



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.

December 1, 2011

A Word

And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" Mark 1:7-8

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 or lunchroom 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:

Patty Smith (St. Clair)

Kelly Gloski (Algonac)

Please note that orders must be made and paid for by Dec. 14 to guarantee Christmas delivery!

"SNOW DAYS!"

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school.

The Detroit TV stations all announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website, too: www.ecsd.us. Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.

Thank You!!

...to Janine and Pieter Winne and Kari Schafer for chairing the pie sale and delivery!

...to **Mrs. Laster, Mrs. Rogus, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs.**

Vandenbossche, Mr. and Mrs.

Horlocker, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Schuh, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Winne, Mrs.

Tomlanovich, Mrs. Krupa, Mrs. Bryer, Mr. Guilliat, Mrs. Dorsey, Mr. Schultz,

Mr. Whetstone and Mr. Company (and to all of the families who provided parts of the meal) for preparing and serving our delicious Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 18!

...to the students and teachers who prepared and cooked for the feast, and those who set up the gym and cleaned up after!

...to CMC teacher Mrs. Gill who donated craft items to Holy Cross, and to **the Horlocker family** for books donated to the school.

Pizza Lunch

Tomorrow, Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Lunch is \$2 includes a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pie), fruit and a drink; extra slices may be ordered for \$1 each. Be sure your order is in the office first thing tomorrow morning so we have enough pizza for you!

The 5th grade will be selling goodies to help with their camp fund.

Basketball

Our boys hosted St. Mary McCormick on Monday. What an exciting game! Holy Cross enjoyed the lead for three and a half quarters of the game, but MCA pulled ahead by one point with thirty seconds to go, and won the game 11-10. **Calvin Barr** and **Zach Schafer** each scored 4 points and **Spencer Fox**, the last 2.

Next week they have only one game: they'll be traveling to Richmond on Thursday to take on St. Peter School. Go, Crusaders!

WE ALL PLAY ON THE HOLY CROSS TEAM

As spectators, we, too, "play" for Holy Cross. What we say, how we conduct ourselves and the self restraint we demonstrate or don't demonstrate reflect not only on you but also on Holy Cross. In recent years this league has had problems with some adults showing extremely bad sportsmanship at games and shaming their school. This is a Christian league. Parents and guests must be first in demonstrating sportsmanship to the children. If you are not happy about something, you must wait 24 hours before talking to anyone about your concern. This gives you a chance to settle yourself down. Remember that when attending our games, let the coaches and referees do their job and they will let you do yours. For further information on what your job is, see the League Handbook.

BREAKFAST WITH FR. BOB

Students: remember to turn in a "breakfast with Father Bob" entry when you go to Sunday (or Saturday night) mass! We hear he has quite a spread planned for the lucky winner(s)!!

Still Got Too Much Candy?

Do you have leftover Hallowe'en candy you'd like gone from your house? The people who are sending our "Toiletries for Troops" overseas would be delighted to send on those goodies, too. (In fact, they're even collecting home-made cookies through Dec. 16, also to send to the troops.) Pickups can be arranged: call Shirley at 810.765.5218 or email her at kreiape@hotmail.com.

Spring Sports (and beyond!): Volleyball, Track, and 2012-13

We will be looking for a coach for girls' volleyball beginning mid-February, a coach for track which starts in April and a girls' basketball coach for the beginning of 2012-13. Please contact the school office if you are interested (or know of someone who might be).

Spelling Bee Update

We have the results from the organizer of the K of C Spelling Bee. In the grade 7-9 division, **Maddie Mueller** came in 2nd and **Rachelle LaFontaine** came in 3rd. These two spellers will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in January 2012. We are very proud of these young ladies.

Stuffed Animal Drive

Tomorrow is the last day to donate a new stuffed animal. Port Huron Hospital is really looking forward to our donation and on Monday, the kindergarteners will be taking a field trip to the hospital to deliver the stuffed animals. Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped make this effort successful!

Koeze Nuts

Koeze items are expected to arrive Dec. 9. This is the Booster Club's biggest fundraiser for the year, and makes possible Holy Cross's sports program. Koeze products are elegant and delicious, and are perfect gifts from either your home or business. Wish you'd ordered?—call Julie c/o school: she bought a little extra!

"I Love a Parade!"

Marine City's annual Christmas parade was last night. Thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who participated. You represented Holy Cross well and had a lot of fun.

Camp Supplies List

Attached (for families with camp-eligible students) is a list of supplies recommended for each camper. While you're planning your Christmas shopping, you might want to include some of these things for your camper!

SAD NEWS FROM CAMP

Yesterday, Mrs. Pavlov received a call from Erik Schupbach, son-in-law of Camp Wolverine founder, John Zimmerle. John passed away last Friday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Catholic Schools Week

This year we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 21-26, 2012. For the weekend Masses on Jan. 21-22, Mrs. Pavlov is looking for parents who would be willing to talk after one Mass about why they chose Holy Cross (and Cardinal Mooney) for their child. The 8am Mass on Jan. 22nd is covered. Please contact Mrs. Pavlov to volunteer.

Doing Our Part

Your December statement will be in your mailbox soon. A reminder that preschool families should have 50% of their tuition paid by now, and school families owe their 8th (10%) payment at the end of December.

Families of students in grades 5-8: your student's camp bill will be included with your tuition statement. (If your tuition is already paid, your January SCRIP credit will be applied to your camp bill.) Camp bills will be due to be paid in full by Friday, January 20 unless other arrangements have been approved by Mrs. Pavlov.

Right to Life Christmas Cards

Holy Cross currently has Christmas cards that can be ordered and paid for on display by the office. The purchase of these cards support Southeast Macomb Right to Life. There are two styles of cards: package of 10 cards for \$7.00 and a package of 20 cards for \$15.00. Fill out the order form and leave your payment before next Thursday. Cards will arrive a few days afterwards.

Wanted: A Good Home

One of our families has a female guinea pig (with cage) free to a good home. Call Marge c/o school.

School Survey

During parent conferences, you were asked to take on survey on the computer. If you were unable to take it, please take it before next Tuesday. Copy and paste this link into the address place on your internet browser. Thanks!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DVVV38NAVS>

Sale at Schoolbelles

Do you need school clothing? This is your last week to save up to 25% off most uniform items! Last day to save is Saturday, December 3, 2011. Visit schoolbelles.com for more info.

Iowa Test Scores

Included in your December billing envelope will be your child's Iowa test results. Please look for them!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS

The all school Advent-Christmas program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6:00pm in the church. Children should arrive no later than 5:45pm. Children should give their coats to their parents then do one of the following: sit in their place in church; if they are in Drama, report to the Meditation room; or if they are angels, they and one parent should report to the Cafeteria.

The program will take place in church and begin at 6:00pm. We encourage parents, grandparents and others to come to this presentation. It will help you prepare for the coming of Christ.

BATTERIES NEEDED

For the Christmas program, the angels will be carrying little battery powered candles. We need about 70 AA batteries. If you can send in any AA batteries, we would appreciate it.

Mass Day Next Week...

..will be Thursday, Dec. 8, instead of Friday, Dec. 9. Please wear your church clothes on that day.



The Marine City Interfaith Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 11th, 4 p.m.
St. Martin's Lutheran Church



Soloists: John Worthington
Chris Woelkers
Debbie Higgins
Rosmarie Gambino
Flute: Madonna Knotts
Narrator: Bill Stieler



Come and enjoy the music of the season.

A freewill offering will be taken.



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