



# 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 3, 2009

## Verse of the Week

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23

## 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](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 (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information.

Holy Cross is hosting one session of this workshop: it will be held on September 12 from 9am-noon in the Activity Center. You can register online, or 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)

## Welcome!

We welcome all our new students and their families to our "family"! Welcome, also, to Mr. Oberski, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Bladow and Mrs. (Ciarlo) Malburg who will be teaching Media, PE, Art and Spanish at Holy Cross this year. We're looking forward to a GREAT year!!

## Welcome Preschoolers!

Preschool begins next week! We look forward to seeing our newest Crusaders!

## Information Packets

Families who attended the open house on Aug. 23 received a packet of important papers; it went home with your oldest "Crusader" on Tuesday if you weren't able to make it on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The packet contained such items as your copy of this year's Student-Parent Handbook, information about internet use, free and reduced cost school lunches, and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Please read everything carefully, and sign and return all the permission forms by Tuesday. Thank you!

## Arrival Notes

Please **DO NOT** park along the sidewalk to bring your child into school. Beginning Tuesday, arrival becomes a very busy time with both Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney parents as well as busses dropping off in front of the building. We welcome you to walk your child in; 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 2:12PM, in front of the school, at the first CMC sidewalk (just past 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.

## Assignment Books

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

## CALENDAR NOTES

**School Committee** will be meeting **Tuesday, Sept. 8** at 6:30PM on the porch of the Fine Arts Building.

**Boosters** will be meeting **On Tuesday, September 15** at 6:30PM at the Riviera Restaurant.

**PTO** will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 22** at 6:30PM in the cafeteria.

## Congratulations!!

...to the Isrow family on the birth of Owen Stanley-William Isrow on August 10. Owen was 7.14 pounds and 20 inches long, and mom and baby are fine.

## Medications

If your student will need to take medication of any sort at school, please call for a *Medication Release form*, have it completed and return to school with the medication.

The Archdiocese of Detroit requires that a doctor's note accompany your request for the school to administer ANY type of medication: including over-the-counter medicines and cough drops—please contact your doctor now, before the need arises, if you want your student to have access to those things at school.

## Thank You!

...to Mrs. Sweet for getting more balls for lunch recess!!

...to Mrs. Knotts for keeping all our flower beds blooming so beautifully!

...to Mrs. Frances Zech for continuing to sort and bundle all the VG's receipts. Campbell labels, and "Box Tops for Education" that you send in to school!

...to everyone who saves all those receipts, labels and "Box Tops" for us!

**NO SCHOOL 'TIL NEXT TUESDAY--enjoy the time away. and come back ready to learn!**

## Picture Day

Picture Day is next Wednesday, September 9. This will be a "dress up" day. All students must get their pictures taken, whether or not they choose to buy prints, in order to be on our class composites and in our yearbook! (As it will be their first day of school, preschoolers will be able to have their pictures taken on our "picture retake day"—we'll let you know when retake day is scheduled.)

Order forms went home with all students in grades K-8 on Tuesday. To order, each student needs his own form and payment with him on Wednesday morning.

## Supplies Lists, Lunch Menus and 2009-10 Calendar

...are all available online:

[www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net); select the "PreK-8" tab.

For the supplies list, select "School Support"—"supplies list."

For menus and calendars, select "Parent and Community Center" then "calendars." (Please note that monthly calendars and menus are posted as they become available.)

## Latchkey and Study Hall

Latchkey is available until 5:30 after school every day. As a state-licensed program, pre-registration is required. However, there is no cost to register, so we encourage you to call for paperwork if there's any chance your student will need a place to stay after school any day this year.

Last year we offered a "study hall:" an after-school, supervised, no-cost waiting place for students in grades 5-8 on the days they take Cardinal Mooney transportation home or are waiting for their older CMC siblings. (Our usual latchkey is available for younger students.) The study hall is supervised by teachers on a volunteer basis, and we plan to continue to offer that service again this year (thank you, teachers!).

