



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 7, 2013

A Word from The Word

"Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."

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, 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 at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Trick or treating is behind us, Thanksgiving is just around the corner: you know that means Christmas isn't far off. As you begin your holiday planning, keep SCRIP in mind! For your extra house-hold purchasing: use SCRIP! When gift shopping: use SCRIP! In fact, you can even use SCRIP as gifts: SCRIP certificates and cards are what the retailers use as their gift certificates and gift cards, so they can be given whenever you would give gift cards (and you don't even have to drive to the different stores to get them!). Let your holiday shopping take a bite out of your tuition bill: use SCRIP!

Report Cards

...went home with students yesterday.

...and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 26. Attached is a conference reservation request. If you'd like to make an appointment to see any of your child's teachers, please return the form with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd time slot choices marked.

Since they travel among many schools, our East China teachers will not be able to be here that day. However, they will still make time to talk to you if you wish: please mark which teacher(s) you'd like to speak with, as well as the best way(s) for them to contact you. The school office will see that they receive your request.

Boys' Basketball

Our boys' basketball team's season opener was on Monday, the 4th, at St. Augustine School. Last night they played at OLIC. Both were tough foes, and our boys played their best.

The game originally scheduled for Friday, Nov. 29 **has been rescheduled to next Monday, Nov. 11** (at St. Joseph). One more game next week: on Saturday, Nov. 16. That game will be at 1:15 in the afternoon at St. Mary McCormick (which plays at St. Edward-on-the-Lake in Lakeport).

Home games are scheduled for Nov. 20 and 25 and Dec. 2, 4 and 9 (so far). Workers will be needed to take care of admissions and concessions for those games. Thank you to **Mrs. Goulette** for offering to keep the concession stand stocked and staffed! To the parents of this season's athletes: Mrs. Goulette will be calling you to schedule you to help.

Hallowe'en

It was a wet Hallowe'en, so our parade down town was rained out. However, a few of those kind neighbors actually delivered goodies to school! We send our thanks to all of the Water Street businesses for welcoming us!

Meanwhile, the 5th-8th graders held a little competition among themselves. They have been learning about catapults and parachutes in their problem solving periods. As part of their

Hallowe'en festivities, they divided themselves randomly into teams and built both catapults and parachutes, and then went team against team in the hallway:



The rules of the competition are explained....



...the catapults are armed, and the payloads released!



There's something different about Fr. Rooney...(It must be the new sandals!)

Student and Adult Spectators At School Sporting Events:

Please remember that you and your family represent Holy Cross whenever you are a spectator at a sporting event. That means we all need to remember and respect the rules of good sportsmanship, and students should remember that school rules extend beyond the school day into all school-related events.

Also, students need to have an adult supervisor on site when they're here, and not be simply dropped off for the duration of an event.

Camp!

Your camp bill will be included with your November statement and should be in your mailbox early next week.

Mrs. Wade and her students have been working on their "Survival Bracelets" and dog collars, and they will be available for purchase during conferences on November 26.

Last week's newsletter included the list of suggested items to pack for camp. When Grandma mentions "Christmas" and asks what your camper needs, perhaps this list will spark "hints"!

When You Have Concerns—

It is the mission of Holy Cross Catholic to provide the best possible Catholic education for each child who enters our building. From time to time there are concerns that parents have about their child's performance in the classroom. When issues arise it is imperative that parents contact the teacher to initiate a conversation about the problem. Parental support is a key factor in student success. If, after a conference with the classroom teacher, concerns still remain, please contact the office for a meeting with Mr. Hayes.

Pie and Koeze Nut Sales

Achatz pies will be in on Nov. 18. Koeze orders need to be in the office before parent-teacher conferences.

Stellar Spellers

Congratulations to the students who won their classroom spelling bees this week: **Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Christopher Winne, Jessica Barr, Alaina Laster, John Templeton, Calvin Barr, Spencer Fox, Adonis Mona, Luke Schulte** and **Calvin LaBelle**. The winners advance to the K of C regional competition in St. Clair on Sunday—good luck!

