



# 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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## *New Beginnings*

Graduation is a new beginning. It is a chance to start fresh and continue to build upon the foundation that each child has formed. We ask God to bless each of our graduates as they begin this next step on their educational journeys.

## **Protecting God's Children Workshops**

Visit [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 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

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

Peddlers:

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

An updated vendor list will be included in your "summer study" packet—to go home with your oldest student next Thursday.

## **Farewell to our Eighth Graders**

Our eighth graders leave us tomorrow! We send our best wishes for continuing success in your high school careers! Congratulations to them all.

## **Kindergartners' Last Day**

...will be Monday, June 8. Congratulations on your first school promotion—we look forward to seeing you in first grade in the fall!

## **Lost and Found**

There are still a few things in our lost & found bin...come and check 'em out! (Items still there when students leave on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the thrift sale.)

## **Registration!**

### ***Do you dislike filling out registration forms year after year?***

Well, we want to help! We will be hosting a **REGISTRATION NIGHT** on **TUESDAY, JUNE 9** from 6:30-8:00PM in the cafeteria. We will have your current files for you to refer to if you need them. Please join us to complete this annual process and help us prepare for next year.

If you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children, encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment. *Remember, YOU are one of the best marketing tools our school has!*

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly Line**

Henry Ford began building cars one by one and then had the brilliant idea of creating an assembly line. Mr. Ford's idea worked: building a car from start to finish took 14 hours; building one on the assembly line took only 93 minutes.

Our fourth graders put his idea to the test last week. They set up two assembly lines at an imaginary airplane factory. Two students were chosen to build the "complete" airplane and the rest were "on the line." We proved that Mr. Ford's idea was a good one!



Students prepare for test flight and work on the "line"!

## **NEEDED: FOOTBALL COACH**

We're looking for someone to coach Holy Cross's 2009-10 football team..... please ask any interested person(s) to call school! (810.765.3591) (We have an assistant, but will not be able to field a team without a coach.)

## **"Our Project"**

The fourth and fifth graders read about an organization called "Feed My Starving Children." We have been collecting coins since October. We brought pill bottles from home to put the quarters into. The money that we brought in will help feed starving children. One meal costs 17¢. We made \$145 in quarters. The starving children will be happy to have a warm meal in front of them.

## **Food Pantry**

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs your help as we celebrate our last first Friday for this school year. Tomorrow is the first Friday of June: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry. The bad economy hits the needy especially hard.

Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...); they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

## **Service Credits**

Help is needed in many areas! The (nonsmoking) Marine City K of C bingo needs a concessions chair and workers to keep open the snack stand on Wednesday nights. We're also looking for someone to chair the Holiday Expo in early November. If you'd like more information about either of these functions (or if you have any other questions about your service credits for 2009-10) please call Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300.

## **End of Year Notes**

Don't forget that **all tuition, service credits, lost books, and all other obligations must be taken care of before students receive final report cards.**

## **Are You Proud to Be a Crusader?**

Word of mouth is the most effective form of marketing for our school. I am looking for parents or families to tell our parish community why they chose Holy Cross as their partner in education. I would like to publish your support in the parish bulletin during the summer months when many people are still considering where they will send their children. If you would email or send in your article, I would be very grateful to share your support with our parish community. (Please email me—[principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)--or send in a hard copy and I will retype it.) Thank you for your support. Mrs. Lund

## **Thank you Lunch Moms and Dads!**

We would like to thank this year's lunch parents for their assistance in our lunchroom and on our playground this year. Being a lunch parent is definitely not easy, but the dedication and sacrifices made are greatly appreciated.

Are you interested in joining our lunch parent crew? We need YOUR help. Please contact the school office if you are interested. This is a paid position. A training session will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Update on Ashley Tranchemontagne**

Ashley is finishing her last round of chemotherapy. She is handling it well. Please continue to keep her in your prayers during the summer!

## **Summer Study Packets**

Lots of information will be included in your family's "summer study packet"—it will be home with your oldest Crusader on his/her last day of school. It will contain things like next year's lists of supplies needed for school and dress code information, as well as suggestions for activities to keep your student's skills sharp and ready for the next school year.

## **Drama Presentation**

By the time you receive your copy of today's newsletter, we will have been treated to our drama club's most recent production today! If you're here this afternoon and are able to stay, you can be in the audience for the next showing! The performance begins at 2:45 in the gym and all are welcome.

## *Altar Server Meeting*

There will be an important altar server meeting for all servers (Holy Cross and St. Catherine) at Holy Cross church on Saturday, June 13 at 10 am. The changes in how mass is to be served will be discussed. If you have any questions please call Mr. Don Smith, director of altar servers c/o the church office.

## **Field Day**

...is next Wednesday! Students (grades 1-7) who arrive at school at the usual time will be bused to the park at 8:45—most of you, though, are planning to just meet us at the park at that time.

We still need a little help with food—if you can donate hot dogs or chips please contact Colleen Smith or Kim Chaltron c/o school. Room parents will be contacting you shortly to let you know what each child will be asked to bring—if you have any questions please call Colleen or Kim. Thank you!

We could still use a few adult helpers—please call the school office.

Field Day is always a fun way to finish the school year—thank you to Mrs. Sharpe and all the parents who make it happen!

## **Girls' Basketball**

Coach Wolf has reserved open gym times on two Fridays: June 5 & 12, from 2:30-4:30pm. Girls in this year's third, fourth and fifth graders who may be interested in joining next fall's JV team are invited to come to have some fun together. Varsity players are also welcome!

## **Robo Camp!**

The St. Clair County Technical Education Center is offering Robo Camp this summer. The July 13-17 session is for students in grades 5&6; another session is planned for July 20-24 for students in grades 7&8. Flyers with more information about this robotics camp are available at the school office.

## **Thank You!**

...to **Mrs. Knotts**, who was spotted again last weekend sprucing up our flower beds. She—and the time she devotes to our flowers—is the reason they look so nice!

## **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:**

Cardinal Mooney (810.765.8825) is sponsoring a variety of clinics (including basketball, running, golf, cheer, football, bowling, soccer and volleyball) June 15-18 and June 22-25. Call for a flyer or more information.

St. Mary's in St. Clair is also offering a summer basketball camp—June 29-July 3, for students in grades 1-8. For more info call Mark at 810.326.0898.

## *From Miss Robinson:*

"Dear Parents and Students,  
"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for 10 great years! I've enjoyed being part of the Holy Cross family! I appreciate all of your support and kind words. God bless you."

--Miss Robinson

## **Vacation Bible School**

...will be held at Holy Cross July 27-31 (9am-noon each day). The week will be filled with crafts, songs, games and treats as the kids learn to shine God's light! Cost is \$20 for the first child in the family, \$15 for the second and \$10 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Visit our website to register or volunteer: <https://groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/ourladyontheriver>. Registration will also be available following mass starting July 11, 2009. For more info, call Stacy or Cathy c/o the church offices. We hope to see you there!

## **MARKET DAY**

Orders will be in on Monday, June 8.

## **Summer Office Hours**

After students are dismissed for summer vacation and through the end of June, the school office will be open from 9am-noon. We will be closed for the month of July (but will check messages periodically, so feel free to call—or email: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)). We will re-open at the beginning of August—you can count on someone being here from at least 9am-noon, then, until school begins.

If you need help outside those hours, please leave a message (with a few days' warning) or contact the church office (810.765.3568): they know where to find us!

Last newsletter for this school year will be next week!