



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.

October 27, 2011

A Word

The greatest among you must be your servant.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. MT 23:11-12

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)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Anna Browne and Nick Basney and family** for magazines and books they donated to school!

...to **the Dorcey family** for giving us a new microwave for the cafeteria!

Please Mark Your Calendar:

Tomorrow, Oct. 28:

NO FOOD SERVICE—bring a lunch and drink for lunch

Oct. 31: Hallowe'en / vision & hearing screening / **NO East China buses home**

Basketball

On Monday, Oct. 24 our girls traveled to SM/MCA for their last games of regular season play. At the buzzer, Holy Cross's JV team had scored 1 point to their opponents' 16: **Hannah Schultz** scored that point. The Varsity game brought a 35-26 victory to Holy Cross! **Lilly Wolf** led in scoring with 17 points, followed closely by **Beki Schultz** with 15; **Rachelle LaFontaine** added 3 more points.

The JV tournament begins tonight at St. Peter School in Richmond. Our first game is at 7pm against St. Mary McCormick. If we win that game, we play again at 8pm; otherwise, our next game will be tomorrow at 7pm.

Next week, we host the Varsity tournament, with the first games to be played on Tuesday, Nov. 1; our first game begins at 6:45 pm that evening as we face St. Mary McCormick. (All Holy Cross fans are welcome!!) Tournament games will be played on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, Nov 1, 3 and 5. If anyone is available to help with concessions and admissions in the evenings of Nov. 1 & 3 or the morning of Sat., Nov. 5, the Boosters would really appreciate your help (so those parents can watch their girls play!); please call the school to offer your help.

Boys' Basketball / Girls' Cheer

Signup sheets have gone around—if you didn't sign up but are interested, contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

Athletes: remember that you have to have a completed physical form on file at the school office before you may begin practicing.

Holy Cross will field a JV boys' basketball team and a JV cheerleading squad. The basketball coaches for the boys' team are **Jim Schafer, Pat LaBelle** and **Matt Whetstone**. **Mrs. Kim Weston** will coach the cheerleaders. Thank you to **Mrs. Rittner** for offering her assistance with the cheer team!

Spring Sports--Volleyball

We will be looking for a coach for girls' volleyball beginning mid-February: please contact the school office if you are interested (or know of a prospect).

Trunk or Treat

The PTO's "Trunk or Treat" event is **tomorrow night**. Mr. Barr says it's not too late to call in your reservation for the fun!

CMC OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend an Open House at our sister school, Cardinal Mooney Catholic, this Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 1:00-3:00. Cardinal Mooney has an excellent high school program and the same strong Catholic values that you find at Holy Cross. Mark your calendar for **Oct. 30th 1:00 to 3:00 and go to CMC.**

Altar Servers

...scheduled for this weekend: at Holy Cross Sat. Oct 29 at 6pm—**Grace & Ginny Fielhauer**; on Sunday, Oct 30 at 9:30am—**Joseph Cullen**;

...and at St. Catherine: Saturday, Oct 29 at 4pm: **Calvin & Jessica Barr** and **Joseph Goldenbogen**.

Nacho Lunch

Next Friday, November 4, Chartwell's won't be cooking for us. Instead, we'll have Mrs. Heitz's delicious nachos. Lunch is \$2 (add \$1 for an extra serving) and will include nachos and cheese and your choice of toppings: ground beef, onions, lettuce and tomatoes, a drink, and fruit.

TOILETRIES FOR TROOPS

Collection boxes will be in the school hallways through Friday, November 11 for donations for soldiers in Afghanistan. If you have any questions, Mrs. Senger can help you. Thank you to all the men and women of the US Armed Forces for what they do to safeguard our freedom!

Hallowe'en Doings!

Next Monday is Hallowe'en! Students may bring their costumes to change into after lunch (please note: no make up, no masks, no hair color, no weapons). We will be parading in costume through downtown Marine City (weather permitting) from about 12:45 to 1:15pm: you're invited to join us! Classroom parties will take place during the last part of the day.

Remember to send back your permission form for the Hallowe'en parade through town. (Students who don't return their permission forms will have to wait at school for everyone else to get back.) We need lots of parents/grandparents to walk with us and keep everyone safe.

Thanksgiving

No, we're really not rushing the season! Just giving you a heads up: our annual school Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18.

For new Crusader families, the feast is a long-standing custom at Holy Cross. All the classes help to prepare the meal in some way, and then we all sit down together to share in the feast.

We ask that each student bring the part of the feast assigned to his class:

- Kindergartners: 1 pound of butter each
- 1st grade: 3 (16 oz) cans of corn
- 2nd grade: 2 dozen rolls
- 3rd grade: 2 small boxes of Jello (one red, one yellow)
- 4th grade: 2 boxes of Stove Top turkey or chicken stuffing mix
- 5th grade: 2 baked pumpkin pies
- 6th & 7th grades: will make deviled eggs—Mrs. Wade will let you each know what ingredient to bring
- 8th grade: will cook turkeys and set up & clean up our "dining room."

(If your teacher doesn't specify the date, the food items can come to school on Thursday, Nov. 17.)

