



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.

January 24, 2013

A Word

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. Lk 4:14

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. The workshop will be held at Holy Cross on February 23 beginning at 8:30am. To register (or to find another session that better 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. Contact Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Mark Your Calendar:

- Jan. 25 (tomorrow: no school)
- Jan. 28-Feb. 1: 5th-8th graders go to camp!
- Jan. 31: dress down for \$1
- Feb. 1: grades K-4 picnic lunch
- Feb. 1: campers return about 4:30pm
- Sat. February 9: Auction! (Got your tickets yet?)

Camp 2013!

Campers: time to pack! The list that was in the packet of camp papers that went home on Jan. 8 is pretty complete and time-tested. (It's also available on the school website: go to the "school support" section and find "camp supplies list.")

You should plan to arrive (with all your gear) at the usual time next Monday, January 28. We'll pack the bus and leave about 7:45 am. Campers will be expected to return about 4:30 on Friday, February 1.

The wintry weather has hit Wolverine (just as it has the Marine City area!). Temperatures forecast for camp week (by weather.com):

Monday: high of 32°F, low 25°;
Tuesday: 34°, 25°;
Wednesday: 29°, 12°;
Thursday: 18°, 8°; and
Friday: 14°, 8°.

Parents may write to their camper:
(Student name) / Holy Cross
Wolverine Outdoor Educational Ctr.
P O Box 217
Wolverine MI 49799

Boys' Basketball

The tournament will be January 24-26 at IC. Our first game is against St. Augustine School at 7pm tonight. All Crusader fans are welcome to attend!

...and Volleyball

Ms. Samantha Duncan (our cheer coach for another three days!) will return as our volleyball co-coach! We welcome last year's volleyball coach, Mrs. Nancy Rickel, partnering with Coach Duncan. We wish you all a great season together!

Girls: practice will start Monday after camp. Your physical must be completed and the card on file at school before you can start practicing.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Today we conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards" is the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2013. We had special activities scheduled for each day:

Friday (the 18th): "Buddy Craft Day"—100s Day Canned Food Drive.

Monday (21st): Buddy Lunch Day and ice cream social, courtesy of PTO:



At recess in the gym (above right)

Choosing ice cream toppings (above left).

Tuesday (22nd): Fairy Tale / Hero / Favorite Saint Day;

Wednesday (23rd): Matching / Mismatching Day / Buddy Bingo:



Today, we'll finish the week with a snow day. We apologize to parents for the last minute call. We did not know about the cancellation until just about the time our school day was set to begin. Enjoy the weekend!

Special Lunches

If you turned in a pizza order, it will be returned on Monday. In this envelope is an order form for next Friday's special lunch for K-4th graders. Just send it in Monday if you want to use your pizza money to pay.

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013** at the Marine City K of C Hall. The Auction is always a lot of fun—**only a week left to make your reservation!** (It would be a great Valentines' Day date—for you and your sweetie, or a whole tableful of your friends!) Tickets are \$35 each or two for \$60 and include dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and a host of fun raffles.

The raffles feature the Bead Raffle ("tickets" are the bead necklaces you buy and wear throughout the evening, with chances to win many gift certificates); 50/50; Money Train Raffle (win over \$200 worth of scratch off tickets) and our SCRIP Tree Raffle (with a prize of over \$250-\$300 worth of gift cards).

Our Live auction includes Tiger tickets (including the "Tigers' Den") for the baseball lover; dinner with Father Bob; a homemade T-shirt quilt (made with your shirts, which makes it very special!!); Principal for the Day; and a basketball party in the Holy Cross gym. These are just a few of our great items.

We have some totally EXCITING vacation getaways in the Live auction! First is a "Pure Michigan" package, which includes two nights at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island (with full breakfast and five-course dinner daily), free golf green fees on the hotel's course, "The Jewel" (cart fee required), special discount on ferry boat tickets and all taxes, gratuities and baggage handling fees at the Hotel. (Many dates available throughout the 2013 season.)

...and we have the African safari again this year!! This will be the trip of a lifetime for the winning bidder. It includes five days' accommodations for 1 person (including meals/snacks), airport pickup and dropoff. (Airfare is not included.) Hunting is optional (the package includes \$1000 credit toward hunting) and arrangements can be made (at additional cost) for a second person to go.

You already know that we will have a used car on the auction block. This burgundy 1999 Buick Century this could be just the second vehicle you've been looking for—or a great starter car for a new young driver. Stop by Precise Auto

Parts (9405 Marine City Highway, Fair Haven—586.725.5900) to take a look at the car. So more people can see it (and, maybe, to tempt our friends at CMC!), we expect the car to be parked in the Holy Cross church parking lot next week—look for it!

Since it's a used vehicle, there may be some sprucing up you'll want to do on the car. The Auction will also be offering gift certificates for auto parts: check them out, too. With or without the gift certificates, this car could prove to be a real bargain for some lucky bidder.

Make your reservation to share in the fun! Contact the parish (810.765.3568) or school office (810.765.3591) before February 1.

Imagination Library

Children ages 0-5 may be able to participate in a program called "Imagination Library." The project was founded by Dolly Parton and is sponsored locally by the United Way, SCCRESA and SCC Great Start Collaborative. Once a family has registered their young child, they will receive one quality, hard bound book a month from age 0 to age 5. If you live in St. Clair County you can register at www.greatstartstclair.org or by calling 810.455.4015. Allow 6-10 weeks for the first book to arrive. There is no cost to families living in St. Clair County thanks to the partners. More information at www.imaginationlibrary.com.

Track!

Soon it will be track season. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to join—IF we have a coach! Are you—or do you know of someone who might be—interested in coach or helping to coach track? We have one parent who can serve as an assistant coach. We need one head coach and at least one more assistant to round out the coaching team. Please call Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591).