Auction 2014

Just a reminder that school families' Auction donations are due at the end of this month!

At last year's Auction, one lucky family went home with a new (used) car! That made for some exciting bidding! This year, we're hoping to be able to offer another vehicle: a car, truck, RV, camper, boat, motorcycle...just about anything with wheels! Do you have, or know of someone else who might have, a vehicle you're (they're) considering donating to a charity? Holy Cross has a car donation program in place that can take care of all the paperwork to help make that donation happen. Please call the car donation center (Precise Auto Parts: 586.725.5900) with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Fri. Nov. 8: pizza lunch
- Fri. Nov. 8: food drive
- Mon. Nov. 18: pie delivery
- Tue. Nov. 19: grades 5-8 go to Harsens Island
- Fri. Nov. 22: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- Nov. 26-Dec. 2: no school (back to class Tue. Dec. 3)

Box Tops for Education Contest

Thanks to Ms. Sowders for finding this contest: if you'd like to enter on our behalf feel free! The top prize is 100,000 "box tops:" <https://www.boxtops4education.com/savings-and-promotions/sweepstakes/2013/second-cheer>

"Thanksgiving Feast"

Every year the Holy Cross student body gathers with the teachers and staff for a Thanksgiving dinner. This year, that event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22. The students will all be asked to bring a part of the feast and will help put it all together. We'll put the "shopping list" in next week's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! (A few parents will be needed to help coordinate and serve the meal: please call the school office if you're interested in helping.)

Eighth Graders Considering Cardinal Mooney (or any other Catholic High School) for Next Year:

CMC is offering an opportunity to take the High School Placement Test locally this month. Testing will be on Saturday, Nov. 23 with a preparatory workshop the week before. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) to make your reservation for either the test or the workshop, or both.

Congratulations, CMC!!

Did you see yesterday's "Voice" newspaper? There's a wonderful writeup on CMC! If you'd like to check it out online, here's the link:

<http://www.voicenews.com/articles/2013/11/01/life/doc5274020683aba835632485.txt>

Pizza Lunch

Tomorrow, we'll be having Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza with fruit & salad for lunch. Your order must be in the office first thing in the morning to be sure we have enough food for you!

Veterans' Day Collection

Until next Monday, November 11, grades PK through 8 will be collecting donations for our veterans. The following is a list of things needed. Please support this effort and place your donations in the boxes located in the school hallways. Please let us help those who preserved our freedom!

Slippers	Large combs	Shampoo	Lap robes
Shaving bag	Writing paper	New playing cards	
Socks	New baseball caps	Hairbrushes	Liquid soap
Word search books	Shaving cream	Crossword puzzles	
Shaving mirrors	Trial or travel size comfort items		
Any other items to help and aid our veterans in need			

These items will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. Please help and donate to our cause, helping our veterans!!

Student Highlights

...for October are:

Preschooler **Nikolai Wilson** is a returning 4-year-old whose increased confidence has taken him from being reserved when in a group to being a leader. His favorite activity is playing cars and trucks with his classmates. Nikolai also enjoys telling stories and "teasing" his teacher!

Katie Kowalewski is a happy and fun-loving Kindergartner. She is really beginning to blossom with phonics and reading. She also won for best costume during our school's Trunk or Treat night. Katie loves the color purple and recess is her favorite part of the day. Katie's favorite school topic is math!

First grader **Ava DeVeny** is 6 years old and a very kind, caring young lady. Ava's favorite color is blue and she would like to be a painter or artist when she grows up. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her family and being with her mom. Her favorite animal is a puppy and she enjoys planting flowers. Ava's favorite subject in school is religion because she likes being nice to people. Ava is such a positive role model for everyone—I'm so proud of her!

Delaney Majer was a wonderful addition to our second grade class! She is a quiet, hard worker who makes friends easily. Delaney loves to dance and makes up dances at recess. She is an awesome writer and is a big help as Student Editor in the classroom. Her keyboarding skills are awesome! I'm proud to be Delaney's teacher. Keep up the great work!

