



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.

November 20, 2008

A Thanksgiving Prayer

The faculty and staff of Holy Cross wish you and your families a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. May we all remember to appreciate what we have and leave a place for Jesus at our tables and in our hearts.

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)

THANK YOU, SCRIP shoppers: with 46 days to go—before we've even seriously entered the holiday shopping season--you've helped us reach our 2008 goal of \$750,000 in sales!!

Attached is a new vendor list. Please note that Pepper Joe's in St. Clair has joined our program, with \$25 certificates at 10% discount. Also new to our program is Hallmark Gold Crown stores, with \$25 cards good on all gift items.

For folks who like to present store gift certificates as Christmas gifts...did you know that our **SCRIP = stores' gift certificates?** If you buy them at one of our SCRIP centers, you'll earn tuition credit—while avoiding traffic and line(s) at the store(s)! Using SCRIP as gifts (or for your own purchases), Christmas shopping can help pay your tuition!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry runs through tomorrow. Thank you for your generosity! We will deliver the food items you've donated to church tomorrow morning. Our turkey is well-dressed with a feather for each food donation you've sent in!

It's not too late to add another item! Thank you for caring for our hungry neighbors.



Conferences

A note listing your conference appointment time(s) is going home separately with your oldest child today. Please let Mrs. Steinmetz know tomorrow if you see a problem.

If you are interested in seeing one of the East China "shared time" teachers, their schedule for walk-in conferences at Holy Cross is as follows:

Mrs. Burnett (Art) will be here Monday, Nov. 24, from 5:30-7:30pm;
Mr. Kent (PE): Tues., 25th, 12:45-3pm;
Mr. Oberski (Media): Tues., 25th, 12:00-3pm and 4:30-7:30pm;
Mrs. Stager (Spanish): Tues. 25th, 5:30-7:30pm; and
Ms. White (Music): Mon., 24th, 5:30-7:30pm.

"Thank You!!

"...to my friend **Caitlin** for helping me when I hurt my foot the other day!" -- from Jillian and her mom

Thanksgiving Dinner

Tomorrow is our annual school-wide Thanksgiving feast. Thank you to everyone who offered to help! We're so lucky to be able to have such a wonderful event—with such wonderful support.

Camp Fundraising Reminder:

Candle orders and payments are due the morning of Monday, December 1.

Candy bar and calendar money are due Thursday, December 11.

Next Monday, Nov. 24 is a full day of school—however, there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME that day; Tuesday, Nov. 25 will be a half day of school with dismissal at 10:35 am.

East China buses will run as usual both mornings, and will transport students home on Tuesday, the 25th, at 10:35 am.
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Latchkey

Just a heads-up that there will be NO latchkey on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Way to Swim, Alyssa!

First grader **Alyssa** attended her first US Swim meet with the Blue Water Swim Club over the weekend. Alyssa came in **first place** in the 50 yard backstroke (with a time of 1 minute 4 seconds). Awesome!!

Congratulations, Ms. White!

Our music teacher, Ms. White, was recently awarded a grant from the Supporters of the East China School District Fund for enrichment activities. Way to go, Ms. White!

There will be NO newsletter next week—our next "News & Views" will be published on December 4.

Christmas Program News

Our annual Christmas program will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 at 6:30PM at the East China Performing Arts Center.

Students should be at the PAC in **"dress-up day clothing."** The doors open at 6:00PM--please arrive **NO LATER THAN 6:15pm** that evening.

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Recipes

Are you looking for a change in your holiday feast? Our kindergartners offer their cooking advice for both menus and food preparation:

Lauren says to "cut veggies, mix with pumpkin seeds, put in turkey and cook 20 minutes at 22°," and she says ice cream is a good addition.

Jack says to "mix spice, meatballs and bread in a bowl and stuff turkey; cook 5 hours at 300°."

Mac wants "ham, meatballs, and chicken, cooked in the oven for 10 minutes at 100 heat."

Ronnie says to take "peas, salt, carrots, stuffing; put all in the oven, get it out and then eat it" after 25 minutes at medium heat.

Brett says to "cook egg, chicken, salt, noodles and garlic in the oven for 4 hours at 41°."

Jolie advises you to "keep turkey in the freezer. Eat your salami, cucumbers and oranges, and cook the turkey in the oven for 13 minutes at 0°."

Marisa's ingredients include "carrots, salt, green beans, potatoes, turkey, gravy and stuffing," and she says to "cook the turkey in the oven for 13 minutes and eat it when it is done cooking."

