



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.

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Enjoy the Ride!

Life can seem like a roller coaster, with lots of ups and downs. Sometimes it seems like a great uphill struggle. Other times it is a quick ride down the tracks. Whatever way life takes you, be sure to enjoy the ride!

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to chaperone field trips, volunteer for field day, or go to camp next year.

Maritime Days

Whew! What a busy weekend!! Special thanks to the folks who chaired the festival's events: **Sarah Polio**, who chaired the Arts & Crafts fair; **David Heitz** and **Nancy & Tom Rickel** with the Texas Hold 'Em; **Bob & Karen Peterson** at the Dollar Diner; **Julie Schultz** with the White Elephant Sale; **Jeff May** and the chicken dinner; and all who worked in any of these "booths."

Did You Know?

Book & registration fees for 2008-09 were due last month, and the first regular monthly tuition payment is due TOMORROW! (If you've registered, you've already received a statement and next year's payment coupon booklet...if you HAVEN'T received those items, then we DON'T have your paperwork!) People often find it really difficult to catch up after having fallen behind—let's all try to keep that from happening! Please complete your re-registration paperwork and turn it this week. If you haven't re-registered simply because of financial concerns, please contact Mrs. Lund and let her know. Thank you.

Thank You!

...to **Grace** for donating "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" to the library! "Grace won this book at the St. Clair library."

Eighth Grade Class Trip

Our eighth graders left at the crack of dawn today for their class trip—they're making great memories right now as they spend their last days together as a class. Hope the weather has been good for them!

Lost and Found

Is your student missing anything? Come and check out the lost & found barrel by the front office—everything left in the barrel on the last day of school will be donated to the thrift sale.

got scrip?

SCRIP school 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)

Internet Safety Presentation

On Wednesday, June 4th, Detective Tim Wiley, I.C.A.C. Task Force Investigator with the New Baltimore Police Department will be holding an Internet Safety Presentation beginning at 6:30PM in the cafeteria. Det. Wiley's presentation will include information on his student Internet safety presentations, which will be on Thursday morning, June 5th. Det. Wiley's presentations are geared for K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the parent presentation. **Opt-out forms are being sent home with all students today** and must be returned in order for students to be excluded.

Lunchtime Changes for 2008-09

Lunch changes have been announced. We are looking for lunch parents/grandparents. Please see if you have a day or two a week to become a part of our crew. We want our children to be safe and have fun! These are paid positions!

Field Day Preparation

Field day is fast approaching and we are still in need of a few good men (and women) to help run the games. Please remember that this is an event your children will remember for years to come and they would love to have you be part of its success! Call Sue Sharpe or send a note to the office if you have not yet expressed your interest in helping.

Although they aren't "expected" to be there, our Kindergarten and eighth grade graduates are invited to join us at field day. Parents: please send in their paperwork so we know whether or not to expect your "graduate."

Sports Banquet

The awards ceremony was Tuesday evening—thank you to Mrs. Sharpe and the Boosters for the munchies and awesome slide show! Congratulations to our athletes and their coaches for all they've accomplished this year.

A note from Mrs. Sharpe: "Special thanks to Kim, Al and Calista Chaltron, Sharon and Reagan Rivard, Sue and Rachael Moreton, David, Grant and Anna Sharpe, Laurie Hopton, and Chris Ludwig for their hard work in setting up for the sports banquet. And a big thank you to those who stayed behind after the banquet to help clean up."

Nuts!

You asked for them and we have them! We have 19.5 ounce decanters of Koeze Chocolate Pecan Puddles. They are available in Milk, Dark, and Milk and Dark Chocolate. Please stop in the school office to get yours while they last! The Booster Club is selling them for \$22.00 each. The proceeds of this sale go to offset the cost of the athletes' sports bags and events like the Sports Banquet. Thank you for your continued support of our athletic program!

Equestrian Team News:

The team invites you to their meet on Saturday, May 31, at the St. Clair County park at Goodells. The day begins at 8am and runs to 5pm: drop in any time. Good luck, girls!

Update on Pat LaBelle

"I know people are wondering how Pat is. If you've seen him at Mass or Maritime Days or Big Boy you know he is improving and looks (and feels) much better: still very weak but improving.

"In early March the doctors here could not explain all the symptoms he was having and after consulting with doctors at the University of Michigan, they suggested I take him to the ER there. He was admitted with kidney failure and was put on dialysis three times a week. Within a few days they decided that he had endocarditis (a serious infection of the heart valve). He spent almost two months in the U of M hospital and was on dialysis for five weeks. His kidneys improved and are almost back to a healthy state. The infection did so much damage to the valve that it will need to be repaired or replaced soon. We still do not know exactly when he will need the surgery; they want him to be as healthy as possible before.

"So for now, he is home and being treated with IV antibiotics daily. They have not said when he will be able to return to work yet, however I am back at work full time at the parish office. I would like to thank everyone again for the continued support and prayers. All the prayers are appreciated so much and we are sure that is why Pat is doing as well as he is. Every day we are so grateful for our parish family. Thank You!!!!"
--Pam LaBelle

LaBelle Spaghetti Dinner

We still need workers—if you can give an hour or two of your time on the day of the dinner, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office--810.765.3591.

Please mark your calendar today for June 8--hope to see you there!!

Drama Club's Presentation

The student body was treated to a preview of "Through the Looking Glass" yesterday after lunch. We hope you had the opportunity to be in last night's audience!! Thank you to Ms. Ward, Ms. Morelli, Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Senger for directing the play, and to Mr. and Mrs. Susan for their help. Thanks, too, to all the parents who provided costumes, sets and practice-time snacks.

Last Days of School!

It's hard to believe there are only 7-1/2 days left of school this year!

Next Friday (June 6), our eighth graders will graduate during the 9am mass—all are invited to share this milestone with us. There will be a simple reception in the Activity Center after mass, and the eighth graders will leave with their families afterward.

At 1pm on June 6, we'll celebrate Kindergarten promotion in the cafeteria.

School will dismiss at 2:10 as always for the rest of the students that day.

Field Day

Monday, June 9, is Field Day (pray for a warm, sunny day!). We have busing to the park arranged for students whose parents have told us to expect them at 7:30am. Thank you to Mrs. Sharpe and her "Dirty Workers" who have been working hard to prepare a fun day for us!

End-of-the-Year Awards

Tuesday, June 10, will be our last time together this school year. Awards presentation will begin at 8am in the gym: you are welcome to attend! Parents in attendance may take their students home right after, if they wish.

East China buses will be here at 10:35 for their riders, and the CMC bus will leave at 10:50am that day.