



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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Welcome Back!

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and are looking forward to coming back to start our new school year! We will begin our year with prayer in the garden. You may drop off your belongings in your classrooms and head outside. We welcome our parents to join us for this event.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to chaperone field trips, volunteer for field day, or go to camp next year.

School Office

The school office is again open daily; you can count on someone being here from 9am-noon. If you need something outside those hours, please call and we will arrange a suitable time with you.

Can You Help?

Thank you to those who have offered to help out with lunch time supervision. We are in need of more people. Can you spare some time? Please contact Mrs. Lund. These are paid positions!

Welcome Mrs. Sweet!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Kathy Sweet back to our Holy Cross family. Some of you may remember Mrs. Sweet when she taught here before the East China Shared Time agreement. Mrs. Sweet will be our 8th grade homeroom teacher, teaching 7th/8th grade language arts, as well as a few of our kindergarten electives.

Congratulations!

...to the **Keais family** on the birth of Natalie Carol! Natalie joined big brothers Jack and Max in July; Grandma reports that mom and baby are doing well.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays, 7-9am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

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

Peddlers:

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

Thank you to our peddlers for keeping the program running all summer! They've even picked up new local vendors: Ron's Roadhouse is now available at \$5, \$10 and \$25 (15% discount), and Movie Gallery offers \$10 cards at 10% discount AND \$4 single rental coupons at 25% discount (includes movies AND games). (New vendor list is attached.)

Do We Have Your Paperwork?

We are still waiting on a few families' registration papers. We need to have these papers on file in order for your children to attend classes on the first day. Please contact the office if you need new paperwork or have any questions.

First Day of School for Students in Grades K-8:

...is **Tuesday, September 2.** The school day will start at 7:25 am (with the tardy bell ringing—two tolls—at 7:30 am). Students should be in regular uniform clothing on the first day.

If you are planning to use East China transportation and haven't heard from them yet, you may contact them at 810.676.1100.

After school latchkey will be available on the first day, also. To take advantage of that service, each student's paperwork **MUST** be in by that morning, and we ask that you call early on the 2nd to verify that your child will attend that day. (Your latchkey account from last year must be clear to take advantage of this service this year.)

First Day for Preschool:

...is Monday, September 8, for students registered for Monday classes or Tuesday, the 9th, for those students coming to Tuesday classes. Parents are asked to escort their preschoolers to the classroom beginning at 8:25am.

Please contact the school office ASAP if you intend to use our after-preschool daycare.

Also the state requires that returning preschoolers have a preschool physical done each year: a blank form is enclosed if it appears your preschooler needs a checkup.

Supply Lists and 2008-09 Calendar

...are both available online:
[www.holycrossonline.net;"school"](http://www.holycrossonline.net;)-- on the "news" page.

"How Am I Getting Home Today?"

This can be a big concern for little ones, especially on the first day in a new building. Parents of younger students are asked to send a note to their child's teacher to explain how their child is to get home--both regularly as well as on the first day of school.

Medications

If your student will need to take medication of any sort at school, please call for a *Medication Release Form*, have it completed and returned to school with the medication ASAP.

The Archdiocese now requires that a doctor's note accompany your request for the school to administer ANY type of medication (including over-the-counter medicines and cough drops)—please contact your doctor now, before the need arises, if you want your student to have access to those things at school.

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Knotts**, who continues to give her time to keep our flower gardens beautiful.

Information Packets on First Day

On the first day of school, your oldest student will be given a packet of important papers to take home to you—ask for it! It will contain information about internet use, school lunches (free and reduced cost), insurance, vision and hearing screenings, and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Please look for the packet, and read everything carefully and respond appropriately. Thank you!

Uniform Reminders

To check uniforms and accessories, please refer to the Holy Cross Catholic School Dress Code flyer that was sent home at the end of the school year. If you did not receive a copy or can't find yours, please stop in the office, and we would be happy to provide you with a new one. Getting off on the right foot—and in the correct shoes—will make our school year much smoother. Busuttill's in Marine City, which supports our SCRIP program, has numerous shoes available and approved. Please note: Uniform shoes are more dressy than they are casual. If it looks like a casual shoe, it's probably not a school shoe.

We have a great selection of used school clothing available at the "Thrift Sale," and Mrs. Wolf will be working next Monday (August 18). She'll accept donations or let you in for school clothes shopping from 8am-noon that day.

Note: although all students need gym shoes, special clothing is NOT required for students in grades K-4.

Sports

Every student-athlete must have a completed sports physical on file at the school office before beginning practice. Please call the school office if you need a blank physical form. Students who plan to participate in athletics this fall will need to have their physicals taken care of ASAP—you can drop off the completed form at (or mail to) the school office.

