



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to partner with its families in the education of tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Christian community.

February 4, 2011

A Winter Prayer:

"God of safety, keep me and my loved ones safe on icy roads. Help me pay attention and drive cautiously. Grant me energy and patience if the drive takes longer than usual. Keep me warm and safe from harm. Be with me, be with me, be with me, in Your loving and precious name. Amen."

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays & Tuesdays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

While The Campers Are Away...

...we've had a little "camping" fun, too!

On Monday, we wrote a camp story. You can read it on the last page of this newsletter!

Tuesday was "Camp Read" day: students brought blankets and pillows to school and spent some time reading around a "campfire" in the library:



Wednesday and Thursday were snow days—we probably have more snow now than our winter campers did up in Wolverine!

Today begins with mass (as usual) and ends with a movie and popcorn.

We hope our campers had as much fun as we did this week!

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.

Boys' Basketball

Our little team experienced its first tournament last weekend. The word on the street is that they won a trophy! We'll get more info and photos for next week's news after the boys return from camp!

Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch supervisor. You will only be here for about one hour and you get to see your child interacting with his/her peers and get fresh air! It doesn't get any better than that.

**Campers return about
4:30 TODAY!
(There will be a sign
posted on the school's
front door if they call to
say they'll be late
or early.)**

We know they had a wonderful time!

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class is still making and selling popcorn to students on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Monies raised from this project will help fund the bus for the Lansing trip.

Thank You!

...to **Beki and Hannah Schultz** and their mom, **Mrs. Julie Schultz**, for collecting, cleaning, packaging and mailing empty juice pouches for recycling last year! We've just received a check from TerraCycle for just under \$30 for their efforts. It's not much money, but the Schultzes' labors, combined with that of others across the country last year, kept 60 busloads of empty juice pouches out of landfills, and that's worth a big HOORAY!

(If anyone's interested in helping, please contact the Schultzes—or let the school office know. Thanks!)

Nachos!

Next Friday, Feb. 11, Chartwell's will not be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Mrs. Heitz's famous nachos! \$1.75 buys nachos and cheese with your choice of toppings: ground beef, lettuce, tomatoes and onions, and a drink; extra helpings are \$1 each. Order slips were distributed to students today—please send your order in early so we can plan to have enough food for everyone.

There will be goodies for sale, too, to benefit the 3rd & 4th graders' trip to Lansing.

Texas Hold 'Em

Mr. Bryer is looking for Texas Hold 'Em help on the following dates: Feb. 24-27; March 24-27; April 29 & 30 and May 1 & 2; and May 19-22. Shifts will be from noon-5pm / 5-10pm / 10pm-2am.

Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help (or would like more info). There's also a signup sheet on the main hallway bulletin board at school if you'd like to just sign up. Thank you!

There will be a meeting regarding service credits next Monday, Feb. 14th at 8am on the porch of the Fine Arts Building to discuss the service credits. The Texas Hold 'Em will be reviewed at that time for eligibility. All interested persons are welcome!

Needed: USED DISPLAY BOARDS

Are your old science fair projects just taking up valuable storage space? We could re-use a few of your old display boards (NOT the projects!)—please contact the school office (or just drop 'em off!). Thanks!!

Speaking of Display Boards....

New display boards (for your science fair project) are now available in the school office: \$4 each.

Archdiocesan Grants

An application form for this year's Archdiocesan grant went home with last week's news. Eligible students in grades 1-8 will receive \$800 next year (the grant was only \$600 this year!) so it's well worth your time to apply. Be sure your application is in the mail before the April 11 deadline.

The application can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aodonline.org: go to "Catholic Schools," then "Tuition Assistance" and scroll down to the middle of the page--you should see an English and Spanish version of the application.

On the front page of the application there is a box for a "school label." You may DISREGARD this box: there IS NO school label for Holy Cross.

A reminder to save copies of your PSAS form: you'll need it to apply for all other Holy Cross tuition assistance.

Music Scholarship Opportunities

The St. Clair Music Club, in cooperation with East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, announces this year's music scholarship application period. Application is open to students in grades 7-11, and the requirements and application are available in the school office or online at East China School District's website, www.ecsd.us or at the website of the Community Foundation: www.stclairfoundation.org. Written applications and requirements must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, and auditions will be held at the PAC at 2pm on Sunday, March 6.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for the Lenten Fish Frys which will be held on March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th. Volunteers are needed the Thursdays and Fridays during the Fish Frys.

Please sign up on the volunteer sheets located in the back of the church at all three sites. The sign up sheets will be available until February 18th. No experience is needed (other than cooks). This is a great opportunity for those of you in need of service credits. Also, it sets an example for your children and grandchildren. Let them see you sharing your time and talents in service to our Lord, your parish family and the community. If you have any questions, call Linda or Lisa c/o church.

4th and 5th Grade Problem Solvers

Before they left for camp, the fourth and fifth graders were busy practicing their Problem Solving strategies, building towers out of coins and connectors:



michigan reads

Parents, your child can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books between now and April 1, 2011. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register your child for this exciting opportunity.

"Our Camp Story" by the Kindergarten and First, Second and Third Grade Students

Once there was a group of children from Holy Cross School in Marine City who decided to go on a camping trip to Ontario in Canada. All the big kids went to Camp Wolverine for a whole week so the kindergarten, first, second and third graders went while they were gone.

They packed all their gear and walked across the frozen big river. Along the way a big furry fox stopped by to do funny tricks for them. He was jumping on the ice and fell through.

Next, we traveled through a forest. We saw a mailbox. Then we saw a weird looking snake, a big black bear, and a hunter. The hunter was friends with the creatures of the forest. The bear's name was Rocky, the snake was Bob and the hunter was Henry. So the friends all went exploring together.

Then, a big, purple bear lumbered by. He saw a big elephant running by a tree. The elephant's name is Gavin and the bear's name is Abbie. A big lion lumbered by and ate the big purple bear.

Gavin the elephant started crying. Sadly, he ran away back to Holy Cross School.

The other kids saw horses running by. They each jumped on a horse. The horses took the children to find Gavin the elephant so he would be happy to see his friends. Gavin stopped crying. The hunter, Henry, said, "Let's go traveling again." The friends were happy, but they said they needed to go to church!

While they were at church, the friends prayed for their friend Abbie, the purple bear.

After church, the friends went back into the forest. In the forest, they met another purple bear except her name was Gabby! They were so excited to meet Gabby.

Gabby went with the friends to explore a deep, dark, scary cave. In the cave they found a tunnel with a train inside. After they were done exploring they went back outside to the river and saw a cruise ship. The friends decided to go on the cruise ship and go camping in Mexico instead. THE END!