



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.*

February 2, 2012

A WORD FROM JESUS

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." Mark 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 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)

Third Grade Journalists

In the absence of Mrs. Pavlov and the big kids, the third graders worked on this week's newsletter!

Their work began with interviews. They spoke some of the adults who didn't go to camp, and learned a lot about them. They wrote up what they found out, so you'll know, too:

by Chris:

"I interviewed Ms. Bier. She lives in St. Clair. She is an only child and she is not married. She worked at a day care in Buffalo, New York before she worked at Holy Cross. She enjoys talking to the kids and seeing them grow every day. She hopes to keep teaching preschool and continue her own education."

by Ron:

"I interviewed Mr. Fizz and found that he lives in St. Clair, Michigan. He has 5 sons, 1 daughter, 3 horses, and 1 dog. He worked at Selfridge Air Force Base fixing planes before he started at Holy Cross. He likes kids a lot and that is his best part of his job now. His plans for the future are to retire and travel."

by Jack:

"I interviewed Mrs. Senger. She lives in East China, Michigan. She has a husband named Bob. She has four kids named Jeff, Stephanie, Ronnie and Frankie. Before she worked at Holy Cross she was a stay home mom. She likes teaching about God, Jesus, and reading to the school. She wants to travel, be healthy, happy, and holy."

by Mac:

"I interviewed Mrs. Smith. She lives in Marine City. She has 5 children, 13 grandchildren (3 go to Holy Cross), and 1 great granddaughter that goes to Holy Cross in preschool. She worked at River District Hospital before she began at Holy Cross. Her favorite part about Holy Cross is the children. She just loves them! Her hopes for the future are to go to Alaska and stay healthy."

by Lauren:

"I interviewed Mrs. Rock. She lives in Clay Township. In her family she has three daughters. Melissa is 20, Amanda is 18, and Kayla is 16. Before she worked at Holy Cross, she cleaned offices, babysat, bank teller, waitress, substitute teacher, then finally a teacher at Holy Cross. Her favorite part about Holy Cross is the kids. Her hope for the future is world peace and all schools have equal funding."

by Molly:

"I interviewed Mrs. Steinmetz. She lives in Marine City. She has a husband, three children and five grandchildren. Before she worked at Holy Cross she worked at a lawyer's office. Her favorite part of Holy Cross is seeing all the children. Her hope for the future is to see Holy Cross get bigger, stronger and even better."

by Jolie:

"I interviewed Ms. Evans. She lives in Marine City. She lived with her mom, dad, and her brother Mark before she moved here. She worked at a dance class, at Chuckie Cheeses, and a summer camp before working at Holy Cross. Her favorite part about Holy Cross is loving all the kids because they're always smiling and love learning. Her plans for the future are that she could be a teacher for a long time."

"What is Your Favorite Part About (Pre)School?"

Ian says, "Playing with the doggies."
Megan: "I like playing with the princesses at school."
Lylah: "Playing with the doggies too."
Gavin: "Playing with the dinos upstairs."
Angie: "Playing with the dinos too."
John: "My favorite part is the hard blocks. I like building for the dinosaurs."
Tucker: "Playing with the dogs."

While The Cat Is Away...

While Mrs. Pavlov and the big kids are away, we had some special fun, too. Monday was flannel shirt day: everyone wore flannel shirts to school. We shared a camp story and each student got to choose a book to keep, donated by the latchkey library. On Tuesday, we "went" to "Camp Read-A-Lot" and read with our buddies around a (pretend!) camp fire in the library. Yesterday was song day: we learned and sang camp songs. Today is movie and trail mix day: we're making our own trail mix, too. No Chartwell's tomorrow—and no microwave lunches allowed: tomorrow we're going to have an indoor picnic lunch. Bring a sack lunch and a blanket.

Camp Update

Campers return tomorrow about 4:30 pm. We know they're having a great time, and learning lots about themselves and their friends—and the world around them!

