



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.

April 2, 2009

Prayer

Lord,
As Palm Sunday draws near, may we prepare a special place in our hearts and in our lives to welcome You. Through our strengths and our struggles, may we feel You beside us.

Amen

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)

Financial Aid for Next Year

Your "PSAS" application for the Archdiocesan grant must be post-marked by next Friday!! If you don't already have a copy, call the school office to have an application sent home with your child, or stop in to pick one up. You may also download the form from the Archdiocese's website: go to www.aodonline.org; "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance" under "Parents and Students," "Archdiocesan Endowment Tuition Assistance Programs," then select the form and instruction letter.

Application forms are also available for the "Father Bartone / Blue Water Vicariate" grants--call if you need one.

Registration!

We are currently working on finalizing tuition figures for next year. You can expect registration materials right after Easter. If you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children, encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment. *Remember, YOU are one of the best marketing tools our school has!*

A Reminder...

All 2008-09 school tuition was due March 31. If your account isn't clear, please contact Mrs. Lund: don't put us in the position of having to withhold your student's report card. (Report cards will go home with students next Wednesday.)

Blue Jeans for Books

As you may have noticed, on the first day of the week the school staff is often 'out of uniform.' It has come to my attention that I haven't explained why. We participate in a program we call "Blue Jeans for Books." Staff members pay for the privilege of a casual Monday. At the end of the school year, the money collected is divided by the number of current 8th graders going on to Cardinal Mooney or any other Catholic high school, and sent to the high schools in the form of one-time grants for those students to help offset the cost of their books. We know it isn't a lot, but we want to do what we can to help!

Pizza Lunch

Next Wednesday we'll enjoy Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for lunch (Chartwell's will not be serving lunch that day). For \$1.75 you'll get 1/8 of a large pizza with chips and a drink; extra slices are \$1 each. Order slips were given to all students today.

We could use a little help that day...if you're available, please call school (810.765.3591): thanks!

Market Day

Orders will be in next Monday.

East China Bus Riders:

As East China schools are on spring break next week, **THERE ARE NO EAST CHINA BUSES APRIL 6-8.**

MATH-A-THON

Congratulations go out to our math-a-thon participants: with 15 students returning pledges, we raised \$483! **Hollis Glowniak** raised the most money this year, with \$135.

Ms. Ward is waiting to hear back from St. Jude's with confirmation on getting your prizes.

*To date, Holy Cross has raised \$3,909.31 for St. Jude's! Ms. Ward has spoken to several people from St. Jude's and they would like to thank everyone! They were proud of our donations!

Book Fair Winners

This year, we held a contest to see which class would have the highest percentage of students come to the book fair with their Golden Tickets. We had a tie! Therefore, the students in grades 2 and 6 will have a dress down day on MONDAY, April 6. Thank you to everyone for supporting the book fair!

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow the first Friday of April—time for our monthly canned food collection. The Holy Cross St. Vincent de Paul Society will use all nonperishable food (or money) donated to help local needy families. Remember the words of the Lord: "As often as you helped the least of My brothers, you helped Me." Thank you!

Volleyball

On Monday March 30, we suffered a loss at home to IC. Tournaments begin tomorrow night here at Holy Cross; our first match is at 6:45pm against St. Peter's and (win or lose) we'll play again at 7:30pm. All are invited to come and cheer us on!

Thank You!!

...to everyone who contributed to our dress down day fundraiser yesterday!!

LANSING TRIP

"Our third and fourth graders had a wonderful time in Lansing on Tuesday. There were so many "neat" things to see. We started at the Historical Museum where we went back in time to when Michigan was just a territory. Then we went to the Impressions 5 Museum where the students had a "goeey" time making SLIME. Our last stop was the Capitol Building. Representative Phil Pavlov introduced the students and chaperones to his co-workers in the House of Representatives. It was truly a trip to remember." --Mrs. Hanna

Wanted: Gently Used Books

Remember: until next Wednesday, we are still collecting used books for "Safe Horizons" shelter, for children who need our love and support. Thank you for any outgrown and gently used books you can donate!