Third grader **Derek Yadon** is kind and honest. Derek loves the outdoors and is a great swimmer. When Derek gets older he wants to catch a shark and serve it up in his very own five-star restaurant! Some day he plans to work in the White House and become the President's assistant. He also wants to be a builder.

Fourth grader **Abbie Cullen** is a creative young lady. She has developed an interest in writing stories and uses her imagination well. Abbie participates daily in classroom activities and works hard to complete all tasks that are asked of her.

Ronald Schulte is always helping others and using kind words. Ron is also always on track and doing what he is supposed to be doing without being asked. He is a role model for the other children, and a true friend. Every day Ron is cheerful and ready to learn. He truly exemplifies good citizenship.

Sixth grader **Megan Weston** is a quiet and industrious student. She is a great cheerleader and basketball player. She believes in playing fair but tough—a good way to go! Megan has one of the best smiles in our classroom and she is a joy to have in class.

Calvin Barr has grown about a foot in the last two months! He stands up for what he believes is right: he is passionate about Holy Cross and this is made known if you ever sat by him at a school sporting event. Good job, Calvin!

He is an altar server and you will see him almost every Sunday serving at one of your parish churches. He is an excellent student and a true asset to our seventh grade class.

Eighth grader **Larry Blicharz** is a hard working young man with great potential! He is always willing to help others and has a Christian attitude toward everyone. He has a wonderful sense of humor that enhances our classroom atmosphere.

Holy Cross Catholic School Honor Roll—First Quarter

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Payten Danneels, Katie Kowalewski, Lylah Schaening, Aydin Schulte.

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Ava DeVeny, Evan Jacobs, Sean Udell, Angela Winne.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: Daniel Vandebossche, Lillian Yadon, Isaac Zammit.

Third Grade

Honor Roll: Matthew Zammit.

Perfect Attendance: Joey Fajardo, Anthony Jones-Kalich, Annalise Udell, Derek Yadon.

Fourth Grade

Honor Roll: Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow.

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Fifth Grade

All As: Christopher Winne.

Honor Roll: Luke Chadra, Charlotte Fajardo, Gabriel Rowland Renaud.

Perfect Attendance: Luke Chadra, Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Ron Schulte.

Sixth Grade

All As: Jessica Barr.

Honor Roll: Alaina Laster, Rebecca Wend, Megan Weston.

Perfect Attendance: Jessica Barr.

Seventh Grade

Honor Roll: Calvin Barr, Spencer Fox, Ricky Goulette, Shanna Kowalewski, Jacklyn Smith, Thomia Tomlanovich.

Perfect Attendance: Calvin Barr, Jacklyn Smith.

Eighth Grade

Honor Roll: Calvin LaBelle, Luke Schulte.

Perfect Attendance: Larry Blicharz, Calvin LaBelle.

Dear Families,

This is the schedule of times for conferences. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Tuesday, Nov. 19. No spots will be guaranteed after this time. You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Friday, Nov. 22.

If you wish to speak with one of our East China teachers please check appropriate teacher's name, give names and your preferred method of being contacted, and the teacher(s) will contact you:

Mr. Fox (music)
 Mrs. Malburg (Spanish)
 Mrs. Manninen (art)
 Mr. Oberski (PE)
 Ms. Sagan (media)

_____ student(s) name(s) _____ parent name _____
 _____ preferred method of contact and phone number or email address _____

Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, 2013

Time	Ms. Bier	Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Rock	Ms. Quinlan	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Sweet	Ms. Sowders / Mrs. Gryszkiewicz
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Afternoon (Nov. 26)

Time	Ms. Bier	Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Rock	Ms. Quinlan	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Sweet	Ms. Sowders / Mrs. Gryszkiewicz
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Evening (Nov. 26)

Time	Ms. Bier	Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Rock	Ms. Quinlan	Mrs. Wade / Mrs. Sweet	Ms. Sowders / Mrs. Gryszkiewicz
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Family Name _____