



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 14, 2013

A WORD FROM THE WORD

"This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, John 11:4

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 a session that fits your schedule goes 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)

The SCRIP office will be open with no change in their schedule (above) during Easter break to take care of your SCRIP needs.

Mark Your Calendar:

- March 18: PreK & K vision and hearing screenings
- March 20: "Read In" day
- March 21: dress down for \$1
- March 21: No Chartwell's: NACHO LUNCH (or bring your own from home)
- March 28-April 7: Easter break

Science Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Wade for organizing and judging this year's science fair. Students: your projects were the perfect setting for our Open House!

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Open House a success. The student tour guides did a very good job. The parent ambassadors were available and present. The teachers had many, many pieces of evidence of learning and the maintenance people had the school just shining. Thank you for pitching in and making our beloved school shine!

Thank You!!

...to the parents and grandparents who worked at the Open House: **Suzu DeVeny, Rick and Stacy Goulette, Matt and Donna Schulte, Steve Guilliat, Matthew and Marisol Zammit, Pat LaBelle, Jennifer Vandenbossche and Mike Govier!** Thank you to our student ambassadors, too! They each received a dress down pass with our thanks for their help.

EIGHTH GRADE MEETING

There will be a meeting for all eighth graders and their parents, next Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30pm in the Science Lab. We will discuss the 8th grade end of the year trip. Mrs. Pavlov hopes to see all eighth graders and their parents at the meeting.

Re-Registering for 2013-14

Your re-registration paperwork for the 2013-14 school year went home last week with your oldest (in '13-14) student. We have begun accepting registrations for next year! (All current and past due obligations to the school must be completed before your registration for next year can be finalized.)

You'll notice the paperwork looks a bit different this year. The Archdiocese of Detroit has instructed us to use the new "contract" that is included in the packet; most of the other papers are the same. You probably also noticed that tuition costs did NOT go up this year—another reason to love Holy Cross!

Volleyball

Next week finds us on the move again, traveling to Trinity on Monday (the 18th) and to IC on **Tuesday the 19th**: please note that the date of this game has been changed (again) since the original schedule.

"Kudos to our team! They have made a name for themselves in the Blue Water league by winning their last five matches, including breaking IC's undefeated record. With only a few practices before the season, HC started out slow but they are in the running now! They are quickly advancing in the standings and having fun doing it. Thank you to coaches Duncan and Rickel for a great job in teaching the girls. Congratulations to the girls on all their hard work and commitment---it really shows. Keep it up!!! (the volleyball and the work!)

"Come support the girls!!!! Next home game is Saturday at 10am. Tournaments will be March 22 and 23. The Boosters could use some help. Player parents are needed to work for set up and take down and when girls are not playing. If anyone else can pitch in to work concessions and gate so player parents can watch the girls play it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Julie Wolf or the office. Thank you in advance.

"GO CRUSADERS!!!!!!!!!"

--Julie Schultz, Booster Club Treasurer

Nacho Lunch

Next Thursday, March 21, there is no Chartwell lunch service: the cafeteria is not available to us that day due to Cardinal Mooney's Top Ten honors brunch.

However, Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton have offered to make nachos for us that day! They'll have to work out of the science room, and students will eat in their classrooms. Order slips were given to all students today. Any profit from the lunch will be donated to the Archdiocesan Vocations Office to help them pay for their trip to walk the Camino de Santiago, "The Way of St. James" in France and Spain.

Fifth Grade Authors

The fifth graders recently completed a persuasive writing assignment, where they had to form an opinion on a topic. The students researched their topic in order to learn facts to use as supporting details. This type of "real-life" writing helped them make many connections and find a voice in their essay. Also, this "real-life" informational writing has become the focus in the Common Core State Standards because students will need to know these skills for college and career readiness. Learning this type of writing can spark discussions and perhaps changes could be made in the world today. Here are some examples:

Lactose Intolerance by Rebecca

It was lunchtime and there was a student who was lactose intolerant. She had hot lunch, so she got in line, grabbed a tray and got her food. Then, at the end of the line there was milk and water to choose for a drink. She grabbed the water and then found her seat at the table. She was happy because now she will not get sick from drinking milk. If she chose milk she would have disagreements with her body.

The disagreements come from being lactose intolerant. Lactose is the sugar found in milk and lots of dairy products. People who are lactose intolerant sometimes get sick, have stomach cramps, gas, and stomach bloating because body does not have the enzyme to digest lactose.

If a person's stomach hurts from dairy products, they should have water to drink instead. Water regulates body temperature and organs. Water also moves oxygen to your cells. Water would not make a lactose intolerant person sick.

In conclusion, water should be a drink of choice for hot lunch instead of having to pay extra money to get it. If a person is lactose intolerant, milk and dairy will make them sick. Water is good to drink for lactose intolerant people, as well as others because of the health benefits of being properly hydrated.

