



# 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.

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## A Word

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Mt 8:35

### 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](http://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)

*Use scrip and  
let the merchants in the scrip program  
help to pay your tuition bill!*

The SCRIP cookie give-away is back! Each month the name of every family that buys SCRIP will be put in a drawing for a homemade 10-inch cookie. Yum! Yum! (The drawing will be held at the end of September.) So purchase SCRIP to help your tuition and you may get an extra treat!

We have just received word from Kroger that, while they will continue to offer schools credit from customers swiping their "Kroger Plus" cards, Kroger will NO LONGER report to us who earned the credits. We had been including those amounts as SCRIP credits to family accounts, but we no longer have that information. Families will still be able to earn SCRIP credit at

Kroger, however, by purchasing their cards from our SCRIP office; but any credit from the Kroger Plus card from now on will go only to the school.

### Girls' Basketball:

The girls' first game on Monday at Trinity brought the first Holy Cross victory of the season, ending with a score of 28-22! **Lilly** led in scoring with 16 points; she was assisted by **Jessica** and **Abbey**, who each added 4 points, and **Hannah** and **Emily** with two points each. Last night, they traveled to IC. **Lilly** scored 6 points and by **Emily** and **Abbey**, 2 points each, for a total of 10 points (to IC's 22).

Next Monday we host St. Mary McCormick; on Wednesday we travel to St. Clair to play St. Mary's.

### Football

The St.-Mary's-with-Holy-Cross-members team took on St. Augustine on Saturday. St. A came out on top with an ending score of 28-12. The boys' second game is Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 am, China Township Park on Indian Trail.

### Looking ahead to Winter Sports

As the girls' basketball season begins, we're thinking ahead to the boys' basketball and cheerleading season. We are looking for coaches for our boys' teams as well as the cheerleading squad(s)—please contact Mrs. Pavlov if you're interested (or know of someone who might be).

### RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS

...for September are all from the Clay-Algonac area: J. Wormsbacher, Judy Smith and Dolores Manikowski. Congratulations to all!

### Free & Reduced Cost Lunches

New and returning families: please return your free/reduced cost lunch application ASAP for determination of eligibility. (Please note that you can apply at any time during the school year.)

### WELCOME TEACHER ASSISTANTS

This week we hired Mrs. Kecia Rowland and Mrs. Julie Isrow to the grade 3 & 4 classroom. Mrs. Rowland will be assisting Ms. Quinlan and the students on Mondays and Tuesdays while Mrs. Isrow will be assisting on Wednesday through Friday. We are happy to have these two talented women join us as we educate tomorrow's Christian leaders.



Mrs. Isrow and...

Mrs. Rowland

### "Count Day"

You've probably heard of "count day" in the news—it's the day the state "counts" students in schools for state aid qualification. As we receive some services from East China School District, it helps them if we're all here on "count" days. Wednesday, October 3 will be this fall's "count day"—it's especially important to be at school that day. If you can, please try to avoid making appointments for "count day".

### ...and Other Lunch Information

A reminder that Chartwell's is NO LONGER serving pizza every day. Instead, the alternate to the day's featured entrée is listed across the bottom of the menu: on Mondays, the alternate is hot dogs; on Tuesdays, French bread pizza; and so on.

### "Special Persons' Day"

We are celebrating Special Persons' Day tomorrow! Special guests will meet their student outside of the church by the cafeteria at 8:45am, celebrate mass then return to the classroom for light refreshment and a project. Special person day will end at 10:30 so that students may begin to prepare for lunch. We're looking forward to meeting all the people who are special to our students!

## Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, September 21, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pizza. Order slips were given to all students today—if you want pizza on the 21<sup>st</sup>, please return your order asap (to be sure we order enough food for you!). Lunch will cost \$2 and will consist of a large slice (1/8 of a large) of pepperoni pizza, with a drink and fruit. (You may order an extra slice for \$1.)

As always, if you call your child in sick that day, your order will be pulled and your money returned.

## BOOKS ARE FUN!

A traveling book display visits every 6 weeks or so. "Books Are Fun" offers a selection of books (and other items) for order: you place your order at the sample table by the office (leaving your payment with Mrs. Steinmetz); your items arrive in about a week and can go home with your Crusader. Items this time need to be ordered and paid for by Thursday morning, September 20 and will go home with your oldest the next day. "Books Are Fun" has always offered good quality items at affordable prices, and the school earns a book for the library for every ten purchased. Check out the table for nice gift items for children and adults!

