



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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Food for Thought:

"Work as though everything depended upon you, and pray as though everything depended upon God."

--St. Augustine

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)

Financial Aid for Next Year

Application deadlines will be upon us before you know it: don't miss out! If you don't already have a copy, call the school office to have a "PSAS" application (for the Archdiocesan grant) 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 instruction letter.

Application forms are now available for the "Father Bartone / Blue Water Vicariate" scholarship. Call if you need one.

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...the Nicaise family, on the sudden death of their aunt / sister-in-law.

What Are YOUR Plans?

If you haven't already replied to our letter about 2009-10, please take a moment tonight to write down your plans for next year, and send your response to the school office **tomorrow**. We need YOUR HELP in planning for next year! Thank you!

Registration!

We are currently working on finalizing tuition figures for next year: we're waiting to hear from as many families as possible so our numbers are right..registration info WILL be out soon! Do 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!*

Open House/Learning Fair

The school shone, our student and parent ambassadors sparkled, and we were blessed with eager visitors! Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations, the cleaning and polishing, the book fair, the tours and explainings; our guests appreciated their warm welcome and introduction to Holy Cross!

Time for a haircut

It is time to shed some "winter fur." With warm weather on the horizon, it is time to get haircuts. According to the dress code: "Hair should be neat, trimmed, styled, and kept out of the eyes. Boy's hair must be off the collar." Please check out our SCRIP offerings for hair stylists, or ask if your stylist would be interested in joining our SCRIP program.

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT OBO

"The Kindergarten Obo store was a huge success! Shoppers filled the classroom during open house and bought handcrafted "merchandise." The store brought in \$65 in profits to be given to Ashleigh T. Many thanks go to the Kindergartners for their hard work and crafting skills and to those who volunteered as cashiers!" --Ms. Ward

Auction Alert!

This week's Auction Alert is a new item this year. We will be auctioning a wine tasting for 14 people hosted in your home. You will have an opportunity to sample 7 bottles of different wines, with a private wine advisor, for 2 hours. This is an unusual opportunity with a company whose vision is "No family in America with children should become homeless through circumstances beyond their control." Wines for Humanity is a wine tasting company dedicated to introducing the public to the joy of fine wine while raising funds for charity. The hosts of these private wine tastings and their guests relax while enjoying the wines in a fun, educational environment.

If this auction alert item interests you, our Holy Cross Catholic School 20th Annual Irish-Night dinner auction is in two days!--Saturday, March 14, 2009, 5:30 pm at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall. There will be several raffles-50/50, dessert raffle, bead raffle (gives you to win numerous gift certificates including an overnight stay), Irish Eyes raffle (tickets give you the chance to win sports tickets or other wonderful items), Money Train raffle (a train filled with many instant lottery tickets) and, last but not least, our "Tree O'SCRIP:" a tree filled with over \$300 worth of SCRIP gift certificates from a variety of businesses.

Please join us for a wonderful night supporting our children in an atmosphere of good food, friends, and lots of laughs! We have more items than last year, but tickets sales are down a bit--so THERE WILL BE BARGAINS! Tickets will be available Friday at the school (810.765.3591) and church (810.765.3568) offices at \$35 each, and include dinner, open bar, live & silent auctions and the many raffles (or contact Jennifer Laster or Gretchen Rogus). The Auction is always fun for all--hope to see you there!!

Thank You!

...to **Mr. Knotts** for helping with the Accelerated Reader book wish list!

Mark Your Calendar:

Next Monday, March 16, will be an "early dismissal" day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm that day, when the East China buses will be here for their riders. Latchkey will be available if there's a need: please call school if you'll want to use latchkey. There will be NO study hall that day.

Pizza and Nacho Lunches

Friday, Chartwell's will not be here: we're having Hungry Howie's cheese pizza for lunch. Be sure your order is turned in first thing Friday morning.

