



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

I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." -- Mt 21:43

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:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Congratulations!!

...to the Baileys on new family members **Michael Christopher** and **Joseph Wayne**! Mom and both little men are doing well.

HIGH SCHOOL IS SOONER THAN YOU THINK

Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:30pm in the cafeteria, parents of children in grades 5-8 are encouraged to come and learn about our Vicariate high school and next door neighbor, Cardinal Mooney Catholic HS. Mrs. Masha Treusch-Pelzer will have materials and information for you. If your oldest child is in one of those grades, you are strongly encouraged to come to this presentation. If you already have children at CMC, you are encouraged to come and share the good news about CMC to other HC parents.

Accelerated Reader

Thank you to **Mrs. Laster**, **Mrs. Kleckner** and **Mrs. Isrow** for offering to lead Accelerated Reader this year! Accelerated Reader will begin next Monday, October 3rd.

Thank You!

...to **Kroger of Algonac** for donating balls for our playground! (Thank you to preschooler **Lylah's** mom for getting them!)

Basketball

On Monday, we hosted St. Mary St. Clair. Our JV girls scored 9 points to St. Mary's 23: **Hannah Schultz** led with 4 points, **Lauryn Janski** and **Megan Weston** each added 2 and **Cameryn Smith**, 1. The Varsity game ended in a 32-20 victory for Holy Cross! **Lilly Wolf** scored 14 points, **Beki Schultz**, 12, **Abbey Guilliat**, 4 and **Julia Blicharz**, 2. Last night, St. Peter School came to Marine City for two exciting games! The JV game ended in a 2-all tie: **Jacklyn Smith** scored those points for Holy Cross. Our Varsity girls earned a 29-19 win, with **Beki** scoring 13 points, **Lilly** adding 11, **Alexis Weston**, 3 and **Rachelle LaFontaine**, 2.

Next Monday, Oct 3, is our last home game as we host IC; on Wednesday we travel to St. Augustine. Workers scheduled for Monday are the **Claeys** and **Guilliat** families.

Please note a schedule change: instead of traveling to St. Mary St. Clair on Wednesday, October 12, the game has been changed to **Tuesday, October 11** in St. Clair.

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 9 is the date of Holy Cross Church's annual Harvest Dinner. It's a great meal--roast beef and chicken and all the trimmings for \$9 for adults / \$6 for kids 3-10 (under 3: free!). Doors open at 12:30pm and dinner will be served until 6pm (or 'til they run out of food!).

Lots of help is needed—signup sheets are available in the church--or call the church office (810.765.3568).

Accreditation

We have just received word this week that Holy Cross School has been re-accredited! We are proud that Holy Cross has been continuously accredited since 1991. Thank you to everyone whose hard work made this latest re-accreditation possible.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The school theme is Holy Cross Catholic School: Faith, Academics, Service. The older grades are making the "service" component real by giving unselfish service to the school at the end of the day. They go around the school and remove scuff marks from the floor, helping to keep the building clean.



Blessing of Pets

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, Oct 4. Fr. Bob will be blessing pets next Friday, Oct 7 at 2:30, right after 2:25 dismissal. Bring your pet on a leash or in a cage and your pet will be blessed.

Art Room

Mr. Bladow says he could use a few old short sleeve, button down shirts to use as paint smocks. Do you have any you'd care to "recycle"?—just send in. Thanks!

"Books Are Fun"

The traveling book display is here! "Books are Fun" conveniently offers a selection of nice books at good prices, and your purchases help the school earn free books. You order and leave your payment with Mrs. Steinmetz, and in just a few days your items will go home with your student (or held at the office). Orders and payment need to be in Tuesday for the books to be delivered on Wednesday next week. Check out the display (by the school office).

Blue Jeans for Books

Again this year, faculty members are pitching in money to apply to a fund meant to defray book costs for our graduates going to Cardinal Mooney next year. If you see them in casual clothes on Monday, it is because they are participating in this cause.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

St. Clair County Health Department technicians will be here on Monday, October 31 to do vision and hearing screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will receive hearing tests and students in grades 1, 3 and 5 will have their vision screened. Please contact the school office to request that your child be screened if his/her grade isn't scheduled to receive the testing you'd like (or if you prefer that your child not be tested). Students who wear glasses or contact lenses are reminded to be sure they have them during vision tests.

Special Persons' Day:



First graders work on a project with their special persons.



4th graders and their special persons.

"Cyber Safety Initiative"

During the week of October 10, the Michigan Attorney General's office will provide Internet safety presentations at Holy Cross. At 6:30pm (in the cafeteria) on Wed., Oct. 12, they will offer a one-hour seminar for parents.