FISH FRY

OOPS! There is NO Holy Cross fish fry tomorrow. However, there IS one scheduled for Good Friday (next week: April 10) at the Marine City K of C Hall.

Thank you to **Lisa and Paul Schulte** and **Pam and Pat Semaan** for chairing the March fish fries at St. Catherine's!

Thrift Sale

The spring sale is almost upon us (the week after Easter break)! Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Miodonski will accept dropoffs at the FAB basement back door (by the playground) on April 7&8 and on April 14&15 from 8-10am.

Meanwhile: mark your calendar and invite your garage-saling friends!

We Still Need Pictures

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our website. We can accept digital files or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

Easter Egg Hunt

....will take place at noon on Saturday, April 11, at St. Mark's on Harsens Island.

8th Graders Going to CMC Next Year:

The League of Catholic Women offer scholarships every year for students attending Cardinal Mooney in the fall. Applications were distributed to all 8th graders today. Extra copies are available in the school office and must be mailed, postmarked by April 24. (A copy of your 3rd quarter report card must accompany your application.)

National Immunization Week

The week after we return from Easter break is "National Immunization Week." St. Clair County Health Department is celebrating by offering entry into a prize drawing for all children receiving immunizations between April 20 and May 1. Michigan requires that school-age immunization assessments be done at Kindergarten entry and again when the student enters 6th grade; if your student falls into either group, this would be a good time to take a look at his shot record! Contact the Health Department (810.987.8216) or the Teen Health Center (810.987.1311) for more info.

(Need a sports physical?—the Teen Health Center may be able to help you there, too!)

TRACK

Track season is just about here! Welcome to new coach Mrs. Erin Derisley who will be guiding this season's athletes. Coach will be contacting you regarding practices. (It's not too late to join the team—call the school office if you're interested!)

"GRASP"

Are you looking for summer practice for your student? Attached is information about "GRASP"'s summer self-study program.

BASKETBALL CAMP

St. Mary's in St. Clair will be running a basketball camp the week of June 29-July 3. Boys and girls in grades 1-8 (for school year 2009-2010) who wish to work on their basketball skills are invited to attend. Cost for the week-long camp is \$50/student if registered before June 15 (\$60/student after that). Registration forms are available at the school office.

Notes from Booster Club March 23, 2009 meeting

1. Track: thank you to new coach Mrs. Erin Derisley for filling track coach position.
2. Principal's report: requested Booster Club (as well as PTO) to contribute to "Edline" program.
3. Coaches' report: volleyball season going well.
4. Fundraising: Maritime Days dinners pricing same as last year.
5. Purchased cheese & chili dispenser to use at concessions; thank you to Mrs. Mary Ruemenapp for the use of her machine for so long!
6. Sports banquet will be May 12, 6:30 pm.
7. Nominations for officers 2009-10 still being accepted; N. Rickel heading nomination committee.
8. Booster Club to contribute \$200 to 2009-10 yearbook.
9. Next meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2009, 6:30 pm at Riviera Restaurant.
--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

PTO Notes-Meeting of March 24, 2009

1. Thank you notes received from "Team Todd" for bowling fun and 5th grade for animal adventures presentation.
2. Library software: approved \$769 for current bill.
3. Edline: looking into purchase for school.
4. Book fair: went well.
5. Nomination of officers for 2009-10 year: being accepted until April 28 (please submit c/o office).
6. Family Skate Day: scheduled for Sunday, May 3, noon-2pm.
7. Attendance award won by 1st grade.
Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

CYO Summer Camps

CYO summer camp information is available in the school office—stop in or call for a flyer if you're interested.

From the Library/Accelerated Reader:

All books are due back in the library tomorrow, April 3.