**NO CHARTWELL'S tomorrow--
everyone needs to bring a
brown bag lunch!**

Basketball

"Last week the JV boys' basketball team had their year end tournament hosted by St. Mary's in St. Clair. They played their first game Thursday night against St. Peter's of Richmond. Unfortunately they lost although they played hard and never stopped fighting.

"Friday night we played St. Mary's of St. Clair; the boys came out eager and ready to play. It showed because they had one of their best efforts of the year! The first half was exciting with a quick start from St. Mary's, the Holy Cross battled back to within a basket until a shot at the buzzer put St. Mary's up by four. During the second half we continued to put up a fight by playing great defense and rebounding extremely well. However, in the end, we just couldn't score enough points to win.

"I would like to take this time to let all of our boys, their parents, and everyone at Holy Cross know how proud Coach Shafer, Coach LaBelle and I are of them. They have all come so far in their basketball ability and skills. Although the win-loss column doesn't reflect it, they are all winners in our eyes. In the end, I hope we taught them the meaning of the word TEAM and what is required of them to become a better player and teammate for their TEAM."

—Coach Whetstone

Catholic Schools Week

"Congratulations" to Mrs. Pavlov, the "winner" of the loose change collection! Here she is accepting her grand prize at last Thursday's assembly:



Thank you to Mrs. Pavlov for being a good sport—and thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection. We were able to raise \$525 which will be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The "matt ball" game was fun for all. I think the Crusaders won!

Music Scholarships

Piano, voice, brass, woodwind, percussion or orchestral string students in grades 7-11 are eligible to apply for the St. Clair Music Club's 2012 scholarship. An informational packet is available at the school office—or go to East China School District's web site www.ecsd.us, ECSD Affiliates (on the left-hand side bar), then choose St. Clair Music Study Club.

"SHOW YOUR SPIRIT" WEAR

We still have just a couple spirit wear shirt appliques left for your Crusader!! We have: 2 "Basketball," 1 "Volleyball," 1 "Cheer," and 2 "Drama." The designs can be put on whatever you choose—hoodies (\$33), T-shirts (\$24), or crews (\$29). Costs include having your last name put on the item.

If you're interested, contact Julie Schultz c/o the school office (810.765.3591).

Science Fair Display Boards

Display boards for science fair (or other learning fair) projects are now available at the school office for \$4 each.

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...Mrs. Madonna Knotts, who is having surgery on her knee this week. Best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to our Kindergarten music class, Mrs. Knotts!

Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display is here—a nice selection of good quality items at great prices. Orders and payment need to be in the school office by next Tuesday morning, Feb. 7, and items will go home with your oldest student on the 8th (or can be held for you at the office).

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One of the hard things for parents is to watch our children as they struggle to make good decisions. At school we work with your child daily to remind him/her to treat the other children with respect. Now that we are at the halfway point of the year, this is a good time to remind your child that he/she has Jesus inside and so do the other kids. Help them to see each child as they would Jesus. Remind them to ask what Jesus would do in a situation. By answering that question honestly, they will be able to make good decisions.

HC Alumna In The News

Alexandra MacKenzie (HC class of 2008), now a senior at CMC, sang baritone accompanied by 3 other ladies from CMC choir to win the regional "Sweet Adelines" barbershop quartet singing competition. The group, known as "Musical Memories," will advance to nationals in October at Denver, Colorado. Best wishes, Alex! (And to think we knew her way back when!)

Food Pantry

Once a month, Holy Cross School students and families have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass on the second Friday of each month; the food will be donated to the food pantry of the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Can you help? The pantry always needs canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as canned or dried fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you.

Field Day!

All this talk about "camp" this week reminds us about Field Day! The theme for this year's end-of-the-year fun day is going to be "Camp." Got any ideas? Or just interested in helping? Contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com.

.Need an Organ?

A friend has a home-sized electric organ (free-standing, two keyboards) to give to a new home. For more info contact the school office.