WE HAVE A CHANGE IN LUNCH PLANS next week—as Cardinal Mooney will be using the cafeteria for a special function on Wednesday (March 18), we'll be enjoying Mrs. Heitz's famous nachos that day (instead of Friday, as originally scheduled). Order slips for nachos (with beef, cheese, and assorted toppings) were distributed to all students today. (As it is Lent, there will be no bake sale either the 13th or the 18th.)

The lunch Chartwell's had scheduled for Wednesday (the 18th) will be served on Friday (the 20th) instead.

"Hunger Meal"

This year's "Hunger Meal" is scheduled for next Thursday, March 19. **We ask that students each bring the item requested for their class by next Tuesday (the 17th):**

- Kindergarten-2 heads of garlic
- 1st grade: 3 pounds of onions
- 2nd grade: 2 pounds of rice
- 3rd grade: 1 jar of chicken bouillon or chicken soup base
- 4th grade: large box of strawberry or raspberry Jello
- 5th grade: large box of strawberry or raspberry Jello
- 6th grade: 1 bunch celery
- 7th grade: 2 or 3 pounds of carrots
- 8th grade: 1 box crackers

Thank you for your help. Our half of the proceeds from the meal (which students and staff may purchase at the same cost as Chartwell's lunches) will be given to the Marine City chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help local needy families.

Booster Club Wants YOU!

The Booster Club is now accepting nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 school year. If you're interested in learning more about what each job entails, please contact Mrs. Rickel c/o school.

Preschool Vision Screening

The St. Clair County Health Department is coming on Friday, March 20 to do school-entry vision screenings for any of our preschoolers whose parents so wish. Parents: your portion (top half) of the form must be completed and returned for the technicians to do the testing. (Pre-schoolers in the Tuesday / Thursday class wishing to have the screening may come at 9:00 that morning.) Other 3- to 5- year-old siblings are welcome—call school for a form.

Little Ones Entering Preschool or Kindergarten in September:

St. Clair County Health Department is offering a "Back to School Immunization Week" from March 23-27. Avoid the summer rush, and get your immunizations early! As an incentive to come early, each vaccinated child will be eligible to win a one night family stay at the Hampton Inn of Port Huron (room with pool and exercise room access). Call 810.987.8216 to make your appointment.

8th Grade Class Trip:

A few workers are still needed for the March 28, 29, 30 & 31 Texas Hold 'Em evenings. Please call the school office if you can work a 2-9pm or 9pm-2am shift.

We Still Need Pictures

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our yearbook and website. We can accept digital files or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

It's Delicious!

The 3rd and 4th graders are selling popcorn every Friday to help pay for their trip to Lansing in March. The popcorn costs 25¢ for each bag.

Spring is in the Air!

Hopefully, spring is around the corner. However, it is still chilly in the morning. Please remind your child to come to school prepared.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday's game was at Trinity; Monday took us to St. Augustine's. Tomorrow's game will be at IC; we host St. Peter on Saturday. HC fans: come out to cheer us on!

FISH FRY

We are sponsoring fish fries all the Fridays of March—we served over 330 people last week! Please join us at St. Catherine's in Algonac from 4-8 pm tomorrow.

Scheduled to work this week: Setup (right after school Thursday): Paula Carnaghi, Monika Rittner & friend, and Vicki Fisher;

working Friday are:

12-4 pm shift	2-6pm shift
Batton	Oliphant (4-6)
Batton	Linden (4-6)
Powroyek (12-2)	Linden (4-6)
Powroyek (12-2)	Abraam
Fidler (12-2)	Nizzo (4-6)
Guyette (2-4)	Steele (4-6)

4-8 pm shift	Cleanup 8pm-end
Ankowiak (6-8)	MacKenzie
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Rittner	Keais
Tripi	
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Fisher	
Keais	
Sykes (6-8)	
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Mom-to-Mom Sale

Table rental forms for the sale (which will be Saturday, March 21) are available in the school office. The table rental fee of \$20 includes lunch for the renter. Please call if you'd like a form sent home (or stop in and pick one up).

You don't have to rent a table to support the sale, of course; just open the "yard sale" season that day, and come and shop!