



# 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.

July 10, 2012

## *A Word*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.  
Mark 6:7

### **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](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!

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

## got scrip?

**SCRIP summer office hours:  
Mondays and Fridays 8-10am;**

Mondays 5-7pm; and  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm

"Peddlers:"

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

**THE SCRIP OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED the week of July 23-27.**

### **School Office Summer Hours:**

The office is closed for the month of July (but we regularly check phone and email messages: 810.765.3591 or [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)). For the month of August before school starts, the school office will be open from at least 8am until noon every day. Contact the church office (810.765.3568) if you need to reach us more immediately: they know how to find us!

You can expect a last summer newsletter within the first week or two of August.

### **Financial Aid for 2012-13**

Enclosed is your July statement. If there are no charges, that means we haven't yet received your re-registration paperwork (and, therefore, we don't know if you're planning to return!).

School families who requested financial aid through the Archdiocese of Detroit "PSAS" application: response / award letters were sent out the last week of June. If you applied for local aid through the Father Bartone fund, you should have received a reply indicating the amount (if any) of your award by the first of July. **Save your letters as proof of your awards** until those credits appear on your statements.

Archdiocesan grants will show up as credits on your tuition statement by mid-November; Father Bartone awards will show up as credits on your tuition statement by March 2013.

Applications for the second round of Bartone grants are being accepted (with awards to be made in January).

School families: now that you know the dollar figure of your aid, you may include it in calculating your payments. By the end of this month, you should have paid all the fees plus 30% of your share of tuition. (Preschool families: your \$130 registration fee should be paid by now, with your first of 9 regular tuition payments due in August.) Please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office if you have any questions.

### **SCRIP credits**

Congratulations to the 40-some families who are sharing in over \$8000 in SCRIP credits this quarter! These folks have figured out how to make their everyday shopping help pay their tuition!

If your registration paperwork is in, your SCRIP credit is showing up on your 2012-13 tuition statement (or on your latchkey or service credit statement). If you have any questions about your credit, contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office or Mrs. Patty Smith at the SCRIP desk.

### *Thank You!!*

...to **Mrs. Madonna Knotts** for keeping our flower beds in tip-top shape!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** and **Mrs. Julie Wolf** for opening the SCRIP table at CMC's freshman picnic—they sold \$2500 worth of SCRIP (approximately \$125 profit) that night!

...to all our SCRIP workers: **Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Kelly Glowski, Mrs. Leslie Schuh** and **Mrs. Kim Pawlak**, for keeping our SCRIP program running without interruption all summer long!

...to **Mrs. Julie Isrow** for coming every week this summer to work on updating our Accelerated Reader system and inventory!

...to the **Class of 2012** for donating the following books to our library: Black as Night, The Shadow of the Bear, Waking Rose, The Breadwinner, The Story of Google, Night, Code Talker, Chew on This, Fantastic Feats and Failures, Girls Think of Everything, Bonechiller, Fallen, First Crossing, Living Up the Street, Gods of Manhattan, House of Stairs, Black as Night, The Shadow of the Bear, Walking Rose and The End.

...to **Mrs. Debbie Tucker** and **Mrs. Lisa Schulte** for spending one of their Sunday afternoons in June making phone calls to prospective families!

### SUMMER FUN

There's still time to enter your "cardboard car" in a parade (during Marine City's Maritime Days in August) if you still have it, from our "Cardboard Car Show" this spring. For more information contact Monika Rittner at [monikarittner@yahoo.com](mailto:monikarittner@yahoo.com) or 586-615-7928.

### **Calendar Raffle Winners**

...for the month of June were Kenneth Dupre and Molly Cadena of China Township and Dolores Manikowski of Algonac. July's winners are Jim Shepherd of China Township, Nora Arnold of Marysville and Mark Meldrum of Algonac. Thank you all for your support of our school raffle!

## Sports Physicals

Any student wishing to participate on any school sports team next year will need a sports physical. Summer is a great time to get that taken care of with little disruption to your school schedule. A blank physical form was included in your "summer study" packet, and is also available on the school website.

Your own doctor may do your sports physical. St. Clair County Health Department's "Teen Health Center" offers them for approximately \$40 (or on a sliding fee scale, depending on family income); they also accept many insurances. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20<sup>th</sup> Street, behind Port Huron High School between the tennis courts and pool). Check at "Prompt Care" centers or "Minute Clinics"—you may be able to have your physical done inexpensively at such places.

