



# CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering Academic Excellence in a Christian Community.

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## *A Prayer*

As we prepare for Lent, may we find ourselves open to the messages that God sends us each day. May we come together as one family as we look toward the light of new life.

## **Protecting God's Children Workshops**

Visit [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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith or the "virtus" website for more information. Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day or camp or chaperone field trips.

## got scrip?

### **SCRIP office hours:**

Mondays and Fridays, 7-9am;  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm; and  
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during  
RE classes

### **"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!**

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Kelly Zichi (East China)

## **"PSAS" Application Forms for the Archdiocesan Grant**

Don't forget to file yours! Contact the school office to have one sent home with your child, or stop in to pick one up. You may also download the form from the Archdiocese's website: go to [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org); "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance" under "Parents and Students," "Archdiocesan Endowment Tuition Assistance Programs," then select the form and instruction letter.

## **Ash Wednesday**

...is next week. Students will go to mass on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45 am instead of Friday next week.

## **"America and Me" Essay Contest**

Three students from Holy Cross have been named local winners in Farm Bureau's 40<sup>th</sup> annual "America & Me" essay contest. The three 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who earned the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for their school are, respectively: **Jacob Hanna, Rachael Moreton and Rick Berschbach.** All three will receive award certificates for their achievement; as the first place winner, Jacob's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Jacob's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten in Michigan will be selected. Those ten will be announced in April, and they will each receive a plaque, a \$500 US savings bond and a \$500 cash award. In addition, the ten will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor. Good luck, Jake!

## **Registration is Coming!**

We are currently working on finalizing tuition figures for next year...so registration paperwork WILL be coming out soon! Thank you for your patience and support. Do you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children? Encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment, or to visit the school open house on March 8!

## **A Reminder From the Bus Drivers:**

**When you are picking up your student after school, please wait behind the sign (at the sidewalk between the school and church) to give the buses room to line up; after the buses are here, you are welcome to pull up right behind them. Thank you!!**

## **THE SPORTS SECTION: VOLLEYBALL**

The girls' first game is tonight at St Mary / McCormick in Port Huron. They'll next play Saturday morning, hosting St. Augustine here at home. Good luck, ladies!

## **Dental Clinic**

A slight change in plans: **the clinic will be at Holy Cross on Friday, Feb. 27** (instead of Thursday). Please send in your form and the applicable payment if you'd like your child(ren) to participate.

## **Auction Alert!**

This week's featured Auction item is "Dinner with Father Jim." Enjoy an experience of a lifetime! Share a unique and enjoyable dining experience, catered with meat lovers in mind, with our very own Father Jim Lopez. Limited to 4 people. We are also featuring this week a reserved pew for the Christmas Eve children's mass or Christmas Eve midnight mass (highest bidder's choice) at one of the churches at Our Lady on the River parish.

If either of these items is of interest to you, please plan on joining us Saturday, March 14 at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall for a night filled with good food, friends and lots of fun. Tickets are now available--call Jennifer Laster, Gretchen Rogus or the school office (810.765.3591).

## **Request from the Library:**

We have Accelerated Reader tests for these books—but not the books! If anyone is considering donating books (in honor of your child's birthday, perhaps?)—we're hoping for:

Twilight series;

Percy Jackson & The Olympians;  
Guardians of Ga-Hoole books #12,  
13, 14 & 15; and

Tales of Beedle the Bard.

Any help with acquiring these books would be greatly appreciated!—Mrs. Smith

## Science Alive!

Please return your blue permission slip and \$2 to your teacher ASAP.

## Holy Cross Sweatshirts

The last round of sweatshirt orders is going out soon—if you'd like an order form, please contact the school office.

There are two hoodies in the school office for sale (\$15 each): one with "cheer" emblem, and one with volleyball.

## Display Boards

Boards for science fair displays are available in the school office: \$3 each.

## Booster Club meets tonight-- 6:30--Riviera Restaurant

Come one, come all!

## PTO Meets next Tuesday

Feb. 24—6pm

All are welcome!

