



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.

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A Word

He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." John 1:23

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 Glowski (Algonac)

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

Thank You!!

...to **Mr. and Mrs. McConnell**, also, for helping with our Thanksgiving feast (our apologies for missing you in last week's news!).

Camp Bills

...weren't quite ready when December's statements went out. If we've received your "reservation," your bill went home with your oldest camper yesterday. If you didn't receive a bill yesterday, please be sure to let us know you want your 4th-8th grader to go to camp, and we'll get right on it!

7th-8th Graders and NJHS Support Habitat for Humanity

Our seventh and eighth graders, in conjunction with our National Junior Honor Society students, recently made lunch for workers on a local Habitat for Humanity build. Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Wade then delivered the boxes to the hungry workers:



Basketball

Our boys travel to Richmond tonight to take on St. Peter School. Go, Crusaders!

No game next Monday, Dec. 12; next Wednesday (the 14th) we host St. Mary St. Clair. On Monday, Dec. 19 we play host to St. Peter Lutheran. All Crusader fans welcome!

Thank you to **Mrs. Julie Wolf** and **Lilly Wolf** for offering to handle concessions for the season so that you can watch your child play! Other workers for that first home game on Dec. 14:

Set up	Barr
Set up	Doan
Admissions	Claeys
50-50	Bryer
Clean up	Fox
Clean up	Goldenbogen

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

Yet more changes to the schedule: the game currently 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.

Congratulations!

...to eighth grader **Annemarie Heitz** for coming in first place in her division at the Algonac KofC spelling bee!

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).

Special Lunches at the End of the Month

On 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 19th, and (for the pizza day, the usual:) a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pie), fruit and a drink on the 20th. (You may order extra sub lunches and extra slices of pizza.)

Students all received order slips today. Please turn in your orders by Friday, Dec. 16.

Study Hall

Since CMC will not have afternoon sessions those days, there will be NO study hall Dec. 14-20.

Stuffed Animal Drive

The Kindergarten collected 70 stuffed critters to give to children in the hospital! They took them to Port Huron Hospital on Monday. We are so proud of them for thinking of others and trying to help them. Thank you, everyone, for your support!

Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display has returned (just in time for Christmas shopping!). Orders and payments need to be in the school office by Tuesday, Dec. 13; items will go home with your student on Wednesday, the 14th (or can be held at the office, if you like). Good deals, great quality, and the school earns library items—come and check out the display!

Holy Cross Students in the News

Sixth grader **Larry Blicharz** participated in a grappling tournament at Fern Hills Country Club this past weekend. Larry has been training with Integrated Training in Marine City since he was three years old, when he began studying karate (in which he holds a first degree black belt). He has been grappling for about a year and a half, and for the 2011 season Larry was 1st place Champion in both the GI and NO-GI competitions (the GI is the martial arts uniform jacket). Sunday's were the first competitions for the 2012 season, and Larry won 2 gold medals. Congratulations, Larry!

Fourth grader **Alaina Laster** and fifth grader **Thomia Tomlanovich** traveled to Grand Rapids last weekend to compete at the "Gymnastics on the Grand" invitational. Alaina medaled in three events including a gold on balance beam, and was second all around in her age group. Thomi's skill level six team and Alaina's level five team both took second place. Way to go, Alaina and Thomi!

Eighth grader **Annemarie Heitz** skated at the "New Edge Skate Fest" competition in Royal Oak last Saturday. She earned a gold medal in "Intermediate Test Track Freestyle:" awesome! Annemarie and her sister, Veronica, were also featured at Port Huron's "Festival of Trees" this past weekend. From 6-7pm tomorrow night, Annemarie and Veronica and their teammates at the Port Huron Figure Skating Club will perform exhibition skating of their Christmas routines: all are welcome to attend.

CANDY CANE SHOP

Next Tuesday, Dec. 13, the PTO's "Candy Cane Shop" visits Holy Cross. Envelopes are going home with all K-8 graders today to help you plan your shopping. (See the envelope for the Shop's website, where you can view the items they'll have for sale on Tuesday.) The Shop will be a one-day-only event, so plan your purchasing and don't forget your list and money on Tuesday.

Thanks to the parents who have already volunteered to help! The PTO could use a few more adults to help students make and wrap their purchases on the 13th. If you're interested and available please call Gary or Teresa c/o school.

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. You will find this hard to believe but no one has contacted Mrs. Pavlov to volunteer. Why don't you call her and be the second? She would really like it if you did.

MS. WARD'S NIECE TO HELP

Ms. Ward is a college student studying education. She is finished with classes this week so will be helping her aunt in the classroom next week. If you see a young woman helping Ms. Ward, you will know that she, too, is a Ms. Ward.

Cheerleaders:

You may wear your cheer top over your uniform on game days.

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.

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 (also Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon);
- 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 credits.)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS

The all school Advent-Christmas program will be held next 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; or 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.



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.

