



# 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.

February 8, 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

***If school is closed for inclement weather, so is the SCRIP office!***

Patty Smith

## OOPS!

Many apologies: we missed eighth graders **Michael Wilkinson** and **Lauren Isrow** in the All A honor roll for the second quarter last week—well done!!

*Thank You!!*

...to the PTO for treating the students in grades K-4 to ice cream sundaes last Friday as a delicious end to Catholic Schools Week.

## Volleyball

The girls' first game is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, at St. Augustine, and their first home game a few days later: on Thursday, Feb. 15. Looking forward to a great season!

## Tuition

Families' last tuition payment is due at the end of February.

## VG's Receipts

Please keep sending in those receipts—entire receipts, please, with the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph—thanks!

## Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tu. Feb. 13: classroom Valentines' Day celebrations; dress down in red/white/pink**
- **W. Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday: mass at 9am with CMC**
- **Th. Feb. 15: no East China buses home**
- **F-M, Feb. 16-19: midwinter break: no school**

## Financial Aid for 2018-19

The first step for anyone wanting to apply for tuition assistance is to submit an application for help through the Archdiocese of Detroit. Information and instructions are available at: [www.online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://www.online.factsmgt.com/aid)  
[Parent Information Letter](#)  
[Pastor Signature Sheet](#)  
Online application through FACTS is required.

Your application must be accompanied by your pastor's signature. You can download the form using the above address and ask your pastor to sign it. That form needs to be turned in **by Feb. 19.**

We are fortunate in having some other, local scholarship resources as well; however, an application for the AoD's grant is required prior to applying for any other assistance.

## AUCTION 2018

...is just about here! Set up workers are scheduled to be here tomorrow morning by 10am if there's school. **HOWEVER—if there is no school tomorrow, we'd love adult setup workers to come at 8am.**

Ticket sales have gone through the roof! We are expecting a full crowd for a very fun night.

## Holy Cross T-Shirts

The PTO has a few Holy Cross logo items available for sale at the school office. There are youth small, medium and large and adult small and medium short sleeve shirts for \$10 each; "sparkly" short sleeve shirts, one each youth small and adult large at \$13 each; one each youth-large and adult small long sleeve t-shirts for \$15 each; and caps for girls at \$20 each. Check them out at the office.

## Helping the Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly drive to restock the parish's pantry. Food donations have the pantry in good shape. However, paper products, soaps and hygiene projects are in short supply.

If you are able to help, things like toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, and hand, laundry and dish soaps are needed for our collection for the pantry during mass on Feb. 9. Our needy neighbors thank you!

## Science Fair!

Students in grades 5-8 will soon be taking home information about the Science Fair. (They should already have been discussing possible ideas with their parents!) Projects will be due to arrive in school **on March 7.**

## Catholic Schools Survey

Parents: if you haven't already done it, you are requested by the Archdiocese of Detroit to complete the survey at the following link before next Tuesday, Feb. 13: [The Catholic Schools Survey Link.](#)

In the event the link doesn't work, please copy the following URL and paste into your browser:

[https://madonna.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6nGI0k8rRq32J1j&Q\\_JFE=0](https://madonna.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6nGI0k8rRq32J1j&Q_JFE=0)

Dr Wagner also asks your views as to Holy Cross School's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities for improvement and threats. Please email those to him.

Thank you for your help with both of these requests.

## Eighth Graders' Baby Pictures

Every year in our yearbook, we play "match game" with our 8th graders, publishing baby pictures of them and trying to match each baby to his/her 8th grade self.

Of course, we don't have baby pictures of your kids! So this is a plea to parents of this year's eighth graders: please send Mrs. Steinmetz a digital copy of a baby picture of your child that we may publish in our yearbook. We'll need the photos before March 1. Thanks so much for your help!

*Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...art teacher Mrs. Brennan who is recovering from an injury to her foot.

### OLR Appreciation Dinner

OLR parish loves its volunteers! Save the date: the parish is planning an appreciation dinner for all volunteers on Friday, April 13 at the St. Catherine activity center. Anyone and everyone who volunteers for parish work is invited! The parish does ask you to RSVP so they have an accurate head count for the caterer. Contact the parish office (810.765.3568) to make your reservation or for more info.

### Open House

...is Sunday, March 11 (1-3pm). Parents and student ambassadors will be sought to show prospective families through the school and answer their questions. Students' art and science fair projects will also be on display. Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our "family?"—invite them to the Open House!