Students will receive age-appropriate instruction on not sharing personal information online, avoiding Internet strangers and learning the consequences of inappropriate online behaviors. More information (as well as an opt-out) will be available in next week's newsletter.

Our Middle School Chefs!

Our middle schoolers are learning about Russia. They made "Piroshki" in conjunction with that study. "Piroshki" are made with ground beef, onions and hard boiled eggs baked in a biscuit-like dough. They were delicious!

...and Physicists!

This week, our 7th and 8th graders learned about balanced vs unbalanced forces and Newton's Laws of Motion in their science classes. Here they are applying and modulating force on rolling spheres of varying masses with the purpose of controlling their movement (blowing through straws to propel golf balls and ping pong balls along a preset course):



(And they thought they were just having fun!)

"Special" Lunches

Occasionally (usually when CMC has no school or only a half day) Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Our monthly calendar will be marked with those days: you'll see on the attached October calendar that the first of our "special" lunch days will be Friday, October 14. On that day we'll serve Hungry Howie's pizza instead: one order will include a large slice (1/8 of a large pie) of pepperoni pizza, a drink and fruit. The cost for a pizza lunch will be \$2 this year (with extra slices available for \$1 each).

Order slips for special lunches will go home about a week before the lunch; please return your order ASAP so we're sure to order enough pizza for you! (If you call your student in sick on the morning of a special lunch, your order will be pulled and your money returned.)

Thank you to **Mrs. Melanie Heitz** for offering to coordinate our special lunches again this year! She always needs a few adult helpers: if you're available to help serve on the 14th, please contact the school office.

Auction 2012

You already know the date of next year's Auction: it'll be held at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Hall on **Saturday, March 3 2012**. But did you know we've already begun to collect auction items? The Holy Cross service contract calls for every family to donate an item with a value of at least \$80 to the Auction. You may send your item in to the school office any time now! Ask Mrs. Steinmetz for a "donation record form" to go with each item (that helps us keep track of everything we need to know about your gift).

So what should you donate? Our guests love to win a week at a vacation home, or Tigers or Red Wings tickets, or restaurant gift certificates. It's kind of fun to put together a "basket" of items--the Auction will take place just before spring 2012 arrives: maybe you'd like to package a wheelbarrow and some yard tools. You may not have to actually buy your auction item: you can earn your credit by soliciting your item from a friend or family member who wishes to donate something. Maybe you build wooden furniture: you might choose to make your donation. Have you seen any summer clearance sales?—perhaps you'll find your item among the bargain bins. (Holiday items and clothing must be cleared with the Auction chairpersons first.) What would you bid on at an auction?—that's a good clue as to what to donate!

"Iowa Testing"

During October our 1st-8th graders participate in national standardized testing. These tests help us design our curriculum by indicating strengths and weaknesses across the board in classes as well as gauge individual students' learning.

This year, all of the schools in the Archdiocese are using the newest version of the Iowa tests based on Common Core Standards. It is more stringent. Any time a new version of the Iowa is introduced, we see a drop in student scores across the Archdiocese. It is not because we use the test to prepare the students, it is just a trend that has been seen over the past 20 years. If your child's results are not at the same level as in former years, it may be due to the new test format.

The best preparation for testing includes keeping up with your classwork all the time, and eating properly and getting a good night's sleep before the test.

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2 basketball—JV game starts at 6:30pm, Varsity about 7:30-	3 Iowa testing begins IC @ HC	4	5 PTO meets 6pm HC @ St A	6	7 Blessing of Pets at 2:30pm in front of school	8
9 HC Harvest Dinner 12:30-6pm	10 Calendar raffle drawing No basketball game	11 School Committee meets 6:30pm HC @ St M	12 Cyber safety parent presentation 6:30pm cafeteria (no game tonight)	13	14 Pizza lunch	15
16	17 HC @ St P	18 6 th & 7 th graders visit seminary	19 No basketball game	20 Thrift Sale 9am-3pm	21 Last day Iowa test Thrift Sale 9am-3pm (Everything's ½ off today!)	22 Thrift Sale 9am-1pm (Bag day: fill a bag for \$2)
23	24 HC @ StMMCA	25	26 Picture retake day	27 JV girls' basketball tournament	28 Tournament continues	29 Tournament continues
30	31 Happy Hallowe'en! Vision & hearing screenings today NO EC BUSES HOME today	NOV 1 End of first quarter	NOV 2	NOV 3 V girls' basketball tournament here at HC	NOV 4 Nacho lunch Tournament continues	NOV 5 Report cards next week Tournament continues

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