



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.

March 8, 2012

A WORD

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John 2: 18-19

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 or lunchroom 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?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;

Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 1-3pm

Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Patty Smith (St. Clair)

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Let scrip pay your tuition. Purchase it regularly.

CALENDAR REMINDER:

- Daylight Savings Time change this weekend!
- Open House this Sunday, March 11.
- NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 12.
- Dress down in green and white for St. Patrick's Day next Friday, the 16th.
- No Chartwell's, no special lunch on Thursday, March 29: pack a lunch with a drink that day!

Re-Registration Time!

Going home today with your 2012-13 oldest Crusader is a re-registration packet prepared just for your family. Please let us know your plans soon, so we can have everything ready for you in September!!

You'll notice that (for the second year) tuition and fees are not going up next year!

OPEN HOUSE

This Sunday is the Open House for Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney Catholic Schools. We don't know how lucky we are to still have access to not only one but two Catholic schools in our parish. Holy Cross will be open from 10:30-3:00 so as to make it convenient for people coming from the waffle breakfast or 9:30 Mass. As a satisfied school family, Mrs. Pavlov is asking if you would consider donating at least an hour of your time to be at the open house and share your experience of Holy Cross with prospective families. Your message is the most powerful one out there. Call the office at 765-3591 and let us know when you are available.

WAFFLES

After both Masses this Sunday, March 11th, the School Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Dorcey, will be offering a Waffle Breakfast. You should have received a sheet about this on Monday. Start your day with waffles then come over to the school.

INVITE A FRIEND TO OPEN HOUSE

Attached to this newsletter is a post card for you to use to invite a friend to the school open house. Put your name on the bottom, since you are the Holy Cross family referring the friend. Have your friend fill out the top and drop it in one of the prize boxes when they come to the Open House. When your friend registers their child at Holy Cross, you will receive a credit of \$250.00. It will be applied to your tuition in January 2013.

OPEN HOUSE INCENTIVES

In order to maximize attendance at the Open House on Sunday, we are offering a chance at a prize to families who attend. Prizes include an iPad nano, video game, iTunes cards, Kindle Touch and Nook Color. In addition to that, Fr. Bob has agreed to give any family who brings a new family to Holy Cross, a \$250.00 credit on their tuition. We have attached a coupon to this newsletter for you to put your name on and give to a friend who may be looking for what Holy Cross has.

Statements

...are in the mail. School families: your account should have been paid in full by the end of February; you have until the end of April to complete your service credits. Preschool families: you have two regular payments left, due at the end of March and the end of April.

If you ever have any questions about your tuition account, please feel free to contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

Auction 2012

Thank you to Jennifer Laster and Gretchen Rogus (and their families!) for another job well done! The Annual Irish Auction was a huge success thanks to their untiring efforts. The items for bid were varied and delightful and the bidding for the live auction got absolutely exciting at times. A big thank you goes to Mr. Mike Govier for serving as the auctioneer again this year. Mike does a great job. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's auction. It wouldn't have been the success it was without you.

Holy Cross Educational Fund Gift

There was a moment of big surprise at the auction last Saturday. Mr. Mike Page and Mrs. Dianne Lovett, representing the Holy Cross Educational Fund, presented Mrs. Pavlov and Fr. Bob a check for \$61,041.00 to be used as income for the school. What a sweet and wonderful gift. We thank the members of the Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc. (founded in 1984) for their support of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Forensics Wnners at Academic Olympics

We missed publishing these winners in last week's newsletter:

Calvin Barr took first place in Serious prose; **Alexis Weston** took first place in Humorous Prose; **Rebecca Schultz** took first place in **Humorous Poetry**; **Julia Blicharz** took first place in Serious Poetry; **Rachelle LaFontaine** took 3rd place in **Serious Prose**; **Cami Claeys** took 3rd place in Humorous Poetry; and **Lauryn Janski** took 3rd place in Humorous Poetry. Congratulations, all!

Tuition Grants and other Scholarship Opportunities

Don't forget to get your "PSAS" application in before the deadline! (Please note that no school label is required for AoD grant applications, and that only one application is required per family.) Holy Cross families must have applied for this grant to be eligible for other, local scholarship opportunities.

Also—attached to today's newsletter is a copy of the Father Bartone scholarship application. OLR parishioners may apply; you must have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (via the "PSAS" application) to be eligible.

BE OUR GUEST!

Friday night between 4:00 & 5:00 Mrs. Pavlov, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rock, Ms. Ward and Ms. Evans will be serving dinner at the parish Fish Fry. Please stop by and enjoy a delicious fish dinner at the parish Fish Fry and be our guest!

