



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.

November 12, 2009

A Prayer

Thank you, God, for the challenges that You give us each day. May we remember to face them with willing hearts in the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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)

Conferences

....are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24. If you'd like to see your student's teacher, your conference request needs to be turned in by Monday, Nov. 16. A confirmation of your appointment(s) will be attached to next week's newsletter.

Calendar Notes:

Monday, Nov. 23 will be a full day of school but there will be **no East China buses home** that day.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, will be a "free" day for students during parent-teacher conferences.

Monday, Nov. 30, **there will be no school for students** as teachers will be at an inservice.

Pizza Lunch

A reminder that we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for lunch tomorrow.

Mrs. Wade will have the snack store available during the pizza lunch.

SNACK STORE

The National Junior Honor Society's "Snack Store" is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings until the second bell rings at 7:30am. 25¢ items include animal crackers, pretzels and fruit roll ups; for 30¢ you can get Cheezits, Nutri-Grain bars or Chex mix.

Food Pantry

Our food collection is running until November 20: if you've forgotten your items, you still have time! On the 20th, we'll take all of your donations to church in time for the local St. Vincent de Paul members to deliver to local needy people in time for Thanksgiving.

The bad economy hits the needy especially hard—our pantry is barely able to keep up with the need. Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pastas/pasta sauces; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Thank you for your help!

Statements

You should have received this month's statement already. School families on the monthly payment plan will owe their 7th payment at the end of this month (which leaves 30% of their base tuition due to be paid in December/January/February)). Families on the quarterly plan should have just paid their second quarter payment (leaving ½ of their base tuition, due to be paid in January and March). Preschool families should have half of their tuition paid by the end of November. If you have any questions about your tuition account, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

Checks for school may be made out to "OLR" ("Our Lady on the River"). Checks for lunch tickets should be made out to "Chartwell's." Thank you!

AUCTION 2010

School families: included with your tuition statement was a copy of your service credit record. Don't forget: your item or (early discount:) \$60 donation is due November 30 (after that day, only monetary donations--\$80--will be accepted). Please attach a "donation record" form to your item (keeping the pink copy as your receipt) when you send it in to school. Please note: if you send a monetary donation instead of an item, you do NOT need to fill out the donation record form.

What to donate?--hints: vacation stays and time shares always go well. We're also looking for unusual things: do you know someone who does hot air balloon rides? Charter boat outings? Hunting expeditions?

Wearing apparel does NOT sell well and will not be accepted UNLESS approved in advance by one of the auction chairpersons.

Questions?--call Gretchen Rogus or Jennifer Laster c/o school.

"Santa Parade"

Ms Ward is asking for volunteers to help represent Holy Cross in the upcoming "Santa Parade." The parade is Thursday, December 10, at 7pm in downtown Marine City. Volunteers will be singing and passing out candy canes. Contact Ms. Ward for more information.

Girls' Basketball News

Our Varsity girls had a great weekend at tournaments! (More, elsewhere in this newsletter, from Coach Govier.) Congratulations, coach and team, on completing your season in such good form!

“Do We Have School Today?”

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school (or preschool).

Whenever you see “East China Public Schools” closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.

Detroit TV stations announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District’s website, too: www.ecsd.us.

Come With Me!

The Kindergarten heard the Bible story about Jesus and his friends, Andrew and Peter. They acted out how Jesus called to them—“Come with Me! Be My friends.” The class also learned how to work together, as Andrew and Peter did, to catch fish.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our feast will be next Friday, November 20. Each student is asked to help provide the food for the feast. “Food assignments” are as follows (per student):

- K: 3 cans of corn
- 1: 2 packages cubed cheese
- 2: 3 boxes “Stove Top” cornbread stuffing mix
- 3: 2 gallons of 2% milk
- 4: 2 dozen dinner rolls
- 5: 2 dozen dinner rolls
- 6: 2 pies: 1 pumpkin and 1 apple (already baked, please)
- 7: deviled eggs (teacher will assign ingredients)
- 8: setup and cleanup; 2 bags carrots, gallon bag of celery sticks, or 3 cans of black olives as assigned by teacher.

Thank you for helping make this memorable event possible for our students!

Calling All Nuts!

The nut sale continues through November 30. They make wonderful and elegant gifts and delicious snacks. For more info call Julie Schultz c/o school.

