



# 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.

January 6, 2011

## A Word from Jesus

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

## 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.

**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;  
Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

Thank you to our awesome SCRIP crew for their overtime work this past month! Of course, December is always the busiest month for the SCRIP office. We are proud of the faithful SCRIP workers. Mrs. Sharpe is busily calculating your final credits for the 2010 calendar year. Your credit will show up on your January statement (which will be in your mailbox soon).

## Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch aide on Wednesdays & Fridays. 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.

## Dress Down Day

As you'll probably recall, we had a dress down day on our last day of school before Christmas break. We were able to send our local St. Vincent de Paul conference \$77.10 as the money we collected that day. Thank you, everyone!

## Boys' Basketball

Our game at St. Mary's was rescheduled to the last day of school in December, the 21<sup>st</sup>. Our team did a good job and is coming along nicely. This has been a busy week as we hosted St. Peter's on Monday, St. Augustine's last night and IC tonight!

Next week takes us away to IC on Wednesday (no game Monday); our last games will be at home on Monday, Jan 17 (with St. Mary's visiting us) and at St. Peter's on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## "Featured Class"

Our athletes invite you to take in a game! The Booster Club (which sponsors our sports program and athletic contests) will feature a class or two for each of the upcoming home games. They are sending to each child in the featured class a certificate entitling that child and his family to free admission to a certain game and a free bag of popcorn!

Date of home game      classes featured

Jan. 3, 2011	K&1
Jan. 5, 2011	2&3
Jan. 6, 2011	4&5
Jan. 17, 2011	6&7

Hope to see you at your "featured" game!!

## THANK YOU FROM MRS. PAVLOV

Mrs. Pavlov would like to thank the families who remembered her with prayers, kind words and gifts at Christmas this year. A special word of thanks goes to the children who gave her the cutest snowman snack set with a plate, cups, dip bowl and spreader. It is just the best! She was touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

## Please Mark Your Calendar:

No East China buses home on  
January 25, 26 and 27;  
No school on Friday, Jan. 28.

## Drama Club

The Club will put on a show for the school today at 1pm, with an encore for parents and friends right after school (at 2:45pm). Thank you to Mrs. Rock for moderating the group! "Break a leg," everybody!

## *Please Keep In Your Prayers....*

...the Collins and Janski families on the recent deaths of their grandmas.  
...Grandpa Kleckner, who is recovering from a recent illness.

## Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, Jan. 14, there will be no Chartwell's lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Order slips were distributed to all students today—please get your order in early so we order enough pizza for everyone.

## School Committee meets

**Jan. 11, 6:30pm**  
**Faculty room**

## Boosters meet

**Jan. 11, 6pm**  
**Riviera**

## 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 grades 3 & 4 to go to Lansing.

## End of Second Quarter

Can it be possible?—next Friday marks the end of the halfway point of this school year! Report cards will go home on Friday, Jan. 21.

## Friday Food Drives

In order to simplify a scheduling issue at church, we are moving our monthly nonperishable food drive to the second Friday of the month. Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Please bring a canned food item next Friday, if you can.

## “Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!”

During their last day of daycare in December, two of our little ones made a birthday cake for Jesus:



They used toys to piece together their “cake.” Nice job, boys!

## VG’s Shoppers:

VG’s stores are introducing new rewards cards. Shoppers will need the card to take advantage of special sale prices and discounts, and they’ll be able to earn free items. Beginning Jan. 9, only purchasers who use their rewards cards will earn “community share” points, which show up on the bottom of the store receipts. (If you purchase items but don’t use a new “VG’s yes Rewards” card, you *will not* receive points toward “community share.”)

You may sign up for a “VG’s yes Rewards” at your favorite VG’s store, or online at [myyesrewards.com](http://myyesrewards.com). Thank you to everyone who continues to support Holy Cross in this manner!

## Volleyball

Girls in grades 6-7 interested in playing volleyball: practices will begin right after camp! If you haven’t had your sports physical yet, please pick up a form at the office so you’ll be ready for the volleyball season. Even though there has been no league meeting for the spring sports, yet, we are happy to announce that our volleyball coaches will be Ms. Elizabeth Garshott and Mrs. Julie Wolf, assisted by Ms. Taylor Schafer. We are very grateful for all of our volleyball coaches.

## CAMP 2011

Campers’ families should have received their bills for camp before Christmas (if you haven’t, please contact school!). Camp bills must be paid by the end of January.

Students in grades 4 and up will be away at camp from Jan. 31-Feb. 4. Campers: watch for a letter soon from Mrs. Pavlov and our camp supervisors regarding final details for the trip!

## Labels for Education Contest

Through the end of this month you can vote for your favorite school to earn 100,000 labels for education points. Just go to “[clickcallmail.com](http://clickcallmail.com)” and follow the prompts.

## Texas Hold ‘Em

Thank you, again, to Randy Bryer for organizing the work force for the 2010 Texas Hold ‘Em fundraisers. He reports total profits of nearly \$19,000 for the year!

Mr. Bryer is already planning the 2011 Texas Hold ‘Em events! He will be looking for 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. Thank you to Traci Whetstone for already signing up for February!

Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help (or would like more info).

## “Coverdell Education Savings Accounts”

Reports are that the tax-cut measure that President Obama recently signed into law preserves for another two years the historic Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, which were first enacted in 2001. The accounts allow families to earn tax-exempt interest on up to \$2,000 in annual savings for specified expenses, including tuition, associated with elementary, secondary, or post-secondary education in a public or private school.

The new law also extends for two years the above-the-line deduction for certain expenses incurred by elementary and secondary school teachers. Classroom teachers and certain other personnel in public and private schools may continue to deduct up to \$250 for their out-of-pocket expenditures for books, computer equipment and software, and other materials and supplies used in the classroom.

## Koeze Nuts

The Boosters have a few extra items from their Christmas Koeze order: two 20 ounce decanters of Colossal Cashews are available at the school office for \$25 each.

## Catholic Schools Week

Holy Cross will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week the week before the rest of the country celebrates it. The reason we are doing that is we will be at Camp during the national Catholic Schools Week.

We will celebrate Jan 21-27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Pavlov is looking for families to take gifts up at the week end Masses for the week end of January 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. You would go to your regular Mass and just take up the gifts. If possible, I would request that your child(ren) wear the school uniform. If your family would be available to help out, contact the school office at 765-3591 or email Mrs. Pavlov at [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)

## Thank you for Saving

This week Holy Cross School received a check for \$364.70 from Box Tops for Education. Thank you for saving and sending in your box tops. This money is used throughout the year to enhance the school program in little ways.

Just before Christmas, Holy Cross received a “Flip” digital camera from Coke bottle tops. Thank you to everyone who saves those. We are working on creative ways to share the good news of Holy Cross using this tool.

## Needed: USED DISPLAY BOARDS

Are your old science fair projects just taking up valuable storage space? We could use a few of your old display boards—please contact the school office (or just drop ‘em off!). Thanks!!

Dear Families,

This year, we are going to be doing a special project with our families in mind. We would greatly appreciate it if you would send in a photo of your family, either digitally or a hard copy. All hard copies will be scanned and returned. Photos can also be emailed to Mrs. Lund at [lund@holycrossonline.net](mailto:lund@holycrossonline.net).

We ask that you please send your photo in by **Friday, January 15**. We are hoping to do something with them for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs. Pavlov