First and Second Grade Writers on Sadness and Other Themes

I feel sad when my favorite game is lost and you can't find it anywhere. But, then you get it for Christmas! --by Anna

Every insect bug has lots of legs, or some legs, and lots of spots. Miss Lady is a bug. --by Lauren

Flip woke up his mother. She told him to go to sleep. He said no!!! He went to Willy. Willy told Flip another story. There is a magic goat with a long beard. He lives in the forest by the big trees. You will have to trick him into giving you a wish. --by Brendan

Sharks eat other fish. A minnow can get eaten by a shark. Great white sharks eat everything. Sharks can see better than humans can. Some sharks glow in the dark. --by Luke

My boat is fast because it has a turboboost. I build it. It goes super fast! On the ship it has time for lunch. --by Derek

I feel sad when I don't have my stuffed animal. I felt sad when my dog died. --by Bobby

Tarantulas are not insects. A tarantula has 8 legs. A tarantula is an arachnid. A tarantula has eyes, 8 legs, feelers and fangs. A tarantula sometimes has 4 feelers or 2 feelers. If you cut a tarantula's leg it grows back. Tarantulas spin webs. They do not have ears. --by Matthew

"Flip in the Morning"
by Brendan, Joey, Luke,
Matthew and Lauren

Flip was a horse who always woke up early in the morning. He jumped over the other animals in the barn and woke them up, too. Willy, the goat, was tired of Flip waking him up. So Willy told Flip a story about a wood duck who lives in a tree next to a spring. He can only be seen at sunrise. Flip searched for the wood duck and finally found him. Next, Willy told Flip a story about a tank that ran into a wall and went boom. Another story was about a little baby tarantula. The next story was about Willy singing a good night song to put Flip back to sleep. He then told him about a wood bunny that frightened them. Finally, Willy told Flip about a magic goat who granted wishes. Willy was a good story teller and Flip was a good listener. The trouble was, Flip still woke up the animals every morning wanting to hear a story. The End.

Hi, I'm Grace and over the weekend I went to Kalahari. The day I left my Nana and Papa left for Florida. When they come back, they will have starfish, coral, and clam. Maybe inside of the clam might have a pearl! I would like to talk about my life here at Holy Cross. I love that we are all friends and my best friends, Ava and Kenzie. We have fun together. On January 31st Ava and I made a snowman during recess at school.

Stanley Fat Now!
by Abbie

One day Stanley Lambchop went to his brother, Arthur Lambchop, and said, "I wonder what it would feel like me being FAT! F-a-t FAT!" Arthur said, "Why would you want to be fat?" said Arthur. "Oh," said Stanley, "I guess because I was flat and all." Then Arthur got the bicycle pump out and said, "Do you want to do it?" Stanley answered, "Yes I do." Then Stanley put the bicycle pump in his mouth and they blew him up. Now Stanley is fat!!! They both went downstairs and said "Dad, Mom, we're downstairs." And Dad and Mom stopped and looked and they were mad. Will be continued.

The Scary Monkey
by the Students in Holy Cross's
Kindergarten and First, Second
and Third Grades

Once upon a time there was a scary monkey. He jumped everywhere and made a big mess at school. He didn't like to follow the rules. He ran in the hallway. He played on Mrs. Pavlov's computer. He threw food in the cafeteria. He even chewed on the bleachers! Then the monkey's friend came.

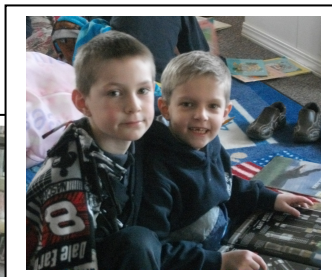
His friend's name is Harvey. Harvey told the monkey, "Don't be like that! You will get into TROUBLE!" So, Harvey had an idea how to get the monkey out of school. Harvey made a trail of bananas that led to a crate. Then, Harvey made a sign saying "Bananas for free! Eat them all!"