Bingo

Thank you to **Marge Nicaise** for co-chairing the Wednesday bingo (at the Marine City K of C hall)! She's finally "retiring" from bingo as of May 1—which means the bingo is looking for new co-chairpersons. If you're interested in learning about the job, please call Marge c/o school for details.

"Fiery Creature" haiku poetry by Gabriel Rowland Renaud, grade 4

Flames lick at my legs
Craning up to play with air
Revealing the light.

100th Day Drive

The 100th day of school is Thursday, February 7, 2013. To celebrate that day, more than 200 canned goods for the newly opened food pantry were collected this week! The tally on January 24th ended up: K-4, 117 items; 5-8 140 items! Way to go Holy Cross families! . The students shot past their goal so fast that we couldn't keep track of which half of the school won a dress down day. That means that the whole school will get a dress down day for reaching their goal during Catholic Schools Week. You can continue to send in non-perishable food items until February 7th, the 100th day of school.

Music Scholarships

The St. Clair Music Club is accepting applications for its annual scholarships: 5-\$520 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be in 7th-11th grade, have been students of accredited instructors for at least a year and be residents or students in the East China School District. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, March 10. Applications are available in the school office.

Chicken Pox

One of our older students was diagnosed with chicken pox this week. Symptoms include a rash consisting of tiny clear blisters that break and form a scab or crust. Please watch your child(ren) for symptoms as the pox is quite contagious.

Academic Olympics

Parents of 5th-8th graders have probably been seeing "interest surveys" and other "permission forms" regarding Academic Olympics. The Olympiad is a collection of competitions among our local Catholic schools. Students can compete in "Forensics," "Problem Solving," "Math," and "Religion Quiz Bowl," pitting themselves against students in their grade at other nearby schools.

The contests will be held on Saturday, February 23 at St. Augustine School in Richmond. A schedule of events will be given to all participating students as the event draws nearer, with the first competitions beginning at 9am and the last, at noon.

The Academic Olympics is a lot of fun, and with some individual and some team events there's room for everyone.

Teachers have been practicing with their students in class. Permission slips have gone home. Now is the time to organize.

The Bridge is Out!

(Soon!) Just a reminder that the bridge over the Belle River behind school will be out beginning, we're told, next Monday, February 4. If you count on that bridge to get to school, you'll need to familiarize yourself with the alternate route—ask Mrs. Steinmetz if you're not familiar with Marine City. (Or you could get a boat!) Don't forget, also, that the detour will probably add a few minutes to your drive in, so you'll need to leave home a few minutes earlier to avoid being late. The bridge is expected to be out for a few months after the reconstruction project begins in early February.

Collection for our Sisters in Africa

One of our parents has a friend who needs items to help poor women in a third world country. If you have any of these items and can help, please send them in to school between now and the end of January:

- Flannel material
- Women's underwear sizes 6-10
- Shoelaces 25" or longer
- Safety pins, medium or large
- 100% cotton fabric
- Gift cards to JoAnn's of Kmart

These gals are also looking for people who can spend some time sewing. Contact the school for more information.

Science Fair Display Boards

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

Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display has once again stopped at Holy Cross! "Books Are Fun" offers a nice assortment of

good quality items at reasonable prices, and the school library earns a book for every 10 items sold. Orders and payment need to be in the office by next Thursday, January 31; your items can go home with your oldest "Crusader" on Friday, Feb. 1 (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

Holy Cross Catholic School

Honor Roll—Second Quarter

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Olivia Ogden, Sean Udell.

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Lillian Yadon, Isaac Zammit.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: Bobby Tucker, Anna Winne, Derek Yadon, Matthew Zammit.

Third Grade

Honor Roll: Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow.

Perfect Attendance: Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl.

Fourth Grade

Honor Roll: Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Christopher Winne.

Perfect Attendance: Luke Chadra, Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Ronald Schulte, Molly Tucker.

Fifth Grade

All As: Jessica Barr, Alaina Laster, Hannah Schultz.

Honor Roll: John Templeton.

Sixth Grade

Honor Roll: Calvin Barr, Shanna Kowalewski, Jacklyn Smith, Thomi Tomlanovich, Anna Tucker.

Perfect Attendance: Anna Tucker.

Seventh Grade

All As: Luke Schulte

Perfect Attendance: Larry Blicharz, Calvin LaBelle, Luke Schulte.

Eighth Grade

All As: Grace Fielhauer, Abbey Guiliat, Lilly Wolf.

Honor Roll: Brooke Pfeiffer.

Perfect Attendance: Abbey Guiliat, Lilly Wolf.

February

Sun	Mon Jan 28	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
	Grades 5-8 leave for camp: be at school by 7:30am				Picnic lunch Campers return about 4:30pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Volleyball games begin at 6:30 on week nights and 10am on Saturdays:	Volleyball practice begins					SM/MCA @ HC (10am) Auction at Marine City K of C Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
"My Guy and I" (daddy-daughter) Dance in activity center 2-4pm	Calendar raffle drawing CMC blood drive in cafeteria 1-7pm St A @ HC	Dress Down in red / pink / white in honor of Valentines' Day: celebrations today	Ash Wednesday mass at 9am		Midwinter break: no school 'til 20 th Fish fry	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Midwinter break	Midwinter break	Back to class!	HC @ St A "Seussical" @ Algonac Middle	Fish fry "Seussical" @ Algonac Middle	Academic Olympics at St. Augustine School 8am-1pm
24	25	26	27	28	March 1	March 2
	No East China buses home HC @ St M			Dress down \$1 HC @ St. P	"Sloppy Joe" lunch Fish Fry	Trin @ HC (10am)

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