St. Clair County Health Department's "Teen Health Center" offers sports physicals for approximately \$40 (or on a sliding fee scale, depending on family income); they also accept many insurances. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20th Street, behind Port Huron High School between tennis courts and pool).

School Directories

Please remember: if you **DO NOT** want your family's names, address and phone number included in the directory, please notify the school office no later than August 22.

If you would like your business to be listed in our directory, please send in a business card to the office in an envelope marked 'Directory' by August 22. We are pleased to offer this free advertising to our families.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Wednesday, September 10. This will be a "dress up" day. Picture order forms will go home with each student on the first day of school. All students must get their pictures taken, whether or not they choose to buy prints, in order to be on our class composites and in our yearbook! Preschoolers in the Tuesday/Thursday class may come in at the regular time on the 10th for their photos, or they may have their pictures taken on our "picture retake day"—we'll let you know when that is scheduled.

Free & Reduced Cost Lunches

Application forms for the new school year will go home with your oldest student on the first day of school. Returning students who were approved for free or reduced lunches on the last day of school in June will be "grandfathered" in at that status from the first day of school (you WILL, however, need to fill out and return the paperwork to continue receiving those benefits after the first week of school). If you are transferring into Holy Cross and received free or reduced cost lunches elsewhere, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office ASAP so we can try to get your lunch tickets in before the first day of school.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here in the fall. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will be eligible for hearing screenings, while students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will receive vision tests. Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to be screened as scheduled, or if you'd like the technician to check your child even if his grade isn't on the list. Students who wear glasses (or contact lenses) should remember to wear them to their screenings.

Asbestos

Federal law requires schools to inspect, test and identify known or suspected asbestos containing building materials. Holy Cross School's three-year inspection was last September, and a 6-month inspection was done in June. Accredited inspectors check the condition of asbestos and reassess operations and maintenance procedures that will assist in keeping this material in good condition.

A detailed listing of locations of the identified materials is available for review. Kevin J. Kocher is our asbestos site contact person who monitors and inspects the premises: he can be called at 810.765.3568 to review the report and discuss it.

Statements

Enclosed is a copy of your tuition account activity to date. Families who chose the monthly payment plan should make their 4th (10%) payment by the end of the month (leaving a balance of 60% of their base tuition); those on the quarterly payment plan owe their first 25% tuition payment then.

Your billing may look a little different as we're (finally!) computerizing billings, and Mrs. Steinmetz is learning the new computer program. If you've made payments toward this school year, you'll find a copy of your old ledger card enclosed, along with a new "Invoice" that recaps your charges for the new year. Payments receipted before August were itemized on the old ledger card, and are lumped together as 'PMT #old' and transferred to a third page called "Statement." This reminder "Statement" is what your bills will look like after a one-time "Invoice" is sent, and all payments received after August 1 2008 will be itemized on the "Statement."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

**Free Used School Clothes--
Thrift Sale
Monday, Aug. 18
8am-noon**

(Thrift Sale dropoffs will be accepted during those hours, also.)

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for August were Karen Jones of Marine City, George Burgess of Pearl Beach and Mary Semaan of New Baltimore. Congratulations to all!

**ANNUAL PEST CONTROL
ADVISORY NOTIFICATION
FOR PARENTS**

Dear Parent / Guardian:

In keeping with the State of Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994 and Regulation 637, Holy Cross School has adopted a plan of action for controlling insects, rodents and other pests in and around our facilities.

The school's plan of action for controlling pests incorporates integrated pest management (IPM). IPM utilizes various means of pest control including, but not limited to, habitat modification

and sanitation, mechanical control, biological control and chemical control.

Holy Cross School realizes that the use of chemicals can be very harmful to the health and safety of humans and the environment; therefore, we will apply chemicals only as a last resort.

Any questions regarding Holy Cross's IPM program should be directed to Mr. P. "Fizz" Fajardo at 810.765.3568 extension 17.

If you wish to be notified before a scheduled pest treatment, please complete the form below and return this notification request to the school office.

Free Vision Screenings!

Sam's Club in Port Huron offers free vision screenings for students up to age 18 (no appointment needed). Through the month of August they're also offering specials on prescription lenses: see the coupons printed elsewhere on this page. (Contact Sam's Optical at 810.982.6165 for more info.)

Students—we look forward to seeing you rested and ready to learn on September 2nd!

2008 PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION

In the event of an emergency you will be notified of the application after it occurs.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside the school building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment outside the school building.

Parent / guardian/s name _____

Address _____

Phone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Student's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____
