



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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Christmas Gifts

There are many gifts that are not always given, but are free and available to all: kindness, friendship, understanding, a helping hand, and a good friend. What will you give this holiday season?

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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 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;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm; and
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during
RE classes

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

As you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget our **SCRIP = stores' gift certificates**. They're perfect if you plan to give gift certificates. If you buy them at one of our SCRIP centers, you'll earn tuition credit—while avoiding traffic and line(s) at the store(s)! Using SCRIP as gifts (or for your own purchases), Christmas shopping can help pay your tuition.

Progress Reports

...went home with students today! All students in grades K-5 receive reports; and students in 6-8 receiving a C or lower will receive reports. Each student's report(s) was sealed in an envelope that included the student's Iowa test score results—check your child's bookbag!

School Survey

A reminder to turn in your survey by tomorrow, December 12, 2008 or take it online before you go to bed **tonight**. (Visit our website for the link--www.holycrossonline.net.)

Christmas Program

It was wonderful! The audience enjoyed the variety of your presentations (Max's 4-month-old baby sister especially liked the drums!). A million thanks to Mrs. Knotts for putting it all together! Thanks, also, to Ms. White and Ms. Donnay for their work preparing our students for the big event, and to Mrs. Wassenberg for the lovely piano music. We are grateful to East China Schools, also, for allowing us the use of the beautiful PAC for our program.

Koeze Nuts

Need a last-minute gift?--the Booster Club has a few 20 ounce jars of Colossal Cashews at \$24.50 each, as well as a gift assortment consisting of 20 ounce jars of both Koeze Cashews and Milk Chocolate Puddles for \$46. They are delicious gifts and present well in their elegant packages. Contact the school office if you're interested.

Early Dismissal:

Next Monday, December 15, school will be dismissed at 12:30pm (to coincide with East China Schools' schedule). East China buses will leave Holy Cross at 12:30pm. There will be no "study hall" that day; CMC bus riders may wait at latchkey until their bus leaves but will need to have latchkey paperwork filled out. (Please contact school tomorrow morning if you need a packet.)

The rest of the week we'll have regular full days of school, with busing as usual.

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Nicaise** for decorating our school!

...to **Mr. Bruce Beaton** for donating a case of oranges to latchkey.

Marine City Parade-Tonight!

If you are marching in the Holy Cross nativity entry, please be at school by 5:45 to line up.

Everybody else--hope to see you in the crowds!

The Sports Page

No games Monday; last night we hosted St. Augustine. The very exciting JV game ended in a close loss of 25-21, while our Varsity team enjoyed another win with a final score of 31-17.

No game next Monday, but on Wednesday we host St. Mary's. The worker schedule is:

Dec. 17 2008	JV game	V game
Admission	McGillis	Miodonski
Concessions	V Ruemenapp	Moody
Concessions	Maben	Maben
50-50	Batton	Schultz
Hall Monitor	M Ruemenapp	LaFontaine

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...Mrs. Zech, who takes care of sorting all those Campbell's labels, VG's receipts and "Box Tops for Education" that earn us free money. Mrs. Zech fell and broke a leg last week and is facing a winter-time recuperation period (but assures us she'll keep our labels in order!!). She and her family send their thanks to their hero, Mr. Ron Sykes, who happens to be the neighbor who rescued her after her fall.

...and Mrs. Zech's son, who also suffered multiple bone breaks in both legs last week in an accident at work.

Friday Mass FYI

As Monday was a holy day, we will not be attending mass tomorrow. **All students who remembered to dress**

for Mass on Monday may come in dress down clothes tomorrow!

Also, the question of hoodies in church has been asked. While we prefer the students to look their very best, we are also aware that it is often cold in church. Students may wear hoodies to Mass from now until after Easter. Once Easter arrives, we will judge the temperature. Girls may also wear pants to Mass.

That Unpleasant Subject....

Tuition statements are in the mail. All tuition should be, at the very least, half paid by now. Families on the quarterly payment owe their third (25%) payment on Jan. 22; those on the monthly payment plan will be paying their 8th (10%) payment at the end of December.

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, Dec. 19, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pizza. Lunch includes 1/8 of a large pepperoni pizza with chips and a drink for \$1.75; extra slices are available for \$1. Order slips were given to all students today. Please send in your order ASAP so we're sure to order enough for you. (If you have to call in sick on the morning of any special lunch, we'll pull your order and return your money.)

"How Santa Got His Christmas Tree"

The Drama Club will perform their play for the school body in the gymnasium at 12:30pm next Thursday (Dec. 18), and again at 3:30 pm for parents and others who would like to come.

Calendar Raffle

The BIG winner for 2008 is Sidni Figlak of Marine City!! Thanks to all who supported the 2008 raffle—entries for the 2009 raffle should be in your hands by now (or if you need more, please contact the school office).

Clearance Sale!

We still have a few calendars, notepads and note cards from the camp fundraiser—clearance priced at half off! Stop at the office to check out the selection—great stocking stuffers!

Library Note

Due to inventory being done during the holidays, all books must be returned by tomorrow (Dec. 12), and all Accelerated Reader books must be

returned by Wednesday, December 17, Thank you! --from the library staff

All-Generations Christmas Choir

The whole family can sing together at the 4pm Christmas Eve mass—all ages! Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 4:30pm in the choir loft 'til then. Bring the whole family to sing at Holy Cross's early Christmas Eve mass.

Market Day

Please remember orders need to be at school by Monday, Jan. 5.

"Angel Food Ministries"

Algonac Baptist Church is sponsoring a program called "Angel Food Ministries." You can read more about it by going to the following link. <http://www.algonacbaptist.org/angelfoodministries.htm>. The program allows a family of four to purchase food at

approximately \$30 for a week's worth of groceries. They deliver food only once a month and the payment must be in cash or food stamps. There is no proof of income required: it is just a program to help families. You can read more about the national organization at <http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>.

Nativity Display

In the spirit of keeping Christ in Christmas and celebrating Holy Family weekend, St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish in New Baltimore is hosting a nativity display. It will be held in their parish center (on Maria and Main Streets) and will be on December 27-29 from noon until 7pm. There will be over 300 different nativity sets (some one of a kind) from over 60 countries. It is an uplifting as well as educational experience to see the ways various cultures view the birth of Christ. There is no charge, but free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of St. Mary's parish food pantry and local St. Vincent de Paul society.

The Day After Christmas (or: Don't Let This Happen to YOU!!!)

by Mrs. Steinmetz

The day after Christmas, somewhere in some house,
a gift-buyer started to whimper and grouse,
"I spent so much money! Made so many trips!
Things would have gone better if I had used SCRIP!

"I bought extra food and made sure I had drinks—
two or three hun-der-ed dollars' worth, methinks;
But I SPENT CASH!! Had I used SCRIP instead, it
would have earned me some tuition credit!

"Johnny's eyes sparkled, imagining the elves;
mine misted--I'd depleted Toys R Us' shelves!
Another small fortune; and at three percent,
I'd've saved a sum equalling half a month's rent.

"Susie was lovely in her new Christmas clothes.
Kohl's offered me 5% back, but: NO--
I'd forgotten to order pre-holiday SCRIP,
so deeper into my wallet I dip.

"Oh, I planned--I mailed, to loved ones afar,
certificate gifts--but the toll on my car!
Drove to Applebee's, Best Buy, Border's, Lowe's--
and into a world of vehicular woes.

"To think: all I needed to do was to call—
the SCRIP office could have ordered them all!
My friends got their gifts, but I got no break.
(My mechanic, though, is pleased with the fortune he'll make.)