



# 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 15, 2011**

## *A Word*

May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

### **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. **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 Glowski (Algonac)

**Please note that orders must be made and paid for by yesterday to guarantee Christmas delivery!**

## *Thank You!!*

...to **Mr. Barr, Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Rogus and Mrs. Horlocker** for helping our students with their Christmas shopping (and gift wrapping) at the "Candy Cane Shop"!



## **Camp Bills**

...have gone home with everyone we expect at camp. (Check your camper's backpack!) Call the school office if you need another copy. Camp bills are due to be paid in full by Jan. 20. Contact Mrs. Wade if you're interested in the candy bar fundraiser she's sponsoring. (We are planning one more fundraising opportunity for you for January.)

## **Basketball**

Last Thursday we traveled to St. Peter School in Richmond, and last night we hosted St. Mary St. Clair. Our boys have been practicing hard and they played their best, and we're very proud, also, of our cheerleaders for their spirited support of the team.

Next Monday, Dec. 19 we host St. Peter Lutheran. (That will be our last game before Christmas; our next game will be on Wednesday, January 4, hosting St. Augustine School.) All Crusader fans welcome!

Workers for the home games on Dec. 19 and Jan. 4:

	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>
Set up	Schafer	Mona
Set up	D&C Smith	Bryer
Admissions	Janski	Tucker
50-50	Rogus	Wend
Clean up	Babel	Claeys
Clean up	G&K Smith	Barr

Game and pre-game workers: please show up by 5:30.

A reminder of changes to the schedule: the game set for Jan 12 (IC @ HC) is being rescheduled. Stay tuned for the new play date! Also, the JV tournament will be played at St. Mary St. Clair (instead of IC) Jan. 26-28.

## **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).

## **Way to go, Cheerleaders!**

Congratulations to our very own Holy Cross cheerleaders! They have been working hard on their dance/cheer routines and their hard work has been recognized with a unique opportunity. Diane Geck, the owner/dance instructor of MC Dance in Marine City came to see our cheerleaders perform their Christmas half time dance to "Jingle Bell Rock". She was so impressed with what she saw that she asked them to perform this dance in the MC Dance Studio's Christmas show. This is quite a compliment. Ms. Diane has been teaching dance and cheer since 1972, so she has a lot of insight and experience. Her philosophy is that students learn best and they obtain excellence in executing and performing when they remember that their talents are gifts that God has given them. She reminds them to be truly in the presence of God every time they rehearse and perform. If you would like to see our girls perform, either come to one of the basketball games before Christmas or see them at MC Dance. The girls will be performing on December 22 at 6:30 PM at MC Dance Company located at 425 Jefferson, Marine City. Admission is free!! Come and enjoy what promises to be a beautiful start to Christmas vacation.

## **Thank you from Mrs. Pavlov**

I would like to thank the students and their parents for remembering me with gifts this time of year. I received a beautiful framed picture and reading entitled "Do It Anyway" by Mother Teresa This is one of me favorites. In addition, I also received a beautiful silver bracelet that says, "Expect Miracles". I can't think of a better saying to capture the essence of Holy Cross. Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I am very blessed to be a part of this community.

### Dress Down Day!

Next Tuesday will be a dress down day for anyone who dresses in red or green!

### Congratulations!

...to **Ann Pelc**, the winner of the \$1000 grand prize in this year's calendar raffle!

Thanks to all who participated! Don't forget to turn in your entries for next year's raffle; more tickets are available at the school and church offices.

### Special Lunches Next Monday and Tuesday

Next Monday & Tuesday, December 19 & 20, Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Instead, we'll have subs on Monday and Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza on Tuesday. Lunch is \$2 each time, and includes a 6" sub, chips and a drink on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and (for the pizza day, the usual:) a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pie), fruit and a drink on the 20<sup>th</sup>. (You may pre-order extra sub lunches and extra slices of pizza.)

Please turn in your orders by tomorrow so we have enough food ready for you. (There won't be extra subs available Monday—only those that were ordered by Friday.)

### Lost and Found

The lost and found barrel is filling—are you missing anything? Stop in before Christmas and see if we've found it! (It will be spread out for students to look through Monday and Tuesday.)

### Study Hall

NO study hall 'til after Christmas.

### 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 still looking for one set of parents who would be willing to talk after the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The topic is "Why we send our children to Holy Cross Catholic School" The talk would be three minutes maximum. If possible, she would like your children standing by you dressed in their school uniform. That visual alone will melt everyone's hearts. If you can do that one Mass, PLEASE contact Mrs. Pavlov before vacation and give her the good news of great joy. She wants to thank the four families who said, "Yes" to her this week.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



"The angel Gabriel greeting Mary and Joseph."

Students: your performance exceeded my expectations! Thank you for giving us all such a heartwarming beginning to the Christmas season.

Thanks to organizers Mrs. Senger, and Mrs. Rock, and to Mrs. Wassenberg for accompanying our singers. Special thanks go to Mrs. Nicaise and Mrs. Meldrum for their hours creating sets and costumes! Thanks, also, to the Dorceys for making programs.

### 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.

### POINSETTIAS

....arrive next Monday and are expected to be available for pickup between noon-3pm that day.

### Labels for Education Bonus

Campbell's "Labels for Education" is putting a special collection sheet for bonus points in newspapers on January 8, 2012. Please watch for it, if you get a daily or weekend newspaper! If you can't use it, please clip and send the sheet in to school and we'll find someone who can. Thanks!

### Texas Hold 'Em Dates

Thanks to Randy Bryer for coordinating our "Hold 'Em" tournaments! He has the upcoming dates:

February 24 – 27 (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon);

March 23 – 26 ( " " " );

April 28 – May 1 (Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues);

May 18 – 21 (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon).

Please contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) to sign up to work at any of the Hold 'Em events. (Working at the Hold 'Em tournaments counts toward your service credit obligation.)

## JANUARY BONUS BOX TOPS

**BUY ANY 10 or more participating Box Tops for Education products and get 70 BONUS BOX TOPS!**

Offer valid 1/22/12-1/28/12 (\$7 value; Coupon prints at register)  
Chicago/Indy Stores: Week of 1/26/12- 2/1/12

from "The Parent Institute:"

### Community Service

## Volunteering as a Family Teaches Children Values



Looking for a way to help your children become better citizens? Want to spend more meaningful time as a family? Consider volunteering together.

Start by learning about the needs in your community. Look in the newspaper for stories about groups that are making a difference. Then try to think about a way you and your children can get involved.

It's a good idea to try several short projects to see what fits best with your family's schedule and interests. So sign up for a cleanup of a local park one month. The next, you may want to make lunches for the homeless.

***"Your children will also see you putting your values in action."***

There are real benefits for both your family and for your community. As you volunteer, you help your children see that they can make a difference. You'll see your children in new ways as they display talents you might not have recognized. Your children will also see you putting your values in action.

Families who start volunteering usually make it a regular part of their schedule. They are giving to others. But they all say they receive much more than they give.

### No Newsletter Next Week

(--as there are only two days of school then.) We wish you all a warm and love-filled Christmas season! (Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.)