Jegtvig, Shereen. Why Drinking Water is Important For Your Health. About. Mar 5 2013 <http://about.com>

Lactose Intolerance in Children. American Academy of Pediatrics. Mar 5 2013. <http://www.healthychildren.org/>

Lockers at Holy Cross by Megan

Let's say you have to carry your heavy backpack around because your school does not have lockers. So you are always carrying it and you go to the chiropractor and they say you have a major back problem. Then you have to get surgery. Then you would have you miss some school to recover. That would not have happened, if you had a locker at school.

We should have lockers at Holy Cross because it is a proven fact that heavy backpacks can cause back problems. Carrying heavy books can cause poor posture. When switching classes, we have heavy books, folders, binders, and notebooks that we have to carry. If we had lockers, then we wouldn't have to carry all those things from class to class.

Having our books and supplies in our lockers could also help to stay organized. Plus, you will not disrupt classes if you forget something. You can just go get it from your locker.

In conclusion, we should have lockers because our supplies will be safe. Students will be more organized with lockers to store our supplies. Chances are a lot slimmer to get back problems without having to carry heavy backpacks. That is why we should have lockers.

Pediatric Views. March 4 2013 <http://www.pediatricviews.com>
US Gov Info. Mar 4 2013. <http://www.USgovinfo.about.com>
About Mar 4 2013. <http://www.about.com>

"Read In" Day

Next Wednesday, March 20, is our reading month "Read In" day. Students may wear their pajamas to school (you'll still need shoes/boots for outside!), as well as bring in a sleeping bag and a pile of books for a day of lounging and reading. (Remember, students: we have no pack mules--you have to be able to carry everything you bring by yourself!)

Home Grown Thespians

Bravo to 2nd grader **Anna Winne** and her 4th grade brother **Christopher**, who will appear next week on stage in East China's production of "The Little Mermaid." Their Holy Cross classmates in grades 2-4 are going to see the play next Thursday morning. "Break a leg," Winnes!

Way to Go, Alaina!

Fifth grader **Alaina Laster** has had a busy month: she has traveled to Chicago, Macomb Community College, Saline and Howell in the last five weeks for gymnastics competitions. Alaina took the All Around gold medal in her age group at all of these meets. She achieved her personal best all around score in Howell with a score 37.850. She has two meets left in the season: one in Port Huron, and the state competition where she will compete in the National Division in Traverse City on May 5th. Good luck, Alaina!

Archdiocesan Grants

The application forms for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grants for 2013-14 are available—call the school if you'd like a paper copy sent home with your child. (The forms are processed by a company known as PSAS.)

You can also find the form and directions on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aod.org. Go to "Schools," click on "Tuition Assistance and Scholarships," then "Private School Aid" to find the PSAS application and directions.

This year, the applications must be received by PSAS before April 8, and there is a \$20 fee to apply. Do NOT send your application for this award to school—it needs to be mailed to the address for PSAS listed in the information.

Remember to save a copy of your application—**you must have applied for this Archdiocesan aid to be considered for any other assistance.**

TRY US OUT

We would like your child to invite a friend to spend the afternoon with us on days when East China has a half day of school. What better way to get to know what Holy Cross is about than to experience it first hand? The next East China half day is scheduled for April 11. If your child has a friend he/she would like to bring to Holy Cross, please make arrangements with the parents to drop their child off here and they can spend the afternoon with us. Since East China lets out after our lunch is over, the child must have been fed. Please contact the school so we can prepare to welcome your child's friend.

Lunch, Aides

We're still a little short of help at lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays—is there anyone who might be available on either of those days, 10:40-11:30am? Quality time with your child and his/her friends! Please call Stacy Goulette or the school office (810.765.3591). Thanks!

"Books Are Fun"

The traveling book display is here again! "Books are Fun" leaves samples of items to order at the office, and we earn a book for every ten items sold. Your orders and payment need to be in the school office by Thursday, March 21, and your things can go home with your oldest student on Friday, March 22 (or held at the office, at your request).

INTERIM TEST RESULTS

Interim test results for students in grades 2-8 from February testing are being sent home today. They will be in an envelope attached to this newsletter.

Eighth Graders Host a Visitor

The eighth grade class was honored to have Mr. Danny Ameel as their guest speaker. He came in to talk with them about their upcoming sacrament of Confirmation. He left such a positive impression on them that they invited him to return, and he did, with pizza. The class enjoyed lunch with him and again he spoke with them on the importance of each sacrament. He also spoke to them about getting older and going into high school. He reminded them that they are precious and live in God's image and never let anyone treat them otherwise. Afterward the class said he is so spiritual and yet so funny. Of course, they invited him back again.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for March are: Christine Kozfkay of Marine City, Gerald Mantyk of St Clair Shores, and Barbara Jo Hensley of Clay Township. Congratulations, and thanks for your support!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

It's time to order yearbooks!

Cost will be \$15 per book—all orders must be in the school office **by tomorrow** (March 15).

_____ Student purchasing yearbook _____ grade

_____ X \$15 / yearbook = \$_____ enclosed (cash or check to "OLR")
of books
ordered

--Return this order form and payment to the school office by Friday, March 15 2013--