



# 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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## A Prayer for Fall

We ask God to renew our spirits as we enter this new season. May we remember that as the leaves change, so do people. May we always remember that people can change, and that we are all made imperfect, so we will make mistakes. Remembering to forgive, as Jesus did, makes all of the season more appealing.

## 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.**

## Thank You!!

...to Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. Ludwig and their 8<sup>th</sup> grade helpers, David and Rick, for picking up computers donated by Baker College!

...to the Hopton family for books donated to school!

## WOW!

As you just read above, Holy Cross received 23 computers that are 'new to us' from Baker College! These computers will be utilized in the computer lab, and the lab computers will replace the ailing classroom computers. We would really like to have our lab and library completely overhauled, so we are looking for six Dell Optiplex GX270 computers which have Pentium 4 (2.8 GHZ) processors with 1 GB RAM, 40 GB hard drive, DVD/CDRW drive and LAN adapters. These computers are about three years old. If your place of business is updating its technology, we would be happy to provide new homes for these computers.

**Attention East China Bus Riders:**  
Remember that next **Tuesday, September 30**, we will have a full day of school but there will be **NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME.**

## 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)

## Sports News:

Last Saturday our football team took on MCA. Our boys won 28-18—Coach reports that this was a great team effort: best game all season! This Saturday, we play at noon against St. Mary's—all Holy Cross fans invited!

From last week: our girls played on the 15th against IC. The final score of the varsity game was 16-10. The fans were fantastic as they supported our girls! It was a very aggressive game with a combined foul shot total of 43! That's a lot of whistles. On Wednesday, they played Trinity at home. The girls had a great defensive game, with a final score of 19-12.

We'll publish this week's basketball news in next week's newsletter. Last night, we hosted MCA; tonight, we travel to St. Mary's. (Next Monday St. Augustine's will visit Marine City; we return the favor on Wednesday.)

Workers for Monday's games:

| Sep 29 2008 | JV game | V game  |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| Admission   | Schulte | Alarie  |
| 50-50       | Vargo   | Schultz |
| Concession  | Vargo   | Rickel  |
| Concession  | Schuman | Polio   |

## Booster Club Magazine Drive

The drive is over; thanks to everyone who supported our sports program by buying their magazines through us! Please continue to remember us through the year as you renew subscriptions or look for new subscriptions. (Magazines make great Christmas gifts!) We can accept new subscriptions and renewals all year--contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office for info.

## Texas Hold 'Em

...is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th in the Holy Cross Activity Center. We are working with an advertiser and expect an excellent turnout. We could still use a little help—or you can support the evening by coming to play! Invite your family and friends to come with you--this can be a fun adult event. This is a great opportunity to earn your credits if you are in need, or just to lend a hand.

If you have questions please call David Heitz c/o school.

If you would like to help with the concessions, we can also use your help. Our concession stand is being offered by the PTO. While it is a non-credit earning operation, it is a great way to join together to support our children!

## Help Wanted

Wednesday night bingo at the Marine City K of C Hall needs help. If you could help one night a month for a 4 hour shift, please call Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300.

Unfortunately, if we do not get enough help, November 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last concession that Holy Cross School will offer. Think about it—it's a clean, non-smoking hall, full of nice bingo players!

## Please keep in your prayers...

...Mr. Pat LaBelle, who underwent surgery today. We all wish you a speedy recovery!!

...the **Polio families**, who lost their Aunt Theresa last week after a long illness.

## Market Day

A reminder that orders must be turned in by Monday, Sept. 29 for the Mon. Oct 6 delivery time. For more information, call Sue Moreton.

Did you know "Market Day" UPC symbols are among the Campbell labels we save? I didn't, until I saw the notation on the (attached) list of "Eligible Products" we received from Campbell's. Please save "Market Day" UPCs for us—thanks!

## **Pizza Lunch**

Tomorrow is our first pizza lunch of the year. All orders must be in the office first thing in the morning so we're ready for you! (Remember: the cost went up to \$1.75 for the meal.)

National Junior Honor Society members will be baking tonight to stock their 25¢ goodies table! Parents of students with food allergies: please be aware that these may include home-made baked goods, with no ingredients labels. Students with such allergies are encouraged to bring a safe goodie from home.

## **Holy Cross Spirit Wear**

Sweatshirt orders need to be in by next Wednesday for delivery in October. (If you miss this order or just prefer to wait, we expect to offer it again in November for the boys' basketball / Christmas season.)

Please make your check payable to "Holy Cross Booster Club."

## **Mom-to-Mom Sale**

...is Saturday, October 25. Table rental is \$20—call school for rental info.

