



# 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.

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## A Word from Jesus

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
He replied to him,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise."  
[Lk 23:35-43](#)

## 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)

Attached to today's newsletter is an updated vendor list. With Christmas just around the corner, SCRIP becomes an even better deal: since SCRIP consists of actual gift certificates, buying from our SCRIP peddlers saves you the gas and trouble of visiting stores for those store gift cards you'll use as gifts.

## Conferences

Your oldest "Crusader" is bringing home a confirmation of your conference appointment(s) today.

**No newsletter next week**

--our next edition will go home  
December 2.

## Please Mark Your Calendar:

No East China buses home on  
Monday, Nov. 22.  
No school on Tuesday, Nov. 23:  
conferences all day.  
No school the day before or the day  
after Thanksgiving.  
There WILL be school on Monday,  
Nov. 29, but there will be NO EAST  
CHINA BUSES that day (and no  
East China shared time classes).

## School Picture Retakes

Our photographer will be here for retakes after lunch on Thursday, December 2.

## Boys' Basketball

Their first game will be 6:30pm Monday, Nov. 29 at St. Augustine (playing at St. Peter gym). We're looking forward to a lot of fun this season!

## Basketball schedule change

At last night's parent meeting, we discovered a conflict with a basketball game on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the parade. The game will be re-scheduled so as to allow all of our students and parents to join in the parade.

## Marine City's Christmas Parade

The parade will take place on Wednesday, **Dec. 1** at 7:00, starting in front of Holy Cross. We would really like to see all of our students, parents, siblings, teachers, principal and anyone else--like, perhaps our pastor and his dog, Max--be a part of the Holy Cross parade entry. We will meet inside the school in the hallways to keep warm. Let's show Marine City that we are still here and as good as ever! (Thank you to Mr. Barr for coordinating our entry! To help—contact him c/o school.)

## PIES

...will be here, ready to pick up, after school tomorrow. Please DON'T send your individual customers to pick up their own pies—it gets really confusing. Orders will be collated by student seller for pickup.

## Needed: (One) Awesome Person(s)

Due to the happy news of a new job for one of our lunch moms (congratulations!!!), we find ourselves in need of help at lunch on Wednesdays. (We could also use an extra pair of hands on Mondays and / or Fridays...) Are you interested in spending some quality time with our students? You'd be needed from 10:45-11:25am. Please contact the school office (810.765.3591) if you can help. Thank you!

## Thanksgiving Feast

...is tomorrow! Today's preparations included the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders doing deviled eggs. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders' contribution to the feast is stuffing, and I saw the third graders with a huge bowl of jello this morning! Can't wait to sample all of our students' cooking!!

## Super Spellers!

Way to go, **Julia Blicharz, Abbey Guilliat, Cami Claeys, Spencer Fox** and **Calvin Barr**, who represented Holy Cross at the next level of the K of C spelling bee. Julia came in second place in the 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> grade division, and Abbey came in second in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group. They will be invited to continue on to the regional competition (place and time to be announced in a few weeks). Congratulations!

## FOOD PANTRY

Tomorrow, we will take our pantry food donations to church, where representatives of our local St. Vincent de Paul conference will pick it all up. They are very grateful for your donations of "holiday" food items such as jars of gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruits or vegetables, or cake or cookie mixes, and your ongoing support all year. Especially at this time of year, cash donations are especially welcome. Our hungry neighbors thank you.

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please make sure that your child enjoys his/her recess time outside by being dressed in warm clothes.

### **All School Dress Down Opportunity**

For the cost of at least \$1.00, your child may be in dress down clothes on **Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. That is Monday of NEXT WEEK. All of money we collect from that day will go to Shane Reifert's family to donate to his platoon. This is our little way of honoring our fallen brother in Christ.

### **Stuffed Animal Drive**

Our Kindergarten is sponsoring a stuffed animal drive through the month of November to benefit children at Port Huron Hospital. Donation boxes will be placed in the hallways. Please be sure the stuffed animal is new and tie a little note to the animal with your name and that you are from Holy Cross School. Thank you for your help!

### **"Go Nuts!"**

Thanks to Mrs. Schultz for chairing this Booster fundraiser again this year. Koeze products are delicious and make elegant gifts. This is an important fundraiser. Because of the Booster Club fundraisers, children in our school who want to play do not have to pay. Orders need to be in by Monday after Thanksgiving. Proceeds benefit our school athletic program.