We are looking for donations of turkeys (either cooked at home and sent to school on the 18th—with drippings, please!—or brought earlier in the week for the 8th graders to roast): if you can help, please contact the school office (810.765.3591).

We will also need a few parents to help supervise and serve the meal. Mrs. Jennifer Laster will be happy to put you to work—call school (810.765.3591) if you can help.

End of the Quarter / Report Cards / Conferences

Next week marks the end of the first quarter of this school year already! Report cards will be going home on Monday, Nov. 7. Soon after, you will have the opportunity to make an appointment for a conference with your child's teacher(s).

Teachers in grades 4-8 see many more students than their counterparts in the lower grades. Therefore, to help maximize efficiency they will be sending you a letter indicating whether or not they request that you come for a conference. Please note that their asking for a conference with you is not necessarily bad news!—they just want to be sure to touch base with every family in one way or another. (You are still welcome to schedule a conference even if they've indicated it's "not necessary".)

Christmas Card Contest

...continues! Entries need to be at the church office by Nov. 1.

Auction 2012

A reminder that all auction donations are due at the end of November—thank you! (If you choose to make your donation by cash/check, payments made before Dec. 1 get a \$20 discount: \$60 instead of the \$80 it will be after the end of November.)

School Picture Retakes

We had to reschedule our retake day: picture retakes are now planned for the morning of Friday, Nov. 18. Students getting picture re-takes, or getting pictures for the first time may be in uniform or dressed up. No jeans. Bring your packet to exchange. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

Parish Youth Choir

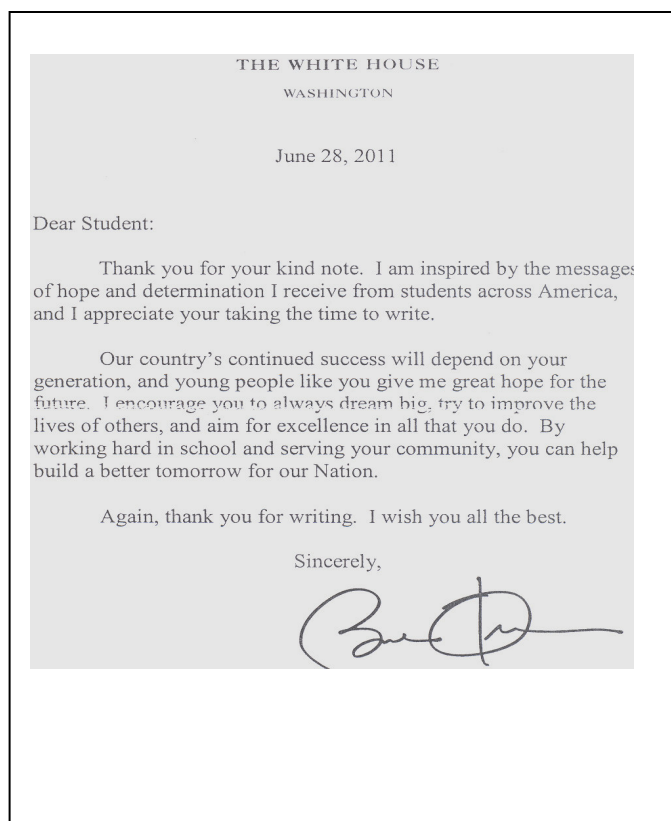
Practices will be on Fridays, 4:30-5:30 pm in the meditation room. Enter by the doors between the church and school nearest the trophy case. New members are still welcome!

Thrift Sale

Thank you to **Mrs. Julie Wolf** for her work year-round organizing the sale. Her work not only recycles used things (and keeps them out of landfills!) but raises money for our PTO, and helps many local families stretch their household budgets. Last week's sale earned \$1020.87. Well done!

Pen Pal in the White House?

When third grader **Mac Dorcey** was in Mrs. Senger's second grade last year, he wrote a letter to President Obama as part of a class assignment. President Obama wrote back! Mac shares the President's reply:



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| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
| | OCT 31 Happy Hallowe'en! Vision/hearing rescreenings No EC bus home | 1 Mass 9am Varsity girls' basketball tournament begins at Holy Cross | 2 End of first quarter No study hall | 3 Varsity girls' basketball tournament continues (here) | 4 Nacho lunch | 5 Basketball tournament concludes (here) |
| 6 | 7 Report cards go home First reconciliation 6:30pm meeting for parents of winter / spring sports athletes' parents | 8 First reconciliation School Committee meets 6:30pm | 9 No study hall | 10 No study hall | 11 No study hall | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Calendar raffle drawing | 15 | 16 No study hall | 17 Pick up your Achatz pies 12-2pm in Activity Center | 18 Picture retakes Thanksgiving feast | 19 |
| 20 | 21 No East China buses home today | 22 No school: conferences | 23 No school 'til Tuesday, Nov. 29! | 24 Thanksgiving day | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Basketball games: JV game starts at 6:30; V game about 7:30-- | 28 No school: teachers' inservice | 29 Back to class | 30 No study hall SM/MCA @ HC 7pm Marine City Santa Parade | DEC 1 | DEC 2 Pizza lunch | |

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