



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.

March 18, 2010

A Prayer to St. Joseph

May we, like St. Joseph, be open to God's call. May we find strength in our faith and act as guides and guardians for all of God's children, as Christ lives in every heart.

Amen

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?

SCRIP office hours:

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

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

Peddlers:

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

End of 3rd Quarter

It is already almost the end of the quarter—the last day is next Thursday, March 25! Report cards will go home with students on Wednesday, March 31.

All school tuition and fees are due to be paid in full by March 24. School policy states that report cards are to be withheld when payments are in arrears. Please don't put us in the awkward position of having to withhold your student's report card—make sure your tuition account is up-to-date.

Auction

If you missed the Auction you missed a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone (including a number of newcomers!) who joined us in support of Holy Cross.

Chairpersons **Jennifer Laster** and **Gretchen Rogus** and their setup crew (**Jim and Kari Schafer, Kim Chaltron, Anna and Kersten Goldenbogen, Erin and Ryan Derisley, Teresa Templeton, Jessica Babel and Brian Rogus**) made the hall look practically like a palace! Thank you to Gretchen and Jennifer for their labors and organizing all year to make the Auction a smooth success. Special thanks to auctioneer **Mike Govier** who kept the crowd in stitches all night! Thanks, too, to Auction night workers: to **Judy Beauvais** of Our Lady on the River parish for processing all of the evening's credit card payments; to **Pam Cortese, Sandy Fearn, Paula Burgess, Sue Tomlanovich, Nancy Rickel, Traci Whetstone, and Pat and Pam LaBelle** for manning the silent auction, the welcome table and selling raffle tickets; and to **Dan Steinmetz** for working at the cashier table.

Final figures aren't available yet, but profit from the night (our school's largest single fundraiser) will be in five figures. Thank you to everyone who donated, attended or worked the Auction—see you at our 22nd annual Auction March 12, 2011!

Will Your Little One Start Kindergarten This Fall?:

If so, you may want to take advantage of the opportunity to have free vision and hearing screening done right here at Holy Cross! The county will be here on next Wednesday, March 24, during our preschool hours. If you're interested in having your four-year-old's screenings done that day in preparation for Kindergarten entry, call school.

Thank You!

...to the quick and invisible person who dropped off the donation of a box of "envelopes for school"—they're exactly the kind we use: thank you!!

"Hunger Meal"

...was today. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their item and to everyone who shared in the meal. We should have a report on the profit for our charities next newsletter.

No "study hall" on Wed., March 31.

Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. You can find the application at www.aodonline.org: choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance." (Copies are also available in the school office.) This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2010; there is a fee to apply. (You'll also need a copy of your 2009 US 1040 tax return.) **DON'T FORGET TO KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING!**

Even if you don't think you'll receive the award, all Catholic families are urged to apply—all other financial aid opportunities will require that you have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (although you won't necessarily have to have received the grant to qualify for other awards).

Non-Catholic families and families with Kindergartners only: save the grant form (even though those students aren't eligible for the grant)—you may need to complete it (without submitting it to PSAS) in order to apply for any other assistance.

Applications are available for the 2010-11 Fr. Bartone Scholarship award—call the school office.

LUNCH CHANGE

Due to Cardinal Mooney's honors lunch, there will be NO CHARTWELL'S LUNCH available on

Wednesday, March 24. Everyone will need a BAG LUNCH that day!

Dissections in 7th Grade Science

This week, our seventh graders participated in dissections in their science class. Each group of two or three students got to cut open a sheep heart and see all its parts. First Mrs. Wade showed them how and where to cut:



...then they worked on their own:



Eighth Graders' Class Trip

Parents: your statement went home last week with your eighth grader. Please let Mrs. Steinmetz know if you expect to have SCRIP credit after the March 31 reckoning to apply to your trip bill. (Remember that all other obligations—such as tuition and service credits—must be taken care of to be eligible to participate in the class trip, and that no credit will be allowed for cancellations made after March 19.)

Volleyball

St. Augustine's got away from us on Saturday, but IC brought another HC win when they visited on Monday. We host St. Mary St. Clair tonight and MCA on Saturday; our last regular game of the season is at home on Monday, the 22nd, against St. Peter School. Hope to see you in the stands!

**Fish Fry—tomorrow
4-8pm -at St. Catherine's**

"The Inspector Iwannano Show"

On Monday, students in grades K-5 took part in a character building assembly. Students had a fun time finding "character clues." The clues they discovered were the traits that we all want to possess: respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship. This program was made possible by a grant for safe and drug free schools.



I wonder what they'll do with their balloons?



MARKET DAY

This month's brochure was attached your newsletter today (or check at www.marketday.com). Orders need to be in the school office by Wed. March 31; delivery will be the day we return after Easter break (Monday, April 12).

Service Credits for 2010-11

The black book is now in the outer office, ready for you to sign up. Please come to check it out—if your name is not on the event you wish to work, write it in on an available line.

Because we don't know what your service credit choices will be for next year, we don't automatically transfer your name from events you worked this year. Please let us know your plans by marking your selections in the book.

Stations of the Cross

Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, beginning at 1:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

Recycling Juice Pouches

Mrs. Julie Schultz has discovered a place that will recycle (and even pay for!) used juice pouches. Your student probably knows all about it, as Mrs. Schultz has had a box in the cafeteria all year to collect them from our lunchers.

"Terracycle" (featured in this month's Reader's Digest) makes other things out of used juice pouches, and pays schools and other organizations to collect pouches for them. Mrs. Schultz says she first discovered the program while shopping for school supplies, when she and her girls saw some of Terracycle's end products and thought they were pretty cool. Mrs. Schultz doesn't expect the program to raise great sums of money, but she and her family are happy to be able to keep the pouches out of landfills. Thank you to the Schultz family! Lunchers: please keep those pouches coming! (The Schultzes will appreciate your throwing away the straws and making sure the pouches are empty before putting them in the recycling box at school.)

SK8

"For Your Enjoyment," a skating program which will feature a variety of music from TV shows, movies and popular music groups. Sixth grader **Annemarie Heitz** and her sister, Veronica (HC Class of 2009) are in six numbers in the show, and Veronica has a solo. Shows are at McMorrin in Port Huron at 10am and 2 and 6pm Sat. March 27th. Discount tickets (\$8 adults / \$5 students) are available from Mrs Heitz through next week (or \$10/\$6 at door).

**PTO is accepting
nominations for officers thro
gh March.**

Please contact any of the current officers (Mrs. Laster, Ms. Ward, Mrs. Templeton or Mrs. Rogus) or the school office if you're interested.