



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.

January 29, 2009

A Camper's Prayer

In preparing for camp, we ask God for:
Lots of snow at camp, but just a little along the way;
Good health, good food, good friends and lots of fun!
Please keep all of our campers in your prayers!

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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 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; and
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during
RE classes

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

Outdoor Recess

We would LOVE to go outside for recess...however, the temperature has prevented us from being able to. We go outside when the 'feels like' temperature (including wind chill) is **13 degrees unless it is too bitter** or above, and we haven't had too many of those days. Hopefully, we'll be able to soon. Thank you for having your children prepared, just in case.

Early Dismissal on Monday:

School will dismiss at 12:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 2 (while the big kids are at camp). Please contact the school office ahead of time if you'll need latchkey on that day—if no one calls, we'll assume there's no need.

Academic Olympics

We had lots of fun Saturday at this year's Olympics! Thanks to our parents who bundled everyone up and got out so early on a blustery Saturday morning so their students could compete.

How our students fared....

In the problem solving competition: the 5th grade team came in 4th place; the 6th grade team placed 1st; the 7th grade team came in 2nd place; and our team came in first place among 8th graders.

Placing in forensics/humorous prose:

1st in 8th grade humorous prose; in serious prose, 3rd for 5th grade, 2nd for 6th, 1st for 7th grade and 3rd for 8th. In humorous poetry: 2nd place in 5th grade, 1st in 6th grade and 1st for 7th grade; and in serious poetry: 2nd in 5th grade, 1st in 6th and 2nd in 8th grade.

In the religion quiz bowl, we had two 2nd place finishers in 6th grade, one 1st place in 7th grade and two 1sts in 8th grade.

Congratulations to each student who spent part of his/her weekend at this brain-stretching event! We're proud of each of you!! (You've each received a coupon for a dress-down day of your choice in recognition of your hard work.)

Camp

All forms and final payments were due yesterday.

Please be sure that any medication your child will need is here tomorrow, also (in its original container and with complete dosing directions).

Plan to show up at the usual time on the morning of Feb. 2—leave your bags outside: we'll load the buses about 7:45 and be on our way.

The 5th & 6th graders' bus will stop at Burger King, and the 7th & 8th graders' at McDonalds, for lunch on the way to camp: remember to place your SCRIP request first thing tomorrow if you'd like your camper to use SCRIP to buy lunch.

If you want to write to your camper:

(camper's name) / Holy Cross
Wolverine Outdoor Educational Ctr.
P O Box 217
Wolverine MI 49799

(Mail early—it'll take a few days to get to Wolverine!)

"PSAS" Application Forms for the Archdiocesan Grant

...have arrived! Please contact the school office to have one sent home with your child—or stop in to pick one up. You may also download the form from the Archdiocese's website: go to www.aodonline.org; "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance" under "Parents and Students," "Archdiocesan Endowment Tuition Assistance Programs," then select the form and instructions.

Display Boards

Boards for science fair displays are available in the school office: \$3 each.

Catholic Schools Week Fun!

What a fun week we've had! We enjoyed having weird hair and mismatched clothes on Monday, wearing our jammies Tuesday, and sporting our favorite team sportswear yesterday. We're looking forward to our movie day on Friday. We've also been helping others: collecting quarters for Ashleigh, personal hygiene items for the needy, and canned goods for the families served by St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you to Mrs. Laster and our PTO for the yummy ice cream social yesterday! Thanks, also, to Mrs. Wade and the National Junior Honor Society for putting together this week's other fun events. Thank you, especially, parents, for making it possible for all of us to be part of our Holy Cross family.

Popcorn for Movie Day

Our 3rd & 4th grades are sponsoring a popcorn sale tomorrow. They'll get order forms to all classrooms tomorrow morning, and the popcorn will be delivered to the classrooms at 1:30. If you'd like to order a bag tomorrow, bring a quarter! Proceeds will benefit the 3rd and 4th grades' trip to Lansing.

Archdiocesan PE Raffle

If you wish to participate, stubs and money must be in the school office by next Friday, Feb. 6.

K of C Free Throw Contest

...begins at 1:30 pm this Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Holy Cross gym. To be eligible to participate you must be (as of January 1 of this year) at least 10 years old (but under 15). Permission forms are available in the school office—**you must have a completed and signed form to participate.** (Of course, you should wear gym-appropriate clothes and shoes (non-marking soles).) The district finals will be the following Saturday at Immaculate Conception. Good luck!

Market Day:

A reminder that orders need to be in by Feb. 2 for pickup Feb. 9.

Welcome Taylor!

