



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.

September 10, 2009

Remember

May we always remember those who came before us;
Those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom;
Those who have been victims of violence or tragedy.
We ask that God welcome them into His Kingdom.
We pray for a bright future for ourselves and those yet to come. 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.

Holy Cross is hosting one session of this workshop: it will be held this Saturday from 9am-noon in the Activity Center. Contact Mrs. Smith (765.8300) to register.

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)

That Darned Paperwork!

If you haven't already done so, please return all your first-days-forms (signed!)—the forms regarding the Student-Parent Handbook, Internet use, free and reduced cost school lunches (if applicable) and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Each one really is important—thank you.

Health Concerns

As we begin this school year, there is a major emphasis in the media regarding the H1N1 flu virus. We have developed a plan to help keep our students and staff as healthy as possible. Please help us by following the directions attached to this newsletter. We are looking forward to a great year!

School Committee

School committee is an *advisory* body to the pastor and principal regarding the school. School committee meets once a month, typically the first Tuesday, at 6:30PM. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Mrs. Lund.

Arrival Notes

Please do NOT park on the sidewalk in front of school during drop off. Due to the number of cars and busses using this area, we must keep traffic flowing. If you need to stop in the office or walk your child in, you are always welcome. We ask that you please park in the lot. Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Last year, as many of you are aware, the police department began ticketing cars that were wrapped around Bridge Street. To help with this situation, we have made two changes. The afternoon busses will now be picking up the students from the back parking lot. Students who walk or have parents pick them up will be dismissed at 2:15PM from the front of school. Cars should begin lining up, no sooner than **2:00PM**, starting at the Fine Arts building. **Please DO NOT park along the sidewalk** if you are meeting your child at the door. Please park in the lot and walk across the street. Keeping the dismissal line moving is important for a safe and orderly flow of traffic. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

Family Directory

...is going home today with your oldest "Crusader."

Meetings:

Booster Club--next **Tuesday, Sept. 15** at 6:30pm at the Riviera Restaurant.

PTO--on **Tuesday, Sept. 22** at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Prayer Chain

Tomorrow morning after the teachers have taken attendance and lunch count, we will be having a prayer chain in the middle school hallway as part of the National Day of Service and Remembrance. Parents are welcome to attend.

Food Drive

We will incorporate our monthly food collection into our weekly mass tomorrow as a part of the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

All (nonperishable) food items are needed—especially protein foods (peanut butter, hash, tuna,...) and breakfast foods (cereals, pancake mix and syrup,...). Our local St. Vincent de Paul pantry depends on Holy Cross students and families to keep its shelves stocked! Please bring an item or two tomorrow, if you can (and on every "first Friday"). Thank you from all our less fortunate neighbors!

Magazine Sale

The Booster Club will be kicking off its annual magazine sale, which supports our athletic programs, on Monday, September 14. Information will come home with your child that day. Also, magazines can be ordered or renewed online, which makes this the perfect opportunity for family both near and far to help our school. Subscriptions can also be sent as gifts! The information you need will be in the package sent home on Monday.

Assignment Books

All students in grades 4-8 need one: they're still available for \$3 in the school office.

Thank You!

...to our Target "Take Charge of Education" shoppers! We've just received \$119 from Target thanks to your use of your Target REDcards. (For more info or to enroll, call 800.316.6142 or visit Target.com/tcoe.)

Service Credits

Don't forget to sign up for your credits by September 15—after that date, it will be assumed that you've chosen Plan A and you'll be billed accordingly. If you have any questions about your service credits please call Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300.

Study Hall

Study hall is available for students in grades 5-8 who have siblings at CMC or who rely on CMC transportation--please send in a signed note if you want your student to attend study hall this year. A reminder that **study hall will NOT be available on Wednesdays this year** (as well as a few other days which will be published individually). During September, there will be no study hall on these days: 16th, 23rd or 30th. Please plan on picking up your child at 2:15 or sending him/her to latchkey on those days.

Super Sitter Seminar

St. John River District Hospital is offering a babysitting course beginning Tuesday, October 20. (Flyers are available in the school office.) The class is open to anyone aged 12 or older for a fee of \$15. Preregistration is required. For more info, call the hospital at 810.329.5373.

