



# 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.

August 8, 2011

## Prayer

Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."  
--Matthew 21:28

## 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 or lunchroom volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information.

So far, the workshop is scheduled to be held here (in the Holy Cross Activity Center) only ONE TIME this year: on Saturday, September 10, 2011, 8:30am-noon. Contact Mrs. Smith (765.8300) ASAP 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 'til school starts:**  
**Mondays and Fridays 8-10am;**

**Mondays 5-7pm; and**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and**

**Thursdays 1-3pm**

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

**Peddlers:**

**Kelly Glowski (Algonac) 810.499.7844**  
**Sue Sharpe (Marine City) 810.459.2662**

## School's Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open this month from at least 8am-noon every day. If you miss us, we do check messages regularly (school email is [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net); phone: 810.765.3591). Also, the church office (810.765.3568) knows where to find us, if you need us more immediately.

## A Few Changes!

You'll notice some differences when you walk into school on the first day! Fr. Bob and a few volunteers are working to renovate the school's outer office. Thank you to **Fr. Bob** and his crew: **Dan Ameel, Fizz Fajardo, Jay & Marge Nicaise, Gary Barr, Dave Shovan, Anna Lavelly, Dennis Fracassi, and Dave, Tom and Don Schwehofer of Schwehofer Brothers, Inc.** Thanks, also, to **Dave Endres** and **Endres Interiors** for donating the new entry way and waiting area carpeting! (We're still under construction so give us a week or so before you come to check it out—but it's already looking fantastic!)

## The First Day of School!

For students in grades K-8, we're looking forward to seeing you, bright and early on **Wednesday, August 31**. It will be a regular school day: full day, uniforms, with the bell welcoming you at 7:25 am. However, **there will be NO East China buses until Tuesday, September 6**. Please make alternate transportation arrangements for August 31-September 1 if you plan to use district busing this year. (Contact East China's transportation department at 810.676.1100 for more information.)

Chartwell's will be serving lunch on the first day of school. Lunch is up 10¢ to \$1.85 this year; milk remains 40¢.

Latchkey will be available the afternoon of the first day of school—please contact us if you'll need it. Having a state-licensed facility, we also need to be sure your paperwork is complete before your student can attend—stop in to pick up a new packet if you'll need latchkey on the first day.

Preschoolers: your first day will be on **Wednesday, September 7**. We are all eager to get to know you!!

## Preschool Families:

Please let us know ASAP if you are hoping to have after-class daycare for your preschooler: your interest will determine whether or not such daycare is offered.

## "How am I Getting Home Today?"

Younger students and their teachers will appreciate it if you send a note in to school by the first day to let us know how they'll be getting home those first few days, as well as letting us know what their typical "go-home" routine will be.

## 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 our dedicated SCRIP staff who have been available all summer!

...to Mrs. Knotts for keeping our flower gardens looking so nice again this summer! Thanks, also, to Mr. Chadra and Mrs. Steinmetz for their help.

...to **the Barr, Templeton, Whetstone, Ward and Barr families** for working at the July Classic Car Show and **Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Steinmetz** for manning the July Thrift Sale.

...to **Mr. Walter Breiling** who donated his June calendar raffle winnings back to us!

...to our maintenance staff who are busily cleaning and polishing everything so it shines on August 31!

## Needed: Good Hearted, Generous, Kind, WONDERFUL People!

(That sounds like YOU!!) We are in need of volunteer lunch and playground supervisors. This is a great way to spend some time with all of our students while giving our teachers the opportunity for a duty free lunch. Can you help? Please call Mrs. Tabatha McConnell c/o school: 810.765.3591.

## Free & Reduced Cost Lunches

Returning students who were qualified to receive free or reduced lunch services on the last day of school last year will remain eligible for the first few weeks of school, but will need to re-apply for benefits for this year. Please note that, to begin this year, the government is using last year's income guidelines with the provision that those figures could be changed at any time. Forms are available now in the school office, and will go home with your student on the first day of school. The application will also be available at East China School District's website: [www.ecsd.us](http://www.ecsd.us) (go to "Departments" and choose "Food Service" or "Chartwells").

If you are transferring into Holy Cross and received free or reduced price lunches elsewhere, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office ASAP so we can try to get your lunch tickets in before the first day of school.

## School Directory

Every year we publish a school directory, listing names, addresses and phone numbers for all our families. A copy of the directory entry we're planning to include for your family is attached. If you would prefer **NOT** to be in (and not to receive a copy of) the directory, please let Mrs. Steinmetz know before Monday, August 22. Also—if you'd like your email address added to your entry, please send that info to Mrs. Steinmetz before the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 13. This will be a "dress up" day. Picture order forms will go home with each student within the first few days of school. 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. Preschoolers, also, will be able to have their pictures taken—just come at the usual preschool time and the photographer will squeeze you in.

## Free School Clothes!

The school clothing department in the FAB basement will be available this month during school office hours. Stop in to check out the great selection of uniform wear—there's a huge assortment, and a lot of never-been-worn items. All uniform wear is free to Holy Cross students.

## Do We Have Your Paperwork?

We are still waiting for a few families' registration papers. We need to have these papers on file in order for your children to attend classes on the first day. Please contact the office if you need new paperwork or have any questions.

We want to help people stay at Holy Cross and to join our school family. If you (or someone you know) are holding off on sending in your registration simply because of financial concerns, please call Mrs. Pavlov right away: some assistance is available.