We are pleased to welcome Taylor Pickering, a senior from MCHS, to Holy Cross. Taylor is taking part in the work based learning program at the high school. His aspiration is to become a physical education teacher. He will be working with Mr. Oberski and Mr. Kent. Taylor is also a gifted hockey player. We are looking forward to helping him learn!

Koeze Nuts

Only a couple items left: \$20/jar (we can separate the gift packs) or \$35 for the gift pack: stop at the office.

Clorox Wipes

If you are shopping and see a sale on wipes, we would be very grateful for a donation. Thank you to **the Whetstone and Knotts families** for sending more in!

Music Scholarship Opportunity

Applicants in 7th-11th grades in or residents of the East China School District may pick up an application in the school office; applications must be received by March 3.

The Sports Section: Basketball News

The Varsity boys' tournament begins tonight in St. Clair; however, our first game won't be 'til tomorrow, Jan. 30, at 6pm. Good luck, guys!

... and Track

We are getting desperate for a track coach: **we won't be able to field a team without adult leadership!** If you (or a qualified adult you know) are interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Bellow, or Mrs. Lund (810.765.3591).

Notes from Booster Club January 19, 2009 meeting

1. Thank you to our anonymous benefactor!
2. Boys' basketball season: concessions did very well: made \$1715 during season. Thank you to Mrs. Rivard for a great job!
3. Paid bill (\$204) for backboard pads.
4. Boys' basketball: JV tournament Jan. 22-24 at St. Peter's; Varsity tournament Jan 29-31 at St. Mary St. Clair. JV cheer team to cheer at both.
5. Need track coach for 2009 season.
6. Discussed need for new football & volley uniforms, baseball equipment, and items for concessions. Tabled to next meeting.
7. Next meeting: Monday, February 19 2009, 6:30 pm at Riviera Restaurant.
--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

PTO Notes-Meeting of January 20, 2009

1. Received 3 thank you notes for the Christmas massages and teacher appreciation remembrances.
2. Daddy-daughter dance: will be Sunday, Feb. 7, from 1-3 pm. Food has been organized.
3. Mom-son bowling: still checking on a location.
4. Catholic Schools Week: PTO sponsoring ice cream social on Wed. Jan 28. J. Laster will arrange for supplies.
5. Science Alive "Creepy Critters" show—voted to pay for insect presentation in March.
6. Attendance award won by 1st grade.
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 24 2009, 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

Jump for Hearts

"Hello everyone! I am sponsoring a Jump for Hearts day on Friday afternoon, Feb. 20th, in the gymnasium. I will have two separate sessions, one for K-5 and another for grades 6-8. We will be walking, jumping rope, hula hoop and having basketball shooting competitions. Some prizes will be awarded for competitions. We are looking for donations for the American Heart Association for this event. We are raising money to see how many lives we can save per class. Envelopes will be given out to students by Feb. 10th for those wanting to participate in donating to the American Heart Association. Thank you very much!" --Mr. Oberski

Auction Alert!

Holy Cross's 20th annual "Irish Auction" is on March 14, 2009. This week's featured Auction item is Camp Sancta Maria! A stay at Camp Sancta Maria is one of our LIVE auction items. The camp is on a beautiful, rolling and wooded 96-acre site bordering two inland lakes in Gaylord, Michigan. It offers children (ages 8-16) a happy, healthy summer set in a Catholic framework with daily mass and prayer service. Camp Sancta Maria includes fun activities such as horseback riding, outdoor living skills, Red Cross swimming lessons, pine derby racing, field sports, and day trip to Mackinac Island and the Cross-in-the-Woods. High bidder receives choice of one week mini-camp for boys, girls' camp in the summer of 2009, or mother/daughter or father/son weekend camping sessions in 2009.

If this item interests you, please plan on joining us March 14 at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall for a night filled with good food, friends and lots of fun.

For information please call Gretchen Rogus, Jennifer Laster or the school office (810.765.3591).

Daddy-Daughter Dance

The dance will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 1-3pm in the Activity Center. Cost is \$10 per "couple" and includes dancing, a (kid-friendly) lunch buffet, and a souvenir photo. Daddies and daughters of all ages are welcome! Advance reservations and payment are required—contact Jennifer Laster to make a reservation. Please send payments in to the office.

We are also looking for moms to help the day of the dance, and help with baked goods: please call Jennifer.

Girl Scout Cookie Time

Last call to order cookies! They are \$3.50/box. Contact any Brownie family to order; or you may send your order to the school office and we'll forward. (Checks should be made payable to "Monika Rittner," the girls' leader.)

"Quarters for Ashleigh"

The quarter drive for Ashleigh continues—there is a jar in every room for donations. These quarters will be counted by the students in conjunction with the 100th day of school (which falls on Friday, Feb. 6). Thank you for your support!