### Science Fair Display Boards

...are available in the office: \$4 each.

### Bingo Concessions

Bingo concessions at the Wednesday bingo are back! But not for service credits: now bingo concessions will help you earn credit toward camp.

Earnings from concessions will be prorated among concessions workers (by the number of bingos worked) and applied to their camp bills at the end of December 2018.

One worker per Wednesday bingo will be needed beginning February 14. If you are interested or for more information please contact Tracy c/o the school office.

**PTO MEETS 6:30pm FEB. 13 in the teachers' room**

## Student Highlights

...for January:

**Gwen Franks** is a returning prekindergarten student. Gwen has a great sense of humor and her quiet smile is infectious! Gwen loves painting and playing in the sensory table at school. Ms Jen and Ms Jen love Gwen's eagerness during Circle Time—she is great with participating in our songs and naming letters, numbers and patterns.

**Liam Guyor** is a 5-year-old with many interests. He enjoys going to the beach and playing with his toys. Liam likes to build and play cars with his friends in Kindergarten. His favorite color is green, and pizza is his favorite thing to eat. He likes to play jokes on his friends and teacher. Liam is a hard worker and sets a good example for others at school. One day, Liam wishes he could have a dog for a pet.

First grader **Emma Mensen's** favorite food is strawberries. Her favorite color is teal. She enjoys playing board games with her family. When she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian. Emma is a great leader and helper in the classroom. She is fiercely loyal to her friends, and always stands up for what is right.

**Ava Mensen** is a hard working second grader. When she is not in school Ava likes to play princess with her sister, Emma. Keep up the good work! **Alex Ogden** likes to do reports on his ChromeBook in his free time and play soccer. His favorite subject is math. Some day Alex will be an Olympic soccer star!

Third grader **Nikolai Wilson** wants to be a store owner who sells science stuff when he grows up. In school Nikolai likes religion and gym the best. Keep up the great work Nikolai.

**Erin Wilson** is a hard working fourth grader! She loves to sing, dance, and play softball. In school she expresses her creativity in fine arts by participating in school plays and writing engaging stories in class. She has a contagious personality and enjoys school. Erin loves animals, especially dogs. Erin does a wonderful job participating at mass. She volunteers often to help out where she is needed. At home Erin enjoys quality time with her mom, dad, and her brother, Boyd. In her community, Erin runs a canned food drive with great success. She is currently running a canned food collection in school.

Fifth grader **Ava DeVeny** is a hard working young lady with a true Christian attitude. She is always willing to help others and always speaks in a kind, gentle voice. Ava steps up to face any challenge presented.

**Gemma Downey** is an energetic sixth grader with a neat sense of humor. She works hard to do her very best, while leaving room to help her friends. Gemma's ability to think outside the box adds to class discussions.

Seventh grader **Rebecca Goulette** is funny, kind, and very hardworking. She plays volleyball and basketball at Holy Cross. Rebecca's favorite class is ELA, and she loves to eat burritos!

Eighth grader **Michael Wilkinson** enjoys Algebra class at Cardinal Mooney. He also enjoys life science and biology. During his spare time Michael plays hockey for the Port Huron Fury. He also enjoys tennis, baseball, and basically all sports! If given the choice to visit any continent, Michael would revisit Australia because of its diverse landscape and characteristics. Michael's ideal career would be as an anesthesiologist.

Parents:

Although all of our students' parents have provided the \$25 insurance for the year to cover problems with student chromebooks, we find that some students are just not very careful with their chromebooks and expensive damage for repairs that are needed due to neglect and misuse. Our new agreements for insurance for 2018-2019 will stipulate charges for damage done due to careless handling of student chromebooks for things not covered by the user insurance.

Please have your youngsters use the video links below to learn HOW TO CARE FOR THEIR CHROMEBOOKS. You may want to look at these brief one-to-four minute videos or some of them with your youngster so you can reinforce proper practices in the care of the Chromebooks.

Sincerely,

Carl Wagner, Ed.D.

Video clips on How to Respect Your Chromebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBFefluPgmA> 4.20 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czXax6UKNwQ> 2.07 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1mg6xslJwA> 4.29 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIL4Qn4XgU4> 1.30 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czXax6UKNwQ&t=35s> 2.07 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5-NP-v2KVU> 2.21 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-lqT8YdbMQ> 1.57 minutes

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