Max says to use "carrot, salt, pepper, and frosting; cook it in the oven, put the ingredients in it, and eat it."

Chris likes to use "turkey, oyster and potatoes, cook it in the oven 9 hours at 70° and eat it when it is done."

Joshua says to "stuff bird with bread, celery, onion and butter and put it in the oven for 4 hours at 4°."

Happy cooking!

Auction 2009

Your item (or early discount: \$60) donation is due November 30 (after that day, only monetary donations--\$80--will be accepted). Please attach a "donation record" form to your item (keeping the pink copy as your receipt) when you send it in to school. Please note: if you send a monetary donation instead of an item, you do NOT need to fill out the donation record form.

Please call Gretchen Rogus or Jennifer Laster c/o school (810.765.3591) if you have any questions. Thank you!

Citrus Sale

Orders and payment need to be in BY TOMORROW, Nov. 21, for delivery the week of December 8.

NJHS Dress Down Day

National Junior Honor Society made \$179.85 and collected several items of clothing today for "Safe Horizons"—thanks, everybody!!!!

Donations for Veterans

Students in grades K-3 are collecting donations for veterans. Following is a list of things needed. If you'd like to support this effort, you may place your donations in the box outside the 2nd grade classroom. This drive will continue throughout the month of November. Items will be distributed to veteran hospitals in Ann Arbor, Saginaw and Detroit. Let's help those who preserved our freedom!!!

Items needed include:

slippers	large combs
toothpaste	shampoo
writing paper	lap robes
word search books	shaving bag
trial & travel size comfort items	
new baseball caps	hairbrushes
hand & body lotion	shaving cream
crossword puzzles	shaving mirrors
new playing cards	liquid soap
magic slates	

Congratulations, Holy Cross Alumni!

Congratulations to these former Crusaders or sibs who earned academic honors first quarter at Cardinal Mooney: Principal's List (All As): **Mary Kate Bachler, Caitlin Hardwick, Alexandra MacKenzie, Steven Miodonski, Greg Poma, Brittany Rickel, Kourtney Rogus, Patrick Ruhlman, Staci Shackett, Kelsey Simon and Stevon Sykes;**

First Honors (At least 3 As and nothing lower than B): **Maggie Bachler, Amanda Charney, Daniel David, David Glowski, Brad Guldemon, Matthew Heika, Michael Heika, Oliver Hopton, Alec Neale, Angela Nowosielski, Jacob Pelzer, Megan Perini, Mariah Rickerman, Torie Ruemenapp, Ronnie Senger, Richie Sharpe, David Stieler and Alyssa VanBoekel;**

Second Honors (All As and Bs): **Brandon Charney, Rachel Hardwick, Lucas Laster and Craig Sykes.**

Winter Clothing

Please be sure you children dress appropriately for the weather, with hats, gloves, etc. Also, girls may wear pants on Mass days. Those girls wearing skirts should consider wearing warm tights.

Koeze Nuts

Last call for your orders! Extra catalogs and order forms are in the school office, and orders and payment must be in by Dec. 1.

Contact Julie Schultz c/o school with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Holy Cross athletic program!

Early Dismissal:

On Monday, December 15, school will be dismissed at **12:30pm** (to coincide with East China Schools' schedule). East China buses will leave Holy Cross at 12:30pm. There will be no "study hall" that day; CMC bus riders may wait at latchkey until their bus leaves but will need to have latchkey paperwork filled out. (Please contact school ASAP if you need a packet.)

PTO Notes-Meeting of October 8, 2008

1. Principal's report: Iowa testing underway; thank you for help with Texas Hold 'Em concessions; Thanksgiving Feast will be Friday, Nov. 21.
2. Little Caesar pizza kit sale: order distributed.
3. Texas Hold 'Em concessions: lost money.
4. Harvest Festival: October 12.
5. Fall Thrift Sale: Oct. 16-18; received bill for new signs.
6. Wednesday night bingo: no new volunteers.
7. Accelerated Reader: motion to pay bill for software carried.
8. Holiday Expo: Nov. 9 (9am-2pm); need advertising signs, workers and help with food; 15 vendors confirmed.
9. Appreciation Fish Fry: Nov. 1.
10. Open discussion: Mrs. Wade requested PTO pay for organs for science class dissection; Family Fun Night discussed.
11. Attendance award won by 1st grade.
12. Next meeting: Nov. 18, 8am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

The Sports Page

Our boys' basketball teams and cheerleaders are practicing in earnest; their first game is Monday, December 1, at St. Mary St. Clair.