



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.

May 5, 2011

A WORD from Jesus

But they urged him, "Stay with us."
Luke 24:29

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)

PAY YOUR TUITION...

...With scrip. Every scrip purchase you make helps to pay down your tuition bill. What other cost-free way can you use to pay tuition and actually get someone else to pay on your tuition for you. Other people, family and friends can shop and have their profits applied to your account. Remember...a Holy Cross education becomes very affordable when you work the scrip program.

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.

Registration for Next Year

All school tuition should have been paid and all service credits should be completed by now. If your financial accounts are satisfied, please **register right away**. If not yet complete, please contact Mrs. Pavlov with your intentions. She would like all registrations in by June 1. If you need help, apply for assistance and use scrip.

HOW IS MY TUITION RATE DETERMINED?

In case you were wondering how your tuition rate is determined, Mrs. Pavlov thought that a short explanation would be in order. At Holy Cross, there are two tuition rates: "In Vicariate" and "Out of Vicariate" or, the "Standard" rate. Both rates charge less than the actual cost of educating your child at Holy Cross. The parishioners of Our Lady on the River Parish are picking up the rest of the tab for your child's education. The difference between the two rates is that parents who are active members of a Catholic parish in the Blue Water Vicariate can be considered for the "In Vicariate" tuition rate. What does "active members" mean? It means that these parents attend Mass regularly (most Sundays) and contribute freely to the welfare of their parish by giving of their time, talent and/or treasure regularly. In this current economy, parents may have time and talent but might be short on treasure. If that is the case in your home, give what you can, use your Sunday envelopes, even if there is no money in it, and give freely of your time and/or talent. Remember, it is all about building your relationship with and as a member of the Body of Christ! People who are not active members of a Catholic parish in the Blue Water Vicariate are considered "Out of Vicariate" families and are charged the "Standard" rate of tuition. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Pavlov at the school office.

LOWER YOUR REGISTRATION FEE NOW

For a limited time only...any family registering for 2011-2012 by tomorrow, May 6, will receive a \$50.00 credit per family. To register, your accounts must be satisfied and you must be depositing the rest of the registration and book fees to qualify. (If you've already registered, thank you! We'll credit your account--watch your next statement for the credit.) Please get your registration in as soon as possible. Families registering after May 6th will pay the full cost of registration.

GET INSTANT TUITION HELP

Holy Cross is a very good school. Share the "wealth" that is Holy Cross with a new family starting in K-8 and earn a **\$250.00 credit** toward your tuition. If possible, use the card that we gave you in March. If you need more, let us know.

Mark Your Calendar:

A reminder of a few upcoming items of interest:

- Field Day—May 26 (it's not too late to volunteer your help!)
- Memorial Day weekend May 27-30: no school (back to class on May 31)
- Kindergarten graduation June 6 (9am)
- Last day of school June 9: full day, with awards ceremony in the gym at 1pm

Texas Hold 'Em

Thank you to Randy Bryer for his dedication—he reports that we made about \$4700 during the last Hold 'Em event in April! Mr. Bryer is planning for the next (and final!) Hold 'Em tournament May 19-22. Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help or for more info—or just come in to school and sign up. (Shifts are available from 2-6pm, 6-10pm and 10pm-close.) Remember: you can earn service credits working at these events.

Sports Awards Ceremony

Athletes who participated in any Holy Cross School sport this year are invited, along with their parents and siblings, to this year's sports awards ceremony (May 11, 6pm, Activity Center). The Booster Club needs a head count to prepare the meal: **RSVP to Mrs. Wolf by May 6.**

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK THANKS

The faculty would like to thank the parents & grandparents for their kind notes, prayers, cookie bars, breads and fruit bouquet. Your kindness and strong support warms our hearts and makes teaching at Holy Cross most rewarding. Thank you for your great kindness.

Special Lunches

Next Friday, May 13, Chartwell's won't be serving. Instead, Mrs. Heitz is coming to make her famous nachos. Order slips went home today with all students. Please have your order in early so Mrs. Heitz doesn't run out! (Our thanks to Mrs. Heitz for coordinating these lunches all year!!!)