## Supplies Lists, Lunch Menus and 2011-12 Calendar

...are all available online: select the "PreK-8" tab at [www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net)

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.)

## Info Packets First Day of School

On the first day of school, your oldest student will be given a packet of important papers to take home to you—ask for it! It will contain this year's student handbook as well as information about internet use, school lunches (free and reduced cost), the school directory and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Please look for the packet, and read everything carefully and respond appropriately. Thank you!

## Doing Our Part

Enclosed are your tuition statement and a copy of your service credit record. Your service credits worked through the end of last month are recorded on this paper—please check to be sure we get all your worked credits recorded.

If your statement does not show charges for 2011-12, that means we have not yet received your re-registration paperwork—please send in ASAP! New school families: **your application letter for the Fr. Sadler scholarship is due to be turned in by Sep. 9!**

School families should have made their first, second and third 10% payments at the end of May, June and July, with the next due at the end of August. Preschool families should have made a 10% payment at registration, with their next payment due at the end of August.

## "When Will Financial Awards Show Up On My Bill?"

(As mentioned earlier, new school families wishing to apply for financial assistance through the Fr. Sadler fund are reminded to have their application letters in by Sep. 9.)

Did you receive notification either from the Archdiocese of Detroit or from Holy Cross that you were awarded scholarship(s)? (Congratulations!!) Those grants will take a little while to show up on your statement: the Archdiocesan grant money usually comes about mid-November, and the Sadler and Bartone grants will arrive in early spring 2012.

## Attention: Sixth Grade Parents

The Health Department reassesses students' immunization records at 6<sup>th</sup> grade entry. A note is enclosed if it appears your 6<sup>th</sup> grader's shots need updating.

## Sports

Fall sports practices will be starting soon! If you're interested in playing girls' basketball but haven't heard from the coach by next week (or didn't sign up yet), please contact the school office and we'll get you and your coach in touch with each other. (We will not be having a football team this season.)

As you probably know, student athletes (grades 5-8) must have both a parent's and doctor's OK to participate in school sports. Your doctor may do a low-cost sports physical; call his office to ask. Also, St. Clair County Health Department's "Teen Health Center" offers sports physicals on a sliding fee scale (from \$35-45), depending on family income, if it is not covered by your insurance. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20<sup>th</sup> Street, behind Port Huron High School between the tennis courts and pool). A brochure from CVS's "Minute Clinics" lists sports physicals as something they can do; we understand that sports physicals are also performed at Prompt Care Center (16700 21 Mile Road, Macomb Township—586.228.3880) and at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center (1000 Harrington Boulevard, Mt. Clemens—586.493.8000). The charge listed in their flyer is \$20 and "no appointment is ever necessary" (M-F, 8am-8pm; Saturdays & Sundays 10am-2pm). You can download a blank sports physical form from [www.holycrossonline.net](http://www.holycrossonline.net): click "school," "grades Pk-8," then "athletics."

**Speaking of Doctors....**

Do your children have health insurance? The St. Clair County Health Department reminds you of the state's MIChild and Healthy Kids health insurance program for children.

You may apply online at [www.healthcare4mi.com](http://www.healthcare4mi.com). For more information (or a paper application) contact Brenda Smarch at the Health Department: 810.987.5300 ext.1469.

*More Thanks!*

Thank you to an anonymous person for a generous donation to the school! The donor specified that the gift be used to help families with tuition; several families are sharing in that windfall gift.

We are also grateful for the annual disbursement received this spring from the Holy Cross Educational Fund, Inc. We are truly blessed with good friends!

**Raffle Calendar Winners**

...for the month of August are: Beatrice Rietzler and Dennis Short, both of Algonac, and Courtney LaBuhn of East China Township. Congratulations to all, and thank you for supporting our raffle!

*Congratulations!*

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Ms. Anna Lavelly**, who has just retired from our maintenance staff. Ms. Anna has been a fixture around Holy Cross grounds for almost two decades—we're glad she lives only a few blocks away, because we know she'll visit! We wish you many happy years in your retirement, Anna!

**Asbestos**

Federal law requires schools to inspect, test and identify known or suspected asbestos containing building materials.) Holy Cross School's last inspection took place in June 2011. Accredited inspectors check the condition of asbestos and reassess the operations and maintenance procedures that will assist in keeping this material in good condition.

A detailed listing of the locations of the identified materials is available for review. Mr. Perfecto Fajardo is our asbestos site contact person who monitors and inspects the premises. He can be contacted at 810.765.3568 to review the report and discuss it.

**ANNUAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY NOTIFICATION FOR PARENTS**

In keeping with the State of Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 and Regulation 637, Holy Cross School has adopted a plan of action for controlling insects, rodents and other pests in and around our facilities.

The school's plan of action for controlling pests incorporates integrated pest management (IPM). IPM utilizes various means of pest control including, but not limited to, habitat modification and sanitation, mechanical control, biological control and chemical control.

Holy Cross School realizes that the use of chemicals can be very harmful to the health and safety of humans and the environment; therefore, we will apply chemicals only as a last resort.

Any questions regarding Holy Cross's IPM program should be directed to Mr. Perfecto Fajardo at 810.765.3568 extension 17.

**If you wish to be notified before a scheduled pest treatment, please complete the form below and return this notification request to the school office.**

**We're looking forward to a GREAT year together--see you August 31st!!!**

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**2011 PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

In the event of an emergency you will be notified of the application after it occurs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside the school building.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment outside the school building.

Parent / guardian/s name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_