## CARDINAL MOONEY PRESENTATION

**Parents and students grades 5-8** are invited to a presentation about Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Mrs. Masha Treusch-Pelzer will be speaking in the Cafeteria at 6:00pm, Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> just prior to the girls' basketball game. The presentation is short and we purposely put it before the basketball game so you can go to the game right afterwards. If you would like to learn more about our sister school, Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, plan on attending this meeting.

## Needed: YOU!

We are looking for persons interested in helping to serve on the **Auction Planning Committee**. If you are new to the school, getting involved with PTO, Accelerated Reader, lunch supervision, or Auction committee is an easy way to get to know people in the community. We have some dynamic, experienced people for you to work with: please contact Mrs. Pavlov.

## Food on Friday

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month. It is the day our school has chosen to collect food for those less fortunate than us. On that day, everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item with them to Mass and put it in the baskets in front of church at the beginning of the offertory.

## Auction 2013

...will be held **February 9, 2013**. The Auction is always a lot of fun—mark your calendar now so the day doesn't get away from you!

Every school family is required to donate an item of at least \$80 value to the auction, and your donations are due before December 1. You may drop your gift off at the school office any time.

Ideas for good items?—vacation accommodations are always a big hit: if you have a cottage or other vacation home, a week's stay will be a major donation. Tickets to sporting events and sports memorabilia tend to sell well (perhaps a pair of your season tickets?). Gift cards rarely go for less full value (and often go for more!)—think SCRIP!. Do you enjoy woodworking or other craft-type handiwork?—perhaps a pair of deck chairs or a quilt might be a good item for you to give. Services are appreciated, too: we've had attorneys donate will/trust packages, hair stylists donate cuts/styles/perms, and a wonderful seamstress once donated a quilt made from the winner's favorite t-shirts. Maybe you're in the home-care or automotive business: perhaps a gift certificate for a full spring house cleaning, or car tune up, is more up your alley. Watch clearance sales! Think: would I bid on this? If the answer is yes—then someone else probably would, too!

## September 29<sup>th</sup>

On the school calendar for September, it is listed that there is a Sports Mass, 6:00 at Holy Cross. This has been changed. When we learn the new date for the Sports Mass, it will be published in the newsletter. There is **NO Sports Mass September 29<sup>th</sup>**.

The 6:00pm Mass on September 29<sup>th</sup> will be a Blue Mass. This is a Mass of blessing on the people in our community who serve and protect us as police and fire fighters. We encourage you to attend this Mass and show your appreciation to our local heroes.

## Thank You!

...to **Mrs. Krupa** for joining our intrepid lunch supervising crew!

## PTO

"...meets tonight at 6pm in the teachers' room. Although there are candidates for all of the officers' positions, we are still looking for your input and support. We need people to share ideas and help plan events—we need YOU! Please join us if you are able, or contact me for more info."

--Gary Barr, PTO President

## Mark Your Calendar:

Just a reminder that there will be no East China buses home on Tuesday, September 25.

## GRADE 5 GYM CLASS

The fifth graders go to P.E. class with the children in grades 3 & 4. Therefore, they will need only gym shoes for that class. They will not need a change of clothes.

## Technology, Culture and Kids

Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Clair is presenting two free seminars for adults. In "Understanding Today's Youth Culture" (on Sep. 18 from 6:30-9pm), Dr. Walt Mueller hopes to help adults learn to work *with* teens rather than against them in appreciating what it is they like about their media, and to be discerning about the negative aspects and potential harm. During "The Digital Brain" Understanding Technology's Impact on Our Kids," (Nov. 3, 9am-2pm), Dr. Mueller helps parents learn practical strategies and responses to help kids in the fascinating and frightening world of technology. For registration or questions please contact Renee Jones (810.329.7174 or [rjones@immanuelsc.org](mailto:rjones@immanuelsc.org)) or Marcy Cameron (810.966.7814 or [mcameron@sccmh.org](mailto:mcameron@sccmh.org)).

## News From Downtown Marine City

The Beach Café is closing after this weekend for the season. We will be selling out our ice cream and hotdog stock! Nothing gets left behind! \$1.00 ice cream cones! \$1.00 off sundaes and shakes! Hot dog specials! Maybe your family will find a way to mesh this news with your end-of-summer plans.