



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.

February 11, 2010

A Valentine Prayer

God of Our Hearts,
May we hold those who are dear to us in
a special place in our hearts. May we
also remember that there will always be
room in our hearts for one more.

Amen

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese—to find one that fits your schedule: go to 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 (810.765.8300) 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)

Thank You!

...to all of our chaperones for making
camp a wonderful experience!

Calendar Reminder-- Midwinter Break: No School TOMORROW or MONDAY (Feb. 12-15)

Classes will resume on
Tuesday, Feb. 16. **A reminder to
East China bus riders that there
will be no buses on Tuesday,
Feb. 16.**

Auction Alert

We are safely back from camp and now the Auction is full steam ahead! Our third "Auction Alert" is a weekend get-away at the St. Mark rectory on Harsens Island. The home is located on the South Channel with an awesome view of the water and passing freighters. Recently renovated with kitchen, sitting area, two bedrooms (with 3 beds), and cable TV and VCR, the retreat is available November-May (with the date to be coordinated with Fr. Jim Lopez.)

If this item interests you and you would like to enjoy a fun night out supporting our parish's Catholic education, bring your family and/or friends to our 21st annual Irish Dinner/Auction on March 13, 2010. The doors open at 5:30 with a silent and live auction, open bar, dinner, many raffles which include a 50/50, dessert raffle and many more. For tickets you can contact Jennifer Laster, Gretchen Rogus or the school office (810.765.3591).

Auction Help Needed:

We're looking for a few workers for the night of the auction. Please contact Gretchen, Jennifer or the school office if you're interested.

Music Scholarship

St. Clair Music Club in cooperation with East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County announce music scholarship opportunities. Application information is available in the school office (or online at both stclairfoundation.org and ecsd.us). Applicants must be residents of or students in the East China District and in 7-11th grade (organ scholarship only: students up to 25 years of age). Auditions will be held March 21—applications must be received by Tuesday, March 9.

Display Boards

March 7 is the date of our Open House-Science / Learning Fair. Display boards for projects are available in the school office for \$3 each.

Academic Olympics

This year's Academic Olympics will be held on Saturday, February 20th at St. Augustine in Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Coaches are gathering their teams—Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Love have been practicing after school with the forensics competitors, and problem solvers are working during school time.

Competition at the Olympics takes place in mathematics, problem solving, forensics (speaking), and religion. Please encourage your athlete of the mind to give it a try!

That Unpleasant Topic...

Statements are in the mail. School families on the monthly payment plan are making their last monthly payment at the end of February. Those families on the quarterly plan have until March 24 to make their last payment. Preschool families have three monthly payments left, which are due on the 28th of February, March and April. We really hate having to ask for money--thank you to all of you who have honored the financial commitment you made when you chose Holy Cross!

Snow Days!

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school. **Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.** Detroit TV stations announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website: www.ecsd.us

Open House

Our annual open house will be on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. Mrs. Lund is looking for parents who will be available as ambassadors for our school, answering questions from our visitors. Please call the office if you are able to help us.

Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. A copy of the application was attached to your newsletter a few weeks back (or go to www.aodonline.org, choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance"); more are available in the school office. This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2010; there is a fee to apply. (You'll also need a copy of your 2009 US 1040 tax return.) **DON'T FORGET TO KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING!**

Even if you don't think you'll receive the award, all Catholic families are urged to apply—all other financial aid opportunities will require that you have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (although you won't necessarily have to have received the grant to qualify for other awards).

Non-Catholic families and families with Kindergartners only: save the grant form (even though those students aren't eligible for the grant)—you may need to complete it (without submitting it to PSAS) in order to apply for any other assistance.

Any other financial aid opportunities we come across will be posted in the newsletter—watch for them!!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for February are Andrew Markel of Marine City, Edward Terhune of Cottrellville Township, and Susan Moran of East China Township. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

Our Lady on the River Parish
presents
Lenten
All You Can Eat Fish Fry



EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adults \$7 • Seniors \$6 Children \$5 (5-10 yrs) • Under 5 FREE
Carry outs available
Benefits to Our Lady on the River Parish & Holy Cross School

Location
St. Catherine Activity Center
1103 Washington Street / Algonac, MI 48001
For more information call...
810-794-9516 or 810-794-4296



A Little Leprechaun
told me
"The Auction is coming!!"

Holy Cross 21st Annual Irish
Night Dinner & Auction
Saturday, March 13, 2010
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

K of C Banquet & Conference Center
6385 King Road, Marine City, MI

Donation of \$35 per ticket

For more information call...
Parents: 810-794-9516

Tickets may be purchased through:
Cherlene Rogus (810) 329-9649
Denise Laster (810) 765-3510 or
Holy Cross School (810) 765-3591