



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 25, 2010

God of Hope,
During this Lenten season, may we use our gifts to share our love and concern. Give us the guidance to pursue the path to goodness in all that we do. 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)

Attached is an updated vendor list.

Dress Down Day

Today's dress down day (to benefit the Holy Childhood Association's relief efforts in Haiti) made \$305.25! Thank you for helping others in need during this Lenten season.

Safe Boating

You may have noticed a St. Clair County Sheriff's car out front each morning this week—this was the week of our sixth graders' Boater Safety course. Living so near the water, we are especially grateful for this opportunity!

**Progress Reports go
home next Wednesday,
March 3.**

Auction Alert

This week's "Auction Alert" is a one-week vacation at Bahia Vista Gulf Complex on Venice Island, Florida. Located directly on the canal leading to the Gulf of Mexico, this two bedroom condo is completely furnished, sleeps 6, and includes central heat and air, as well as cable TV. Ocean-front heated pool, laundry facilities, boat dockage and sandy beach are available on the premises. Bike and boat rentals, tennis, shopping, churches and restaurants are within walking distance. A short drive will provide golf, water sports, charter fishing, arts and entertainment, recreation areas, museums and wonderful dining adventures. You'll be just one hour from Tampa and two hours from Orlando. (No pets, smoke free; condo is not available for the months of January, February or March.)

If this item (or any of our previous "alert" items) interests you and you would like to enjoy a fun night out supporting our parish's school, bring your family and 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, and many raffles (which will include 50/50, dessert raffle and many more). For tickets or more info contact Jennifer Laster, Gretchen Rogus or the school office (810.765.3591).

Music Scholarship

It's not too late to apply for St. Clair Music Club / East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County music scholarships. Call the school office if you're interested--applications must be in before March 9.

Academic Olympics

We were blessed with beautiful spring weather for this year's competition last Saturday! Congratulations to all our Olympians for coming out on a Saturday morning to stretch their brains!

Competing in Forensics for 5th grade were **Taylor DeGregory** and **Gracie Fielhauer**. **Taylor** came in 2nd place in Serious Prose, and **Grace** took 2nd in

Humorous Prose. 6th graders competing in Forensics were: **Julia Blicharz**, **Calista Chaltron**, **Annemarie Heitz**, **Rachelle LaFontaine**, **Becky Schultz** and **Anna Tomlanovich**. **Julia** came in 2nd place in Humorous Poetry; **Calista** took 3rd in Serious Prose; **Annemarie** came in 2nd in Serious Poetry and **Becky**, 1st in Humorous Prose. **Rachelle** and **Anna** competed at the 7th grade level: **Rachelle** won 2nd place in serious prose and **Anna**, 1st in Humorous Prose. 7th graders competing included **Brad Butros**, **Louis Hackstock**, **Linda Miodonski** and **Greg Miodonski**. **Brad** took 1st in Humorous Poetry. **Louis**, **Greg** and **Linda** competed at the 8th grade level—**Louis** won an honorable mention in Poetry, **Greg** took 2nd in Humorous Prose and **Linda**, 3rd in Serious Prose.

Our 6th grade Problem Solving team of **Calista Chaltron**, **Annemarie Heitz**, **Rachelle LaFontaine**, **Becky Schultz** and **Anna Tomlanovich** came in 3rd place. Holy Cross's 7th grade team consisted of **Louis Hackstock**, **Lizzie Maben** and **Grant Sharpe**. Our 8th grade team included 7th graders **Stone Moody** and **Garrett Drake**, as well as **Owen Rogus** and they came in third.

Representing Holy Cross in the Math competitions were: 6th graders **Annemarie Heitz** and **Maddie Mueller** and 7th grader **Garrett Drake**.

In the Religion segment, 6th grader **Julia Blicharz** came in 1st place, and 7th graders **Brad Butros** and **Grant Sharpe** came in 2nd place.

Our thanks go to teachers **Mrs. Hanna** and **Mrs. Love** for coaching our Forensics competitors, to **Mrs. Smith** for religion and to **Mrs. Wade** for coaching in both Math and Problem Solving. Special thanks, also, to those who gave their Saturday to the students as judges for the competitions: **Fr. Matt Ellis**, **Mr. Brian Chadra**, **Mr. Darrick Lund** and **Mrs. Jean Downey** (who teaches at CMC).

**PTO meets Monday, March 1
7:30am at the Riviera--**

Come one, come all!

Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. You can find the application at www.aodonline.org: choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance." (Copies are also 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.

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.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Next Friday, March 5, is the first Friday of the month: time for our monthly food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry still needs breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pastas or macaroni and cheese; 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."

Stations of the Cross

Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, beginning at 1:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

March is Reading Month

Can you believe it is already March? This year, we will be getting "Fired Up for Reading." Monday, March 1 is our Read-in Day (because the last week of March is Holy Week). Students may bring sleeping bags and pillows (whatever THEY can carry) as well as their favorite books and slippers. Students may dress down, including sweat pants. PJs will not be worn for our read-in, and students should have appropriate footwear for recess. More information about our plans will be sent home on Monday.

**East China Bus Riders:
NO PM BUSES
next Tuesday, March 2.**

Notes from Booster Club February 16, 2010 meeting

1. Boys' basketball season concession income was \$1675.
2. Principal's report: Mrs. Lund requested Boosters to set up table for Open House showcasing athletics; she reminded workers that volleyball concessions may not be set up in the gym; opportunity has arisen to put HC sports memorabilia in a local chiropractor's office.
3. President's report: Maritime Days chicken dinner August 15 2010: J. May to attend next meeting.
4. AD report: volleyball begins Feb. 22; Nancy Rickel to coach (thank you!). Tournament to be played at Holy Cross Track begins May 1. Sports banquet May 18.
5. Coaches' report: boys' basketball season went well. Thanks to J. May and R. Sharpe for a great season.
6. Fundraising: nothing to report.
7. \$200 to be paid toward new control panel for score board.
8. New business: Boosters to donate golf items and team balls for school's Auction. Will be in need of new girls' basketball and volleyball and boys' football uniforms soon: discussed allocation of \$4000 for those future purchases. Thank you to Sue Tomlanovich for setting up Boosters with Women's Life, adding an extra \$500 to our boys' basketball concessions. Thanks, also, to Sue Sharpe for keeping the scorebook for the entire boys' basketball season.
9. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 16 2010, 6:30 pm at Riviera Restaurant.

--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

MARKET DAY

Orders need to be in the school office by Monday, March 1 and items will arrive Monday, March 8.

Marketing Meeting

There will be a marketing meeting Monday, March 1 at 7:00PM in the science lab. All are welcome to attend.

Volleyball

Our girls' first game, scheduled for Monday against McCormick, was canceled by weather and will be rescheduled. Last night we hosted St. Augustine and enjoyed our first win of the season. On Saturday, Feb. 27, we travel to IC. Next week, we visit St Mary on Monday and host Trinity Thursday.

Weekday games begin at 6:30pm; Saturday games start at 10am. Come out to cheer our ladies on!

Sweatshirts

The sweatshirt order will be placed tomorrow—call the school office (or send your order) in the morning.



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 G Banquet & Conference Center
6353 Royal Road, Monroe, MI

Donation of \$35 per ticket

For more information, contact the Auctioneer,
Patsy DeLoe

Tickets may be purchased through:
Catherine Respa (810) 327-9639
Jennifer Laster (810) 765-3510 or
H.C. School (810) 765-3593

Our Lady on the River Parish

presents

Lenten
All You Can Eat Fish Fry

This year we will feature
**Baked or Fried
COD**



Baked Potato or Fries
Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw

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