### **DROP OFF / DISMISSAL TIMES**

When you drop off your student in the morning, please DON'T PARK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL. If you need to go into the school, park in the lot. At the end of the day, if you intend to leave your car, please PARK IT in the parking lot. The front of school is for standing cars only. It is a loading zone designed for the safe loading of children and movement of traffic. Your car being parked there makes a traffic hazard for those behind you. Thank you for doing your part to keep the traffic flowing.

### ***Auction 2010***

A reminder that auction donations are due at the end of this month. Looking for ideas?—think of things you'd bid on! Do you have a vacation home or time share that you could donate for a week? Or a special skill?—crafting, woodworking, stained glass, metalwork...all present great possibilities for unique and appealing bid items.

(If you prefer to let someone else do the shopping, you are welcome to take advantage of the \$60 "early donor" cash donation option, too; after December 1, families who haven't yet made their auction donation will owe \$80.)

### **Drama Club**

The Drama Club has begun practicing for its January 6 production! Practices are after school, until 3:30pm, on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you to Mrs. Rock for mentoring our thespians!

### **"Deer Camp Widows" Thrift Sale**

Thank you to Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Dorcey and Mrs. Goldenbogen for manning the sale last weekend. They netted a profit for the school, facilitated some bargain-hunting, and helped fill the St. Vincent de Paul truck with the items that remained: a good weekend's work!

### **Camp Fundraising**

"T-shirt catalogs went home this week, and candy bars will go home tomorrow for those of you who requested them. We are still setting up church bake sales. If you would like to participate in any of these and did not receive a letter, please send in a note and we'll get you started." —Mrs. Wade

### **HANDBOOK REVIEWS**

From time to time Mrs. Pavlov will put items from the handbook in the newsletter to refresh your memory. Sometimes it may be linked to trends she is seeing at school and sometimes it will be as a courtesy to inform you or refresh your awareness of something in the handbook.

This week the review has to do with school dress code. Now that the weather is cooler, girls may wear slacks to Mass on Friday. All students may wear their Holy Cross sweatshirt or hoodie to Mass on Friday as well. Hoods may not be worn indoors at all.

Socks: for girls may be tights, full length (mid calf) crew socks or knee high socks, white or navy in color. Boys may wear navy, black or white socks, full length or crew.

Many students wear short socks that barely make it to the ankle bone because they are currently in style. Those socks are acceptable but must go up at least high enough to cover the ankle bone.

Nail polish on girls must be clear, neutral or light colored. Dark reds, greens, blues, etc. are not allowed. It is OK to check your daughter's fingernails and have her put her nails in compliance before she comes to school. As always, thank you for your support. We adults have to stick together.

### **Texas Hold 'Em**

Thank you to Randy Bryer, again, for 'corralling' workers! Our Lady on the River parish is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em weekend Thursday-Sunday, December 9-12. Workers are needed Thursday, Friday, and Sunday just about any time during the day (about noon to 2am), and Saturday, mostly during the late shifts. Please contact Randy c/o school if you think you might be able to help.

### **Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a Thanksgiving prayer service on Wednesday in religion class. Using the Bible and a candle, the students centered themselves in God and thought about how grateful they were, using a scale of 1 (less) to 10 (very grateful). Each then took that number of M&Ms from a bowl, announcing one thing s/he is thankful for each candy. When all had finished they shared a closing prayer (and then ate their M&Ms).

### **We Salute a Fallen Soldier**

Mrs. Pavlov is happy to announce that yesterday, the day of Pfc. Shane Reifert's funeral, was both normal and heartwarming. Inside the school things were very normal. After the day began, all external doors were checked to make sure they were locked and the day proceeded according to schedule. Outside of the school, veterans from far and wide were gathering to honor their fallen brother. For five hours, these men and women stood, lining both sides of Water Street up to the entrance of the church, forming an honor guard of flags to show their respect to Shane and his family. The funeral service was a beautiful and meaningful tribute. Mrs. Pavlov asked Mrs. Rock and Mrs. Lund if the blinds could be opened so that the children could see the people honoring the Reiferts, a sight she had never seen before and one which enriched the souls of all who experienced this sight. Other than seeing funeral attendees, police, border patrol and a few gawkers, there was nothing else going on outside of the school. The children did not get outside to play yesterday. We heard that the protestors did not show up.

PFC Reifert's service brothers and sisters provided him a beautiful, heartbreaking farewell yesterday. May he rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