However, **study hall will NOT be available on Wednesdays** (as well as a few other days which will be published individually). During September, there will be no study hall on these days: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on picking up your child at 2:15 or sending him/her to latchkey.

## Lunch Supervisors

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered some of their time to help keep our children safe in the lunchroom and on the playground. We could use more volunteers. If you are interested, please call the office. Your children thank you!

## Food Drive

As there's no school tomorrow, our "usual" first Friday food drive day, we will incorporate the food collection into our weekly mass next Friday, September 11 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 next Friday, if you can (and on every "first Friday"). Thank you from all our less fortunate neighbors!

**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!**

(It's even quicker to write!)

Statements will be in your mailboxes soon. School families on the monthly payment plan should already have paid all fees plus 40% of tuition (as their 4<sup>th</sup> 10% payment was due August 31); those on the quarterly plan should already have paid all fees plus 25% of tuition (also due August 31). Preschool families should have made their first payment at registration, and the first of nine regular payments was due August 28. (If you ever have any question about your billing, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.)

## Brownie Troop #312 Round Up

A Brownie Round-up will be held on 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.

## Service Credits

Don't forget to sign up for your credits! Help is needed in many areas--the (nonsmoking) Marine City K of C bingo needs a concessions chair (thank you to Karen Sobczak and all the workers who've signed up to keep the snack stand open Wednesday nights). The bingo itself is also a little short, especially on the team that works the fourth week of each month.

We're also in need of a chairperson or two for the Holiday Expo (held in early November in the Activity Center): if you're interested, please contact Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300. If no chair is found by September 15, we'll have to cancel the Expo.

Our first "Subsidy Committee" meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on September 24, 2009 on the porch of the Fine Arts building. We would like each person chairing an event this year to attend this first meeting.

A reminder that if you chose Plan B for your credits, you need to sign up for all your credits (in the black book in the school office) by September 15: after that date, families who haven't completed their signups will be placed on "Plan A" (payment plan). Thanks for your cooperation!

If you'd like more information about any of these functions (or if you have any other questions about your service credits for 2009-10) please call Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300.

## Family Directory

For your convenience, each year we publish a family directory. The directory lists the parents' and students' names, address and phone number—a copy of your proposed directory entry is attached to the front of your hard copy of today's newsletter. (We can also include your email address if you like.) The directory will be distributed only to participating families, is a great resource for play dates and getting to know other families. If, however, you would prefer that your information NOT be included in this year's directory, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office by next Tuesday afternoon. (Let her know by Tuesday, also, what your email address is, if you want it included in the directory.) This year's directory will go home next week with your oldest "Crusader."

## **Fall Sports**

Our athletes have been hard at work practicing for their first outings! Mr. Mike Govier will be coaching the Varsity girls' basketball team, and Mr. Leif Wolf, the JV girls. They have another week and a half 'til their first games, which will be on Wednesday, September 14, against McCormick—the game will be played at St. Edward-on-the-Lake in Lakeport.

Meanwhile, our football team and coach Richie Sharpe are preparing for their first contest, which will be against St. Augustine School on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. All football games will be played at China Township's park on Indian Trail between Meisner and Springborn Roads. Go, Crusaders!

## **Save Your Trash For Us!**

(Well, not ALL of it...) Holy Cross collects Campbell's labels (UPCs from anything marked "Labels for Education"), General Mills' "Box Tops for Education," empty ink jet and laser print cartridges, old cell phones, and receipts from VG's grocery stores. This is simple way to cut down on your waste while helping us earn a little extra money!—just take a quick look at the wrapper before you toss anything out.

You can send these items in any time (or drop them in the little plastic "Campbell" receptacle by the front door of school), or leave them in the black shoe box at the river entrance to Holy Cross church. (Maybe Grandma or the neighbors will save things for you, too!)

## **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.