Books are Fun" offers a nice assortment of good quality items at reasonable prices. The display is on a table near the school office. Orders and payments need to be in the office by Thursday morning, Jan. 18, and items can go home with your "Crusader" on Friday, Jan. 19. (Or call Mrs. Steinmetz if your order includes a 'surprise,' and you'd like to pick it up from her.)

Head Lice!

We think we're winning this war! A reminder to stay on the alert. While not dangerous, lice 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 Health Department at: <http://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/forms/hdlicebro.pdf>.

Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral

A special mass is being celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron on Feb. 1. Please contact Dr. Wagner if you are interested in attending.

"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"!

AUCTION 2018

...is slated for Saturday, February 10, in the Holy Cross Activity Center. Tickets are available NOW in the school office. Tickets will also be available at the SCRIP desk during regular SCRIP hours. Reserve your seats (or a whole table) today!

Blue Water Vicariate Schools' 3rd Annual "Carnival Day"

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

Students will get a chance to sleep in that day! Please plan to arrive at school by 8:30. The day's activities will be done at 1:50, so please arrange for a ride home at that time.

Star Students

...for December:

Autumn Flasher is new to prekindergarten this year. She takes pride in her work and has a positive attitude. Ms. Betsy and Ms. Jen love Autumn's infectious smile and how excited she gets for everything! Autumn loves to play with her classmates and is helpful to her teachers and the other students.

Matthew Bailey is an incredible third grader! In school, he loves to read and help out his friends. He has been a wonderful role model this year. He is eager to mentor and support others. Outside of school, he enjoys his family. Together they enjoy frequent trips up north, skiing, sledging, and swimming. Matthew is good at soccer, loves computer games, and wants to learn how to 'widdle.' His new year resolutions include: stop drinking soda, get his planner signed, use manners, stop worrying, and eat more fruit. He's off to a great start in 2018!

Janae Miotke is a fabulous fourth grader. She enjoys school and loves math, specifically algebra. Among her peers, she always sets a remarkable example. Not only does she do well in school, she is an amazing gymnast. One day she hopes to be an Olympian. Janae is a faithful young lady and does a great job at spreading the Good News. She set some resolutions for the new year which include getting her arms straight on her jump for the bar,

straight As, drink more water, grow, and do stuff for others. What a great set of goals for 2018. I think she will be successful.

Fifth grader **Collin Kloss** is a very energetic young man with great imagination and drawing skills. He loves the challenge of hands on and can create anything given the materials and time. When Collin's interest is piqued, his focus is unwavering.

Aiden Schocker is a very curious young man who isn't afraid to ask the "why" when posed with new information. He is willing to stand by his friends and still state his case when sticking up for his beliefs. Given the right tools, Aiden has the ability to face any challenge.

Seventh grader

Ava Isrow is helpful, honest, responsible and intuitive. Ava's passion is horseback riding and competing. Ava owns a horse and his name is Lance. Ava has a great sense of humor and has the qualities of a responsible young lady.

Ashton DeMeulenaere is a kind, well mannered, laid back and intelligent young man. Ashton enjoys playing video games, playing soccer and basketball, baking and constructing things. He is interested in anything pertaining to graphic design. Ashton is a great older brother to his younger siblings and sets a marvelous example.



HOLY CROSS

29TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

EVENT DETAILS

Date: February 10th, 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 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 1st.
- In lieu of the donation a cash contribution of \$60 will be accepted no later than November 1st.
- After December 1st an invoice will be sent for \$80 to cover your commitment.

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). Thanks!

**PTO Next Meets Monday, Jan 15, 6pm
at "Roasted"—All are welcome!**

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