The monkey saw the bananas and ate them all except the one next to the crate trap. Harvey decided to call his friends Bill and Frank. They quickly ran over to Holy Cross. The boys thought they better call Animal Control for help. They called Animal Control because they had no more ideas on how to catch the mischievous, stubborn monkey. Mrs. Pavlov heard their idea so she joined the three boys. She announced that the monkey was suspended from school for ten weeks. The mischievous monkey ignored the order and Animal Control came. When they arrived he was hanging from the lights and singing, "Ha ha you can't catch me!" The workers grabbed the monkey's tail and put him in a cage. They brought the monkey to a jungle and carefully put him on a branch. "I'll be back," said the monkey. After the animal control workers left the jungle they heard him singing, "Should I stay or should I go!" The End

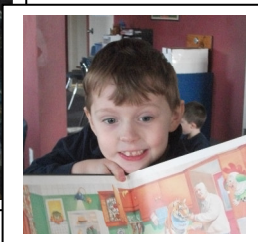
(or is it?)



Reading together around the library "campfire."



Enjoying a book with a friend.



**Getting Together
by Ava, Lauren and Kenzie**

Friends are having a get together this weekend. They are looking forward to dance class and eating s'mores, popcorn, and spending a fun day together.

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Last Monday, January 23rd, there was a basketball game and a meeting for women of our parish. Some of those women are older and need the handicapped places of the parking lot. Imagine their predicament when they arrived and handicapped spaces were gone. The interesting thing is that there was only one person inside who needed a handicapped spot. Please park where you are authorized to park and leave the handicapped spots for those needing them. We ask the police to come and check our lots to ticket or tow people who are illegally parked. Don't let yourself be one of them.

<p>FEBRUARY BONUS BOX TOPS</p> <p>BUY ANY 5 or more participating Old El Paso® Dinner Kits, Betty Crocker® Fun da-middles™, Potatoes, Helpers, Sides, Progresso® Soup, Pillsbury® Refrigerated Dough, Macaroni Grill® or Wanchai Ferry® Restaurant Favorites® Dry Dinner Kits and get</p> <p>20 BONUS BOX TOPS!</p> <p>Offer valid 2/19/12-3/3/12 (\$2 value; Coupon prints at register) Chicago/Indy Stores: Week of 2/23/12- 3/7/12</p>

Volleyball

Our girls will have barely finished unpacking their camp bags when they start practicing for volleyball! Thank you to (former Crusader mom) **Mrs. Nancy Rickel** for returning to coach this year's team! Suiting up for Holy Cross are eighth graders **Julia Blicharz, Annemarie Heitz, Rachelle LaFontaine, Maddie Mueller, Beki Schultz, Anna Tomlanovich** and **Gabby Wassenberg** and seventh graders **Emily Bryer, Cami Claeyes, Abbey Guilliat, Alexis Weston** and **Lilly Wolf**. Have a great season!

Congratulations!

...to Holy Cross alumni **Alexandra MacKenzie, Kourtney Rogus** (sister to Ethan, 4th grade) and **Kelsey Simon** (all class of 2008) and their teammates on CMC's varsity volleyball team, which was named All State Academic Team. They received the honor because of their cumulative GPA of 3.76! We're very proud of "our" three girls' contribution to that statistic: each of them received accolades for earning a GPA of at least 3.77 for all four of their high school years. Congratulations, ladies!

First Communion

Families of second graders: your student's First Communion is coming up on April 28. Are you looking for a dress? A size 10 First Communion dress was given to us to find a new home: see Mrs. Smith.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Thanks to these people for already signing up to work:

Friday, February 24:

1-5pm	Terhune	
5-10pm	McDonald	
10pm-2am		

Saturday, Feb. 25:

1-5pm		
5-10pm	Fox	Fox
10pm-2am	Claeys	Claeys

Sunday, Feb. 26:

1-5pm	Terhune	
5-10pm	Kireta	Claeys
10pm-2am		

Monday, Feb. 27:

1-5pm	Tomlanovich	Tomlanovich
5-10pm	McDonald	
10pm-2am		

The blank spaces indicate where we still need workers: can you help? Call Randy Bryer (c/o school) to take a shift.

Auction 2012

The Auction is quickly approaching! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3 at the Marine City K of C Hall. Admission will be \$30/person or \$50/couple and includes dinner and open bar. We're still on the prowl for exciting donations! Contact Gretchen, Jennifer or the school office (810.765.3591) for more info.