## Coaches Needed

The Boosters are looking for coach(es) for the JV team for girls' basketball and for assistant(s) to Coach Govier (for Varsity) for the 2012-13 school year. If you're interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for more information. (Coaches may be, but don't necessarily have to be, parents of HC students.)

## Free/Reduced (and Regular Cost) School Lunches

The cost of lunch at Holy Cross will be going up to \$2.00 for 2012-13 (with milk going up to 50¢). Applications for free and reduced cost (40¢) lunches are available at the school office (and will go home on the first day of school); call if you'd like one now. (Or check East China School District's website: [www.ecsd.us](http://www.ecsd.us): choose "Departments," "Food Service" (or "Chartwells") and scroll down the page to find the "Free and Reduced" information / application.)

## Needed: YOU!

We are looking for persons interested in helping to plan next year's **Auction**. We are also seeking fun-loving and people-loving folks to join the Holy Cross PTO, to help build our community through support, communication, helpful speakers and activities. We have some great, experienced people for you to work with: please contact Mrs. Pavlov.

## From the School Committee

One of the best ways to get to know your school is to volunteer. By sharing a part of yourself, you impact the entire community with your gift. Places where we can use your gifts/talents are in the lunchroom as one of the supervisors, helping to organize the auction, and building the parent-faculty community as a member of the PTO. Let us know where you can help.

## GREAT START WEBSITE

St. Clair County has a new website from Great Start. Great Start is a resource for families with children in our county as well as the providers that serve our families. The new website is one more opportunity to streamline services and make life a little easier on the parents and children we serve every day. Web address <http://www.greatstartclair.org/>

## "Sky" VBS

OLR parish will host Vacation Bible School July 16-20 (9am-noon). You may pick up a registration form at the church office. (Thank you to sixth grader Ricky Goulette's mom, Mrs. Stacy Goulette, for co-chairing Bible School again this year!)

## Students Entering Sixth Grade:

.....you may need a shot or two this summer (sorry!!!). The Health Department reassesses immunization records for all students entering sixth grade. You may want to check with your doctor when you go for your sports physical! Otherwise, we'll let you know as soon as we learn if you're "short on shots."

## *Please Keep in Your Prayers...*

...Mrs. Amanda Lund and her family on the unexpected death last week of her father.

## Looking for Something to Do Nearby?

We hear there's a "Wild West" town just up the road a piece..."Six Gun Territory" in Lexington is open Saturdays noon-7pm and Sundays 1-6pm, Memorial Day through Hallowe'en. Their flyer boasts a general store, saloon, chuck wagon, pony rides, petting farm, panning for gold and more. Website [www.sixgunterritory.com](http://www.sixgunterritory.com).

*We hope the rest of your summer is pleasant and restful!*

## Take Time to Work Directly With Your Child on Reading

You don't have to be an expert in reading to help your child excel in reading, researchers have found. All you have to do is take time to work directly with your child on his reading.

Doing things like these can greatly improve your child's achievement.

- **Listen to your child** tell stories and read aloud.
- **Read to your child.** (Use books recorded on tape if needed.)
- **Help your child sound out** letters and words.
- **Watch as your child copies** letters and words
- **Say a word** and let your child spell it.
- **Play letter or word games** with your child. (Ask your child's teacher or a librarian to give you some ideas.)

## Have Your Child Finish a Story

How many times has your child said, "Read me a story"? Now it's your turn to say this. Next time your child asks for a story, begin one, but let him finish it. This will build his verbal and creative skills.

## Expect Elementary Aged Children to Do Some Chores!

Some parents get into the habit of doing things for their children. It's not until they talk with other parents that they realize that other kids make their own beds, prepare their own lunches or put dishes in the dishwasher.

What can parents reasonably expect elementary school children to do? Here's a partial list:

- **Fix snacks.**
- **Get themselves up** in the morning.
- **Make their bed.**
- **Change the sheets** on their bed.
- **Load and empty** the dishwasher.
- **Take clothes out** of the dryer.
- **Fold towels or washcloths** after they come out of the dryer.
- **Make a salad.**
- **Read to a younger brother** or sister.
- **Help a younger sister** or brother with spelling words.
- **Pack their backpack** for school the next day.
- **Give permission slips** to a parent.
- **Make sure signed** permission slips go back in the backpack.

-From "The Parent Institute"