



# 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*

"Go and search diligently for the child  
Matthew 2:8

### **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](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)

A big round of applause to SCRIP chairperson **Patty Smith** and her crew on finally meeting, for the first time—and then surpassing!—their goal of a million dollar year! (See her note to you below.)

(Are you in "new year's resolution" mode? How about resolving to maximize your use of SCRIP this year? It will help both the school AND YOU!)

## *Welcome Back!*

A very happy and healthy 2012 to all our families! We hope your Christmas break was refreshing and revitalizing. Thank you to our maintenance crew, who worked hard during break polishing up our building. We're eager, now, to take advantage of our renewed energy and get back to the business of learning!

## **SCRIP News**

"We have had a record setting year at SCRIP! The year ended with record setting sales of \$1,132,871.00 in sales. This has been accomplished with the help of our all VOLUNTEER staff: **Julie Wolf, Kim Pawlak, Kelly Glowski, Leslie Schuh** and **Jessica Smith**. I would also like to thank **Judy Beauvais** and **Fr. Bob** for the support they have given us. And we must not forget **Sue Sharpe** who worked hard to help bring SCRIP to this level of success. Thank you, families and parish members! – your SCRIP coordinator, P. Smith"

## *Thank You!!*

...to everyone who saves Campbell product labels and "Box Tops for Education" for us! We've just received a check for almost \$600 for our last Box Top submissions!!

...to **the family** who responded to latchkey's plea for Lego blocks!

## **Camp Update**

Camp is only a few weeks away! Your oldest camper should be delivering a packet of information to you this week. (An update of your bill will be included--camp bills are due to be paid in full by Jan. 20.) The packet will contain details regarding departure and return times, a suggested packing list, and information regarding a pre-camp meeting for chaperons.

We are offering one more fundraising opportunity for you before camp. That is the pizza kit sale: students all received information for the sale earlier this week. All families are welcome to participate! If you designate a camper, the profits from your order will be applied to that camper's bill; all other orders will help defray ever camper's costs. Orders and payments must be returned to school **by Thursday, January 19.** (Delivery is a week later, from 1-3pm on Thursday, January 26, in the activity center.)

## **Basketball**

On Monday, Dec. 19 we hosted St. Peter Lutheran. Last night, St. Augustine School visited; our boys scored 8 points during this game!

Saturday, Jan. 7, we host IC. The game starts at 9am (this is the game that was originally scheduled for Dec. 12). All Crusader fans welcome!

Workers for the Jan. 7 game are:  
Setup—**Janski** and **Templeton** families;  
admissions—**Babel**; 50-50—**(J) Smith**;  
and cleanup—**Rogus** and **Wend**.

Next week finds us on the road: on Monday, Jan. 9, we travel to St. Mary St. Clair. Then, **another change: NO game the next day, Tuesday, Jan 10: it's been moved back to Wed. the 11<sup>th</sup>! --we go to IC on that day.**

A reminder that the JV tournament will be played at St. Mary St. Clair (instead of IC) Jan. 26-28.

## **Attention, Sports Parents:**

You should have received a schedule of workers for our home games (as well as reminders in this column). Thank you to everyone who has shown up to work their assigned shifts (or more)! As there is no one cleaning the activity center after us in the evening, if the assigned parents don't show up to help someone else has to cover for them.

Remember that your work at games (at admissions, concessions and building care) is what keeps Holy Cross sports available AT NO COST to your child.

## **Thank You from the Boosters!**

The Booster Club would like to thank everyone who helped with their Koeze nut sale and everyone who purchased Koeze products. This fundraiser, in conjunction with sporting events revenues, keeps Holy Cross sports available AT NO COST to our athletes.

## **A Note for our Girl Scouts:**

Brownies will meet next Wednesday, Jan 11, after school until 4pm.

--Mrs. Rittner

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

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).

Do you know that the Booster Club is operating with only two officers—both of whom have athletes only in girls' sports? Wouldn't you boys' parents like some representation on the board? It really isn't a great time commitment: a meeting a month and some help with the games you're probably already attending! When you see the notice for the next Boosters meeting, come and see what we're about!

## Eighth Graders' Confirmation Preparation

This Sunday, January 8, all Confirmation candidates will attend 8am mass at Holy Cross, then head over to their confirmation retreat.

## How Is Your Student's School Wardrobe Holding Up?

If you're looking for uniform wear, Schoolbelles is having a sale: 15-35% off many items. Check their website for more info.

## Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, January 13, Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Lunch is \$2 and includes a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pie), fruit and a drink. (You may order extra slices of pizza for \$1 each.) Students all received order slips today.

## 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 and give her the good news of great joy.

## 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).

Shifts at the Hold 'Em events will be 1-5pm, 5-10pm and 10pm-2am. 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.)

## Labels for Education Bonus

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

## Food Pantry

On the second Friday of each month, Holy Cross School students and families have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Next week will be the second Friday of January: time to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is still shortest on breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pasta and sauce; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as canned fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

## JANUARY BONUS BOX TOPS

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

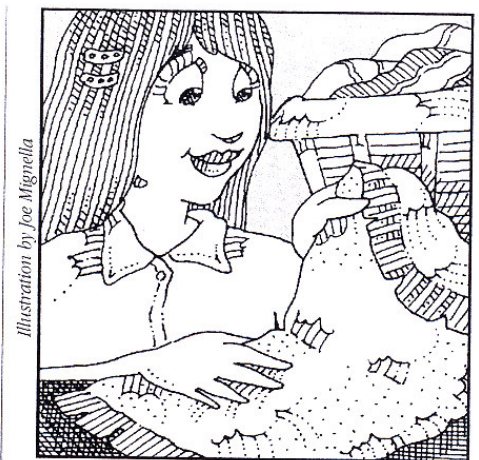
Offer valid 1/22/12-1/28/12 (\$7 value; Coupon prints at register)  
Chicago/Indy Stores: Week of 1/26/12- 2/1/12

## Expect Elementary-Aged Children to Do Some Chores

Some parents get into the habit of doing things for their children. It's not until they talk with other parents that they realize that other kids make their own beds, prepare their own lunches or put dishes in the dishwasher.

What can parents reasonably expect elementary school children to do? Here's a partial list:

- **Fix snacks.**
- **Get themselves up** in the morning.
- **Make their bed.**
- **Change the sheets** on their bed.
- **Load and empty** the dishwasher.
- **Take clothes out** of the dryer.
- **Fold towels** or washcloths after they come out of the dryer.
- **Make a salad.**
- **Read to a younger brother** or sister.



- **Help a younger sister** or brother with spelling words.
- **Pack their backpack** for school the next day.
- **Give permission slips** to a parent.
- **Make sure signed** permission slips go back in the backpack.