Also, the next Friday (May 20) we will be having another "special" lunch: Hungry Howie's pizza then.

Track

Our first meet was held last Saturday. We are small but mighty!!—Holy Cross athletes participated and placed in just about every event!

The next meet will be this Saturday, May 7 (with the last meet a week later, on May 14). Meets are held at the track on Ward Street (by Marine City High School) and begin by 9am. All Crusader fans are invited to cheer our athletes on! As of May 5th, the 4th graders have been invited to join the team.

Holy Cross and St. Mary's are responsible for handling the ribbons table: please plan to help at the meets. Many hands make light work.

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Senora Malburg introduced us to "salsa" yesterday. No, we're not talking about the food you dip tortilla chips into!—this "salsa" is Spanish music and dance:



Third graders learning how to dance.

Lunch Parents

We have been blessed with a number of parents (and veteran parents!) who have helped us out faithfully this year: thank you to **Mrs. Judy Krutsch, Mr. Pat LaBelle, Mrs. Teresa Templeton, Mrs. Gretchen Rogus, Mr. Gary Barr, Mrs. Sue Tomlanovich, Mr. Pat Cullen, Mrs. Tabatha McConnell, Mrs. Jennifer Laster, Mrs. Rebecca Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Kari Schafer!**

We will be needing lunchtime supervisors for the 2011-12 school year, too...please call if you can help.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Next week will be the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is still in need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pasta/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."

Square Foot Gardening

Mrs. Marge Nicaise (backed by our PTO) is interested in starting a "square foot gardening" adventure here at school! The beginning plot would include 3 (4'x4') gardens that would each be boxed in. Students and families who participate will be the first to enjoy the gardens' bounty—with surplus to be shared with, maybe, St. Vincent de Paul program and / or our Harvest Dinner.

A few things are needed to "plant" the program—please contact Marge c/o school if you just happen to have any of them just lying around waiting to be used:

Nails Chicken wire
Dirt Compost bin
Mulch Stakes
Composite wood timbers (such as "Trex") or PVC pipe
Gardening supplies such as trowels, gloves, watering cans,...

And, of course, plants! (tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes)

Any monetary donations will be welcome, too. "Let's get growing!"

PTO & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nominations are being accepted for PTO officers and School Committee members for the 2011-12 school year. Please submit nominations to the school office or give to any current PTO officer or School Committee member.

Holy Cross Marks Earth Day

Our seventh graders learned how to make paper. They learned about how thin, wet pulp dries into very pretty writing paper. Meanwhile....our third graders took advantage of yesterday's beautiful weather to clean up our little corner of the earth!

Malicious Cyber Activity Surrounding the Death of Osama Bin Laden

Scammers and fraudsters have begun taking advantage of the recent Mideast events: they use such happenings as an opportunity to create "phishing" and social engineering campaigns to entice social networking and email users to visit websites designed to infect computers, download malware, or steal information. There are at least two scams already circling Facebook purporting to link to a video of the Navy SEALs' raid.

To avoid picking up malware, it is recommended that people NOT perform any searches for images of Bin Laden's body. DO NOT trust unsolicited email, and DO NOT click links and attachments from unsolicited email messages. Users following the story can refer to the White House's website and/or trusted news sources for follow up.

WARM WEATHER SAFETY REMINDERS

Now that the spring is here and the weather promises to warm up, children usually have more freedom to travel by bike and walking places where they might have been driven in the winter. With that being said, remind your children of safety rules about crossing the street, being alert to people and situations that "don't feel right" to them and to check in with you on a regular basis.

FIELD DAY NEWS

The theme of this year's field day is "Learning is our Passport to the World." Field day will take place on Thursday, May 26th and go from 9:00am-12:00noon. It will be a morning filled with fun and adventure as our students "travel" around the world, collecting stamps in their "passports" and sharing a great lunch with time to share their travel adventures with all!

All volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the parents who have already answered the call to help. We could still use a few helpers on Field Day to cook and serve lunch and to help with the games.

Mrs. Julie Isrow is the head organizer of this Field Day. Please email her at HCFIELDDay2011@aol.com to share ideas, to help, lend your special skills and to make this a GREAT day for our kids!