Fall Sports

Our girls' first basketball is next Monday, Sep. 14, against McCormick—the game will be played at St. Edward-on-the-Lake in Lakeport. They go on to host St. Peter's on Wednesday, the 16th: the worker schedule is:

Sep 16, 2009	JV game	V game
Concession	Schuh	LaFontaine
Concession	Schafer	Heitz
Admiss.-50/50	Miodonski	Blicharz
50/50/cleanup	Rickel	Wolf

Go, Lady Crusaders!

Our first football will be against St. Augustine School this Saturday, September 12th, at 10:30am. Coach Sharpe and his team look forward to lots of Crusader fans in the stands! (All football games will be played at China Township's park on Indian Trail between Meisner and Springborn Roads.) Go, Crusaders!

Notes from Booster Club August 26, 2009 meeting

1. Ordering paint for football field.
2. Fall sports: JV girls' basketball team will be coached by Leif Wolf; Mike Govier to coach V girls' team; Richie Sharpe coaching football. Thanks to coaches!
3. Magazine sale: Kim Chaltron and Laurie Hopton to chair; looking for another parent to help.
4. Officers: George Patrick rounds out slate of officers as VP.
5. Concessions: Kim Chaltron to chair for the year.
6. Duffle bags: Booster Club to provide for all new athletes again this year.
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, 6:30 pm at Riviera Restaurant.
--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

Looking For a Good Home...

Jacques, the bunny who lived in our Kindergarten room last year, is looking for a new family to love...yours? Please call Templetons c/o school.

Brownie Troop #312 Round Up

A Brownie Round-up will be held next Wednesday, September 16 from 2:15-3:45PM at Holy Cross. All girls in grades 1-3 are welcome. For more information, please contact Mrs. Monika Rittner c/o school.

A reminder that all payments to Holy Cross School (including Holy Cross SCRIP payments) should be made out to "OLR" ("Our Lady on the River" parish) effective immediately--thank you!

Lunch Supervisors

Thank you to: **Pat LaBelle, Jennifer Laster, Teresa Templeton, Julie Schultz, Kim Chaltron, Gary Barr, Kim Moody, Judy Krutsch and Erica Miller** who have volunteered their time to help keep our students safe at lunch recess!

We could use more volunteers for Wednesday, Thursday, and especially Friday! Consider joining us for Mass and then going to get a coffee and come back for some quality time on the playground! If you are interested in joining this cheerful and intrepid crew, please call the office. Your children thank you!

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION AND INTERNET SAFETY

In accordance with the E-rate procedures, Holy Cross is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). It is mandated that this information be addressed during a public meeting. Mrs. Lund will review our policies, which you have signed in your registration paperwork, on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30PM in the cafeteria during the PTO meeting. All are welcome to attend.

H1N1 Flu Precautions

As we begin the new school year, we must take as many preventative measures as possible to keep your children and our faculty safe and healthy. The H1N1 virus, as you have heard through the various media reports, is a virus that particularly affects children and is very easily spread. At Holy Cross, **we need your support by following these steps to keep your children healthy.**

1. Students who are sick should be kept home from school.
2. Please monitor your child's temperature if he or she is not feeling well. Students running a fever **MUST be fever free without** the use of fever-reducing medication (Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, etc.) for **24 hours** prior to returning to school. This means that even if your child is feeling better, if he or she has not been fever-free for 24 hours, he or she must stay home.
3. Students who come down with fevers during school will be sent home. Work will be sent home with them whenever possible.
4. Please encourage your children to practice proper respiratory etiquette by reminding them to sneeze or cough into a tissue or at the elbow bend, rather than into their hands.
5. Please remind your child to wash his or her hands frequently and use hand sanitizer in the classroom if need be.

These are the basic precautions, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and St. Clair County Health Department. By following these directions, we hope to have a safe and healthy school year for all of our students and teachers.

In the event that there is a severe flu outbreak, we may take additional steps to prevent the spread of the virus such as:

- conducting active fever and flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school,
- making changes to increase the space between people such as moving desks farther apart and postponing class trips, and
- dismissing students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.

Thank you again for your help in keeping all of our students safe and healthy.