## Camp Photos

Did you take any great camp pictures we could include in our camp display? We would be happy to print them from your disc or scan and return any you are willing to share. Thanks!

## We Still Need Other Pictures, Too

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our yearbook and website. If you have pictures that you can share, we would gratefully accept digital pictures, or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

## Books Are Fun!

The "Books are Fun" traveling book display is here! Orders & payment need to be in by Thursday, Feb. 26; your items can go home on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, with your student (or be held for you to pick up at the office). Great deals—convenient—and the school earns a book for every 10 sold.

## Eighth Grade Class Trip Update

Arrangements are being finalized for this year's class trip to Cedar Point/Kalahari Resort. On Friday you will receive a sign up sheet. Please return it on Monday. On Monday, you will receive your trip statement which will include fundraising profits to this point. On Thursday, February 26, at 6:30PM, a fundraising meeting will be held in the 8th grade classroom. Please plan on attending to sign up for our fundraising event.

## Can You Help?

Our collection ends Monday—last call for shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, hair brushes, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and kids' bath toys for Safe Horizons. Thank you to all who have donated!

## Progress Reports

...go home next Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## It's Delicious!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are selling popcorn every Friday to help pay for their trip to Lansing in March. The popcorn costs 25¢ for each bag.

## "Super Sitter Seminar"

St. John River District Hospital is once again offering its babysitting course beginning April 21, 2009. The course is open to anyone 12 & older, for a fee of \$15. There are registration flyers in the school office—or contact the hospital.

## Music Scholarship Opportunity

Applicants in 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades in or residents of the East China School District may pick up an application in the school office; applications must be received by March 3.

## Mom-Son Bowling

Boys: take your mom bowling on Sunday! Premier Lanes in Chesterfield Township will host our Mom & Son bowling date from noon-2pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. \$20/"couple" includes shoes, two games, two slices of pizza and a drink for each attendee. Send your request for a reservation and payment in to the school office, attention: "Mom & Son Bowling," FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING.

## Book Fair

In conjunction with our Open House and Learning Fair the first week of March, we will have a Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open during school hours on Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6. It will open to the public on Saturday, March 7, from 5-7 pm, and again on Sunday the 8th during the open house, from 12:30-4pm. Volunteers are needed for each of these time slots—if you are available to help, please contact chairperson Sharon Rivard c/o school (810.765.3591).

(As the fair draws nearer, students will receive information regarding what will be available and how to order.)

## MARKET DAY

Flyers for the March sale are attached. Order forms must be in school by Monday, March 2; delivery is on Monday, March 9 from 2-3pm.

## Pizza Lunch

Tomorrow we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for lunch instead of Chartwell's. The eighth graders are sponsoring a 25¢ bake sale—bring an extra quarter or two to help send them on their class trip!

## Jump for Hearts

Don't forget to give me your permission form—we're jumping tomorrow! Thanks for helping the Heart Association!--Mr. Oberski

## FISH FRY

We are sponsoring fish fries on Fridays during of March. They will be held at St. Catherine's in Algonac from 4-8 pm; help is needed at each dinner. Please stop in at the school office and sign up if you can give an hour or two at one or more.

## Need Credits?

Do you need service credits? Please consider bingo—even if you've had a bad experience before at another hall, please be assured that the Marine City K of C players are different! We average 45 players, and they are kind and courteous to our workers. The hall is non-smoking and very clean; the atmosphere is calm and quiet. The Knights of Columbus have hosted this bingo for Holy Cross for many years. The worker corps is composed of Knights and Holy Cross parents and volunteers—and we are in DESPERATE need of a few more bingo and concession workers and callers. Our bingos are held every Wednesday night, and we need to fill at least three positions on our second week team. We have openings for the other weeks, also. You do NOT have to join a team or commit to any certain number of bingos—you may work one bingo, or as many as you like. Please give us a try! (Remember: any adult, 18 or older, may help you earn your credits...maybe Grandma or Grandpa, or a friend, would consider working a shift with you.)

Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300), Marge Nicaise, Ruth Lizee', or Karen Sobczak if you'd like more information.