



CLASS OF 2020 CRUSADER OF THE MONTH

Payton Marie Helton

MONTH HONORED: January 2020

Payton was selected by Mr. Steve Czerwon and Mr. Mike Holt

When thinking about what goes into selecting the “Crusader of the Month,” one must think about character, compassion and commitment. We feel that Payton Helton has fully embodied the Muskegon Catholic Central experience and demonstrated these core Crusader characteristics. She has excelled in the classroom, in athletics and in her faith. It is for all of these reasons that we proudly name her Student of the Month for January 2020.

Payton has worked extremely hard in class over her time at MCC. She is a very conscientious student who strives for excellence in her studies. It is common for a student to work for a grade, but it is obvious that Payton wants to understand and comprehend the material as well. She also is the type of student who shows up on time, prepared and displaying a great, positive and cheerful attitude.

In addition to working hard in the classroom to maintain a 3.4 GPA, Payton also has excelled in athletics and has been very active in extracurricular activities for the Crusaders. She is a four-year letter winner in soccer, volleyball and basketball, as well as completing six years of cheer and two years of track. And if that is not enough, this year will mark her fifth year on stage in the school musical.

On a daily basis, Payton displays a thoughtful disposition and compassion toward others that exemplifies the mission of this school. We have witnessed many acts of kindness by her in the hallways, in the classroom, and outside of school. She is extremely goal oriented in athletics but also is the consummate teammate as displayed by her leadership and encouragement of others. Her commitment to her faith is evident in how she carries herself and in her treatment of others.

Payton has given back to her home parish, St. Thomas, by volunteering at their annual events. This spring she will complete her senior service project at Noah’s Project. In the fall Payton will either attend Michigan State or Grand Valley where she will study medicine with the goal of being a pediatrician one day.

Payton is the daughter of Ron and Kim Helton and the sister of Logan. She attends St. Thomas Parish.