



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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Prayer

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Matthew 13:44

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 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 summer hours:
Mondays and Fridays 8-10am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!
Peddlers:
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Purchase any of the following in-stock gift cards in the month of August 2011-- receive 100% of the retailers' profits:

- AMC Theatres (7%)
- Bounce House (25%)
- Brooks Bros. (16%)
- Buca di Beppo (8%)
- Buffalo Wings & Kings (10%)
- Childrens Place (12%)
- Chipotle (10%)
- Express (10%)
- L.L. Bean (15%)
- Outback Steakhouse (8%)

This includes in stock items ONLY!
Hurry while supplies last!

School's Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open in August from 8am-noon. We are closed for the month of July, but we check messages regularly (by email: school@holycrossonline.net or phone: 810.765.3591). Also, the church office (810.765.3568) knows where to find us, if you need us more immediately.

Welcome New Families!

A number of new families are joining our Holy Cross "family" this school year—we welcome each of you! If you haven't already received a call, you will be hearing from a "mentor" family. These people will be valuable resources to answer questions as you "learn the ropes." (Of course, you're always welcome to call the school office, too!)

New families and families of 6th graders: a sheet from the Health Department is enclosed. It details school entry and sixth grade entry immunization requirements.

Welcome, New Teachers!

We are delighted to introduce our new preschool teacher, Ms. Marisa Bier, and our new fourth grade teacher, Ms. Shelby Quinlan. We were blessed in being able to choose from among many exceptional candidates, and we look forward to getting to know Ms. Quinlan and Ms. Bier as they get to know Holy Cross.

Congratulations!

...to the McConnell family on the birth of baby, Sydney, on June 15. Mom and baby girl are fine.

Financial Aid Information

We are still waiting to hear from the Archdiocese on grants. According to the person who handles this information for the diocese, families can expect letters between July 15 and July 30.

For Next Year...

Enclosed with this newsletter is your July statement. (Families who didn't send in their "Parishioner Verification" forms are presumed to be out of vicariate.)

The July school tuition payment is the third of ten scheduled payments and is due at the end of July. (By August 1, your school tuition should be 30% paid.) Your SCRIP credits from the first half of this year have been applied if your 2011-12 registration is complete.

Please help us manage our tuition accounts by informing Mrs. Pavlov, in writing, if you wish to request an alternate to the standard payment plan. We are happy to work with you to tailor a plan that meets your needs, but we need YOUR help. Late fees will be added to those accounts that do not have plans in place.

Lunch Information

Chartwell's will be serving our lunches again this year. This year's free and reduced lunch application will soon be available on the ECSD website (www.ecsd.us: choose "Department"—"Food Service"). (If you were eligible at Holy Cross on the last day of school, you'll remain eligible for the first days of school—but you will need to apply again to continue to receive benefits this year. If you are transferring in from another school where you received lunch benefits, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.)

The cost of lunch is going up 10¢ this school year: the cost for elementary students will be \$1.85. You may purchase tickets "in bulk" and keep them at home, if you like: please make out all checks for lunch tickets to "Chartwell's."

Free School Clothes!

The Thrift Sale "uniform room" will be available during school office hours in August—stop in then to check out "new-to-you" uniform clothing for 2011-12!

Sports Physicals for Next Year

As you probably know, student athletes (grades 5-8) must have both a parent's and doctor's OK to participate in school sports. Your doctor may do a low-cost sports physical; call his office to ask. Also, St. Clair County Health Department's "Teen Health Center" offers sports physicals on a sliding fee scale (from \$35-45), depending on family income, if it is not covered by your insurance. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20th Street, behind Port Huron High School between the tennis courts and pool). A brochure from CVS's "Minute Clinics" includes sports physicals as something they can do; we understand that sports physicals are also performed at Prompt Care Center (16700 21 Mile Road, Macomb Township—586.228.3880) and at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center (1000 Harrington Boulevard, Mt. Clemens—586.493.8000). The charge listed in their flyer is \$20 and "no appointment is ever necessary" (M-F, 8am-8pm; Saturdays & Sundays 10am-2pm).

(You can download a blank sports physical form from the school website, holycrossonline.net; click on "school," "grades PK-8," then—on the right hand side of the page—"athletics.")

Speaking of Doctors....

Do your children have health insurance? The St. Clair County Health Department reminds you of the state's MIChild and Healthy Kids health insurance program for children.

You may apply online at www.healthcare4mi.com. For more information (or a paper application) contact Brenda Smarch at the Health Department: 810.987.5300 ext.1469.

Thank You--

...to **Mrs. Rose Myers** for stickers she donated to school!

...to **the Schulte family** for things donated to latchkey during the school year!

...to families who are up-to-date in their tuition accounts!

Preschool Families:

Please let us know ASAP if you are hoping to have after-class daycare for your preschooler: your interest will determine whether or not such daycare is offered.

Due to the scheduling request of the vast majority of our preschool families, our preschool this year will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

School Directory

We plan to continue to publish a school directory, which will contain the names, addresses and phone numbers of all school families. **If you do not wish to have your family's information included in the directory,** please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office before August 19. The directory will be sent home with the oldest child in each participating family (along with other information) during the first week of school.

Help Holy Cross Go Green!-- Would you like paperless news?

We can get your weekly newsletter to you earlier in the day (and uncrumpled by your student's bookbag!) by email. Please email the school office (school@holycrossonline.net) if you'd like to sign up to receive your newsletter via email. (If we don't hear from you, we'll assume you want to continue with the paper version.)

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for June were: Joseph Molitor of Warren, Walter Breiling of Fair Haven and Pat Macy of Fort Gratiot (all out-of-town supporters!). Today's winners are: Joyce Street of East China, Shirley Borowitz of Harsens Island and Michele Meldrum of Clay Township. Congratulations to all!

Music Festival / Classic Car Show

Marine City's summer Music Festival will happen this weekend, running from July 14-17. Our PTO is sponsoring the weekend's Classic Car Show, and Mrs. Wolf will be opening the Thrift Sale for business on Saturday (9am-3pm). Come and spend some time in our beautiful downtown this weekend—check out the music and the antique cars, and stop in for Thrift-y shopping (you may be able to find some FREE school uniforms, too)!

And It's Not Even Your Birthday!

All registered families are receiving in this mailing a certificate good for a computer tune-up from BC Services. Thank you to owner, Brian Chadra, for his continuing support of Holy Cross School and Holy Cross families!

Enjoy the rest of your summer--we look forward to seeing you in the fall!