## **Notes from Booster Club**

### **September 16 2008 meeting**

1. Football concessions: made \$200+.
2. Girls' basketball concession: made over \$100 at first game (JV only!).
3. Principal's report: athletes may wear clean jersey on game days over their uniform shirts (football team members' day will be Thursday for Saturday games); please be sure all equipment used for concessions, tables and chairs for team are put away after games; student spectators at games are to remain in gym and not be in hallways.
4. Coaches' report: football season going well: team is undefeated. Reminder to parents that uniforms MUST NOT be put in a dryer: it wears the lettering off.
5. Koeze nut sale: thank you to Mrs. Julie Schultz and Mrs. Sarah Polio for coming forward to chair.
6. Magazine sale: in process.
7. Bill for resurfacing gym floor not yet received.
8. Boosters will provide coaches polo shirt with their coached sport on it.
9. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21 2008, 6:00 pm at the Riviera Restaurant.

--Submitted by Kim Chaltron, Secretary

## **Tuition: School**

Just a reminder: families on the monthly payment plan should be making their 5<sup>th</sup> payment at the end of this month. Families on the quarterly plan should have made their first 25% payment at the end of August, with the next due at the beginning of November.

## **...and Preschool**

Preschool tuition payments are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, from September through April.

## **School Pictures**

...went home last week with students who purchased packets. If you want to have the picture retaken, save the intact packet until "retakes" day to return to the photographer: we'll publish the date as soon as it's scheduled.

## **Iowa Testing**

Students in grades 1-8 will be taking standardized tests October 6-17. The best test preparation you can provide is a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast. Roomparents and teachers will coordinate healthy snacks for their classes—please say "yes" (if you can) if they call to ask you to help.

## **Vendors and Distributors Wanted**

The 2008 Holiday Expo will be held on Sunday, November 9, from 9am-2pm in the Activity Center. Rental forms are available in the school office—call if you'd like one sent home. For more info, contact Pieter or Janine Winne c/o school.

## **Before You Recycle That Bottle—**

We've just registered Coca Cola's "My Coke Rewards for Schools" program. There's nothing to clip and collect! You'll find code numbers of the package of Coke products (which include Sprite, Dasani, Minute Maid and PowerAde). Just register at the website [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com) and enter the code numbers—they do the rest. (THEN recycle!)

## **Thrift Sale**

Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Miodonski will be accepting dropoffs for the sale at the back door of the Fine Arts Building next Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 1 & 2, from 8-10am. The sale will be open Oct. 16-17, 9am-3pm, and Oct. 18, 9am-1pm. There are always treasures waiting to be discovered—and LOTS of used school uniform clothing, too! Plan to stop in to find a bargain, and support the school at the same time.

## **PTO Notes-Meeting of September 17, 2008**

1. Principal's report: Oct. 6-17 will be Iowa test time: healthy snacks to be coordinated by roomparents; new lunch time procedures going well; PTO may host concession for Texas Hold 'Em; Blessing of pets will be 1:45 pm October 3; 8<sup>th</sup> grade is doing the citrus sale as a fundraiser for their class trip.
  2. Teachers' report: wonderful year!
  3. Old business: motion made, seconded and carried to pay \$5,000 toward new science book bill, with balance by November 18.
  4. Meeting dates: request made for morning meetings; will change Tuesday. Nov. 18 meeting to 7:45 am, FAB porch.
  5. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take over the citrus sale this year for their class trip (chaired by V. Ruemenapp); Little Caesar's pizza sale will replace citrus for PTO, with kickoff Oct. 7 (M. McGillis to chair).
  6. Texas Hold 'Em: Sep. 27, cafeteria; PTO to sponsor concessions (R. Ward to chair).
  7. Wednesday night bingo: concessions needs more help or Nov. 19 will be last.
  8. Accelerated Reader: approved payment of tech support bill.
  9. Holiday Expo: Nov. 9 (chaired by Winnes).
  10. Suggestion made to sell store discount cards; it was noted that MC football team already does.
  11. Attendance award won by 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
  12. Next meeting: October 8 2008, 6pm, cafeteria.
- Submitted by Gretchen Rogus, Sec'y

## **"Polaroid Road Rally"**

On Oct. 11, Pine River Elementary in St. Clair is having a POLAROID ROAD RALLY!!! It is \$25.00 per person and that includes dinner at the end of the race at the Riviera Restaurant in Marine City. We will meet at 5:30pm SHARP in the Pine River parking lot, where clues and supplies will be passed out. The ending destination is (8:30-8:45pm) at the Riviera. For more information contact Cathy Gillis c/o 810.676.1050.

## **Vision and Hearing Screenings**

We've just heard from the Health Department; our screenings won't be done 'til winter. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.

## **Organ**

We have a lead on an electronic organ that needs a good home. Please contact school if you're family is interested.