



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to partner with its families in the education of tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Christian community.

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A Word from Jesus

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Mt 5:3

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese—to find one 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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) 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?

Today was the first drawing for a giant snowman cookie for the people who had purchased scrip during the later half of this month. We will publish the name of the winner in next week's newsletter. For the month of February, we will be putting names in a drawing for a giant valentine cookie for everyone who purchases scrip between February 1st and February 14th. Pay down your tuition easily by purchasing gift certificates on a regular basis.

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays & Tuesdays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!
Peddlers:
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Boys' Basketball

Tonight the tournament begins! Our first game is at 7pm. If we win that game, we play tomorrow at 6pm; otherwise, we play at 7pm. We are proud of our team--go, Crusaders!

Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch supervisor. You will only be here for about one hour and you get to see your child interacting with his/her peers and get fresh air! It doesn't get any better than that.

Thank You!

...to our current lunch supervisors: **Mrs. Krutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Rogus, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Laster, Ms. Govier, Mr. LaBelle, Mrs. Robbins, Mr. Barr** and **Mrs. Horlocker!** Thanks, too, to **Mrs. Sweet** and **Mrs. Lund** for supervising lunch recess every day!

...to **Mrs. Dianne Lovett** for file folders she donated to school!

...to Mrs. Lovett's mom, **Mrs. Frances Zech**, for continuing to snip and sort our Box Tops for Education, Campbell products Labels for Education and VG's receipts!

CAMP 2011

Students in grades 4 and up leave for camp on Monday. We wish them lots of snowy winter fun and excitement!! They will be expected back on Friday about 4:30pm.

Many Crusader alumni tell us that camp is their favorite memory of Holy Cross! We are blessed to be able to continue this fun educational activity.

Camp parents: to mail a letter to your camper (be sure to allow a few days' time to arrive), address your envelope like this--

**(student's name) / Holy Cross
Wolverine Outdoor Educational
Center
P O Box 217
Wolverine, MI 49799**

Weather Forecast for Camp:

Monday: few snow showers; high of 12°, low of 8° precip 30%;
Tuesday: snow shower; 15°/8°; 40%;
Wednesday: snow shower; 18°/5°; 30%;
Thursday: partly cloudy; 17°/8°; 20%;
Friday: snow shower; 19°/11°; 40%.

Catholic Schools Week

We had a fun week! We finish today with a "matt ball" game and assembly in the gym. Thank you to the PTO for the ice cream social they are treating us to today, too!



Mrs. Pavlov (on the left), Jessica and Calvin all show off the "eyes on the backs of our heads!"

(Love that 'do, Mrs. Pavlov!)

Texas Hold 'Em

Mr. Bryer is already planning the 2011 Texas Hold 'Em events! He will be looking for help on the following dates: Feb. 24-27; March 24-27; April 29 & 30 and May 1 & 2; and May 19-22. Shifts will be from noon-5pm / 5-10pm / 10pm-2am.

Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help (or would like more info). There's also a signup sheet on the main hallway bulletin board at school if you'd like to just sign up. Thank you!

There will be a meeting regarding service credits on February 14th at 8:00am on the porch of the Fine Arts Building to discuss the service credits. The Texas Hold 'Em will be reviewed at that time for eligibility. All interested persons are welcome!

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class is still making and selling popcorn to students on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Monies raised from this project will help fund the bus for the Lansing trip.

**REMEMBER:
No school tomorrow!**

CRANIUM CLUB

Did you know that Holy Cross Catholic School has a club? Yes, we have a "Cranium Club". It is for students who want to accept the challenge of using their craniums, challenge themselves, grow and learn even more so that they will be better informed people. Congratulations to our newest members!

Needed: USED DISPLAY BOARDS

Are your old science fair projects just taking up valuable storage space? We could re-use a few of your old display boards (NOT the projects!)—please contact the school office (or just drop 'em off!). Thanks!!

Speaking of Display Boards....

New display boards (for your science fair project) are now available in the school office: \$4 each.

Thank You from the First Grade!

The first graders and Ms. Ward would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Robert Lowes and Mrs. Isrow for coming in to talk about their jobs! They learned the importance of math, reading, art / design, following directions, safety and taking care of their teeth, and how it all relates to the jobs people have. Today, the first graders ask you, "What will you be when you grow up?!"

Earn Campbell Labels for Education--Electronically!

You can earn "Labels for Education" points for Holy Cross without bothering with the label clipping (or earn extra by both "swiping" and clipping!): go to www.eLabelsforEducation.com and follow the prompts to join the eLabel program.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" night sponsored by the MC Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday, February 1st, 7:00pm at the Washington Life Center. Marine City residents are encouraged to attend.

FAX MACHINE

Thank you to Cardinal Mooney for giving us a used fax machine.

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...former students Rachel and Marisa May and their family on the death of their grandpa.

Volleyball

Thank you to Ms. Garshott, Mrs. Wolf and Ms. Schafer for taking on coaching responsibilities for our team!

The girls will begin to practice right after camp. Their first games are at the end of February: at MCA on the 23rd and home (hosting St. Augustine) on the 24th. Games will be Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 10am. All Crusader fans welcome!

FAMILY PICTURES

Thank you to the many school families who sent in pictures. Some of you forgot to send in your family picture. Please send in your picture. We REALLY want you included in our special project. Send them in to Mrs. Lund. (If you like, you can email them to lund@holycrossonline.net.)

michigan reads

Parents, your child can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books between now and April 1, 2011. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register your child for this exciting opportunity.

Archdiocesan Grants

An application form for this year's Archdiocesan grant (including an explanatory letter from the archdiocese) is attached. Eligible elementary students will receive \$800 next year (the grant was only \$600 this year!) so it's well worth your time to apply. Be sure your application is in the mail before the April 11 deadline!

The application can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aodonline.org: go to "Catholic Schools," then "Tuition Assistance" and scroll down to the middle of the page--you should see an English and Spanish version of the application.

On the front page of the application there is a box for a "school label." You may DISREGARD this box: there IS NO school label.

A reminder to save copies of your PSAS form: you'll need it to apply for all other Holy Cross tuition assistance.

Boaters' Safety

Our sixth graders learned a lot about boating safety this week. We are grateful to the Sheriff Department for providing this instruction!

Music Scholarship Opportunities

The St. Clair Music Club, in cooperation with East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, announces this year's music scholarship application period. Application is open to students in grades 7-11, and the requirements and application are available in the school office or online at East China School District's website, www.ecsd.us or at the website of the Community Foundation: www.stclairfoundation.org. Written applications and requirements must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, and auditions will be held at the PAC at 2pm on Sunday, March 6.

Thank You, Representatives

Thank you to the folks who represented Holy Cross by taking up the gifts in church last weekend: the **Smith, Rock, Horlocker, Barr, Whetstone** and **Templeton** families.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for the Lenten Fish Frys which will be held on March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th. Volunteers are needed the Thursdays and Fridays during the Fish Frys.

Please sign up on the volunteer sheets located in the back of the church at all three sites. The sign up sheets will be available until February 18th. No experience is needed (other than cooks). This is a great opportunity for those of you in need of service credits. Also, it sets an example for your children and grandchildren. Let them see you sharing your time and talents in service to our Lord, your parish family and the community. If you have any questions, call Linda or Lisa c/o the church office (810.765.3568).

Candy Cane Shop

Thank you to all who participated in PTO's "Candy Cane Shop" before Christmas. The PTO received \$154.80 in profits from the Shop, which they have already delivered to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help local needy families.