Volleyball

Our girls finally got to play their first game last Thursday against St. Augustine's in Richmond. They took on St. Mary's (at home) Saturday morning; on Monday, they traveled to Richmond to play against St. Peter Lutheran. Tuesday brought them back home to take on the girls from Trinity. Four matches: and four wins! Hooray, Crusaders!!!

They play tonight at IC. Their next game will be on Saturday, March 10, at St. Mary MCA. They continue their hectic schedule with a home game on Tuesday, March 13 (the makeup game from the "snow day", against MCA), with yet another game scheduled for Thursday, March 15, hosting St. Augustine's.

GROWING OUR SCHOOL

This year, we were fortunate to open our doors with 20 more students than we started with last year. Our current enrollment is 85 students grades PK-8. It is no surprise to any of us that Holy Cross is a good school, one that we want to share with many more people. One way you could help grow our school is to offer to help share your satisfaction at the Open House, March 11th from 10:30-3:00. If you would come for an hour or two and be available to share your joy with prospective parents, it could help. Another way to help grow the school is to bring friends to the Open House. This is a no obligation way to check out Holy Cross for parents and children. The school committee has been working on ways to grow our school this year. One way they are looking at is by "Polishing our Image" so as to make Holy Cross more attractive to families. If you have any suggestions or would like to help increase enrollment, feel free to contact a school committee member or come to the next meeting, March 13th at 6:30pm in the faculty room. One area being looked at by the school committee is the school uniform. Perhaps by changing the uniform it would change our look and make us more polished. What do you see? Do you think that the school uniform needs changing? If so, what do you envision? The school committee would like to hear input from you. If you would like to email your thoughts, feel free to send them to Mrs. Pavlov at principal@holycrossonline.net and she will forward them to the school committee.

Congratulations!

...to **Ms. Ward**, who was recently nominated for Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic College Graduate Honor Society.

Food Pantry

Tomorrow is the second Friday of March: time for our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass tomorrow; the food will be donated to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Welcome additions to the pantry include canned proteins (meats or peanut butter), canned fruits and any nonperishable breakfast foods. Our hungry neighbors thank you!

Kindergarten 2012-13

Do you have a little one who will be in Kindergarten in the fall? Vision and hearing screenings are required for Kindergarten entry. We are pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for you to have the screenings done here!

On March 21, the St. Clair County Health Department will be sending a vision and hearing screening technician to Holy Cross. Your 3-5 year old is eligible to receive the free testing: come in to pick up a "history" form any time before then. Your little one will need to have the completed form in hand to receive the screenings on the 21st.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Mr. Bryer has a roster of workers begun for the next Tournament, which will be the weekend of March 23-26. Can you fill one of the empty slots?—contact Randy c/o school:

School: Friday, March 23:

1-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Saturday, March 24:

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5-10pm	Kireta	Claeys
10pm-2am	Kireta	Kireta

Sunday, March 25:

1-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Monday, March 26:

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5-10pm	Kireta	Tomlanovich
10pm-2am		

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10pm-2am		

MARCH BONUS BOX TOPS

Buy ANY 5 or more participating General Mills Cereals, Fiber One® Bars, Nature Valley® Granola Bars, Betty Crocker® Fruit Flavored Snacks, Pillsbury® Refrigerated Dough, Green Giant® Frozen Vegetables, Yoplait® Kids Multipack products, Macaroni Grill® or Wanchai Ferry® Restaurant Favorites® Frozen Dinner Kits and get

20 BONUS BOX TOPS!

Offer valid 3/18/12-3/31/12 (\$2 value; Coupon prints at register)
Chicago/Indy Stores: Week of 3/22/12-4/4/12

DO YOU LIKE RUNNING?

Thank you to **Mr. Matt McDonald** for coming to our runners' rescue by answering the call to be their coach! Thanks, also, to **Mrs. Carrie Dorcey** for offering to help him. A few parent helpers would be appreciated at any / all practices: talk to the coaches if you can help any day.

Students in grades 5-8: a sign up sheet is going around. Remember that you need to have had a physical before you may begin to practice. (Practices should begin after Easter break.)

Waffles, part two

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their donation toward waffle supplies! Mrs. Dorcey says it's not too late: your donation will still be gratefully accepted tomorrow.

Around the School on "Read In" Day!



The eighth grade "reading in."

Field Day!

Field Day is scheduled for May 24. Got any ideas? Or just interested in helping? Contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com.



Marine City Mayor Charlie Browne reads to Holy Cross students.