Final Varsity Basketball Update

“First of all I would like to thank a couple of people for their help throughout the season. Thank you to Mr. Sykes, Mr. Rickel, and Mrs. Glowski for keeping the book at the games. I would also like to thank the parents: we at Holy Cross have the most supportive and caring parents in the entire league. There were some away games that we had more fans than the home team did, and that shows the amount of support that you have for your children. Personally I would like to thank the team and the parents for the gifts that were given to me on Friday. Now for the results: We took 3rd place in the tournament!!!! On Thursday we won our first tournament game against MCA by a score of 21 to 17: scorers were **Kylie** with 10 points, **Linda** had 5, and **Julia, Marissa** and **Caroline** had 2 points each. This put us into a nail biter against St A’s on Friday where we lost by a score of 19 to 23. (With 17 seconds left the score was 19 to 20, so it was an exciting game.) Scorers were **Kylie** with 15 points, **Natalie** added 2, and **Alyssa** and **Caroline** each had 1. I would like to thank Leif Wolf for coaching in my absence on Saturday (my daughter, Mackenzie, went to “States” for Marine City High Cross Country). The girls did great by winning against Trinity 17 to 9: **Kylie** had 10, **Alyssa, Marissa,** and **Natalie** each had 2 points and **Brianna** had 1. This win put us into the 3rd place finals against IC. We dominated throughout the game and won 24 to 18. Scorers were **Kylie** with 17, **Julia** with a 3 pointer, **Marissa** added 2, and **Lizzie** and **Linda** each had 1 point. It was a great season and I am so proud of how far these young girls have come and matured. I would like to wish everyone good luck next year.” --Coach Govier

NJHS Christmas Collections

The National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring a family in need this Christmas. They will be sponsoring two dress down days: Thursday, November 19, and Thursday, December 10. The cost is \$1.00 or more for each day. The money will be used to buy gifts for a family in need.

LEXICONS from the Rotary Club

Our third graders recently hosted visitors from the Marine City Rotary Club, who brought each of them a “lexicon” (a fancy word for “dictionary”). Here is a photo from the visit:



The third graders say THANK YOU!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for November are: Julia Brown of Algonac, Frank & Barbara Shonk of East China and Jeanne Herod of New Baltimore. Congratulations to all—and thanks for your support.

A Request from the Science Department:

Please keep us in mind as you get ready for the Christmas season—please send in any empty wrapping paper cardboard rolls and empty shoe boxes for the science lab and future projects. Thank you! --from Mrs. Wade

Altar Server Training

There will be a new altar server training session on Saturday, November 14, at 9:30 am, at Holy Cross church, for anyone in 4th grade or up interested in becoming an altar server.

Flu Vaccine Clinics

St. Clair County Health Department is sponsoring influenza vaccination clinics at various sites and times throughout the county—for a listing of that information, go to: www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/h1n1_locations.aspx.

Do You Have

ΤΡΙΣ-ΚΑΙ-ΔΕΚΑ-ΦΟΒΙΑ?

In English letters, that’s “Tris-kai-deka-phobia” or “three-and-ten-fear.” Tomorrow is Friday, November 13th...doesn’t seem so scary to us! Happy Friday the 13th!

Veterans' Day

Yesterday, our students and teachers celebrated Veterans' Day with a special prayer service. Corporal Jeffrey Senger of the United States Marine Corps opened our service by lighting candle in honor of all veterans. All our classes participated in their on special way: grades K-2 signed the Pledg of Allegiance, grades 3-5 sang My Country 'Tis of Thee, and grades 6-8 taught about the ways our veterans have served in many parts of our world, guarding our freedom and the freedom of thers. We closed our service with quiet prayer:



(Mrs. Hanna and her crew have collected boxes-ful of supplies for veterans this month, too—more on that next week!)

Please Keep In Your Prayers....

....former "Crusader" Kelsey Hagle as she recovers in the hospital from a recent illness. (The school office would be happy to forward your get well card to her—contact Mrs. Steinmetz.) We hope you're better soon, Kelsey!!

CAMPBELL LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who saves "labels" for us! Campbell's is running a promotion right now--if we submit a total of 2500 UPCs before Christmas break, they'll match it with an extra 2500 points! (We don't need the entire label—just the whole UPC bar code.)

Campbell's also has a contest running through the end of the year—the prize is 100,000 label points. Entries must be mailed in separately; you can clip the form below, fill it out (**HAND PRINT**) and mail it to:

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION HOLIDAY BONUS POINT SWEEPSTAKES

P O BOX 1160

GRAND RAPIDS MN 55745-1160.

(Required info: Kari Steinmetz; 618 South Water Street, Marine City MI 48039; 810.765.3591; Holy Cross Catholic School; same address & phone number.)

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Holiday Expo

Thank you to Mrs. Whetstone and Mrs. Moody for chairing the Expo—we've heard from many shoppers that it was "the best ever!"

"A big thank you goes out to all who helped make the 2009-10 Holiday Expo a successful event! Many of us were able to get a jump start on our holiday shopping with a variety of over 35 vendors. We also had a wonderful bake sale full of sweet treats made by family, friends and Holy Cross parishioners. A special thank you goes out to Sue Sharpe and the eighth graders who volunteered to help set the event up by arriving extra early. The MacKenzie family, the Templeton family, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Kleckner, Mrs. Wassenberg and Mrs. Wolf also get a round of applause for their contributions of time and energy to making the event run smoothly. Wishing you many blessings during the coming holiday season—Traci Whetstone and Kim Moody, chairpersons