



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 29, 2010

A Prayer for Openness

God of All,
Open our eyes to see the world around us as a gift to be shared.
Open our mouths to share kind words.
Open our ears to truly hear those around us.
Open our noses to the sweetness of life.
Open our hands to reach out to those around us.

Amen

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 hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays and Tuesdays (October through April) 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)
Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

That Unpleasant Topic:

All K-8 tuition for 2009-10 should be paid by now. If you were not able to complete your obligation, please contact Mrs. Lund immediately to make acceptable arrangements.

Preschool families: your final payment was due yesterday.

Eighth graders' families: your final payment for the class trip is due May 14.

CALENDAR CHANGES

Just a repeat: please be sure you've noted these important dates:

Eighth graders will graduate at 9am mass on **Friday, June 4**. Those students will not need to show up for school until 8:30 that morning.

Kindergarten graduation will be **Monday, June 7**, at 9am in the cafeteria. Students are asked to report to the classroom at 8:45am.

Thursday, June 10 will be the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for grades 1-7. It will be a half day of school, and will include our honors ceremony beginning at 8:45am in the gym. (All are welcome and students may be picked up at their classrooms immediately after the ceremony.) There will be NO East China buses home that day. There will be NO study hall that day, but latchkey will be available for registered students if they've requested it ahead of time. All other students will need to be picked up by 10:30am.

Another Date to Keep In Mind

Next Thursday, May 6, will be a full day of school at Holy Cross, but there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME that day.

National day of Prayer

Next Thursday, May 6, we will be celebrating the National Day of Prayer beginning at 1:00PM with a service in the grassy area by the river across from our school building. All are welcome. Please bring your rosary and your lawn chair.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be an important fundraising meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00PM in the cafeteria. Your input and ideas are greatly appreciated. Please plan on attending.

PROGRESS REPORTS

...will go home Wednesday, May 5.

Congratulations to Our New National Junior Honor Society Members:

On Friday, in the presence of the entire student body, sixth graders **Calista Chaltron, Annemarie Heitz, Rachelle LaFontaine, Maddison Mueller, Rebecca Schultz** and **Anna Tomlanovich** joined the ranks of our top honor students. They began the process by applying for membership in the Our Lady on the River chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, and they had to pass the inspection of the faculty membership committee in such areas character and scholarship. On Friday their acceptance was formalized in the induction ceremony, witnessed by everyone who attended morning mass that day. We are proud of each of you, girls!!

Thank You!

...to **Mrs. Madonna Knotts** who has already begun to tend our flower beds!

Pizza Lunch

Chartwell's will not be serving tomorrow; we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza instead. Be sure your order is in the office first thing tomorrow morning!

**WE ARE READY TO
ACCEPT YOUR
REGISTRATION
for the 2010-11
school year!**

Registration Notes

It is time to determine staffing for next year. In order to make these arrangements, we need to know that you are coming back. **Please fill out your registration paperwork.** If you are not able to pay the registration fees at this time, please speak with Mrs. Lund. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership in the education of your children.

Get Well Soon!

CMC principal Sr. Karen Lietz is recovering from wrist surgery Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Boosters

The Holy Cross Booster Club is looking for 2-3 new officers for the 2010-11 school year. Please contact any of the current officers (President Jeff May, VP George Patrick, Secretary Kim Chaltron or Treasurer Laurie Hopton) for more info.

If your student is planning to participate in sports next year, please note that your family will be required to work a shift at the August 15 Chicken Dinner (held during Marine City Maritime Days). The Boosters will be sending you a letter with more details soon.

Raffle

Community Wesleyan Church is sponsoring a raffle to benefit its food distribution program. Grand prize is a package of goodies including dinner for two at the Junction Buoy restaurant in Marysville, a one-night stay in the Marysville Super 8 Motel Jacuzzi Suite and a one hour massage by St. Clair Wellness. Tickets are \$5 each and you need not be present to win. The drawing will be held May 7. There are a few tickets in the school office—or contact preschool aide Ms. Julie.

FIELD DAY

...is being planned for Wednesday, May 26. I will need a few people to help with food that day. If you could work, please call me c/o 810.765.8300.—Colleen Smith

PTO Needs You!

The PTO has two vacancies on its board for the 2010-11 school year. President Jennifer Laster says the time commitment is a lot less than you might think! Call her c/o the school office if you'd like a little more info.

We're Going to be 'Parents'!!

Mrs. Wade is pleased to announce that she's incubating a clutch of eggs in the science lab. We're eagerly awaiting the arrival of the chicks, which are expected to hatch on or about May 13. Thank you to the Schultz family for bringing in the eggs and finding an incubator for us to use!



Visiting our soon-to-be-feathered friends!

Stuff to Save!

Thanks to everyone who keeps saving VG's receipts, empty inkjet cartridges, "Box Tops for Education" and Campbell products UPCs (we've just received a check for \$327 from our last Box Tops submission)! We've just come across another food-product rebate: Aunt Millie's is offering money back for "School Spirit" logo products. Eligible products are Soft 'N Good Bread Giant and Giant 24, Holsum Bread King and Sunbeam Breads family 22 oz and whole grain white. Please save the UPCs from these items with the "School Spirit" logo (pictured below) and send to school. Thank you!!



(sample "School Spirit" logo)

First Track Meet

Saturday, May 1

**beginning at 9am at the track
on Ward Street**

All Holy Cross fans are welcome!!

"GRASP" Summr Study Program

Are you interested in summer home-study for your K-8th grader? Info on the 9-week "GRASP" program is available in the school office.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

East China School District's elementary Spanish program is sponsoring a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration for students in grades K-5 and their families on Monday, May 10. Attached to today's news was a flyer with costs and other info. Reservations and payment (cash only) must be in the Holy Cross school office by next Wednesday.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Next week brings the first Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of pasta/ macaroni and cheese and sauces; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

Teacher Appreciation Week

...is next week (May 3-7). If you have (or had) a teacher who made a difference in your life, drop her (or him) a note!