



# 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.*

**December 10, 2009**

## *We're Getting Closer*

As we grow closer to Christmas,  
As the decorations get bigger and  
brighter,  
May we grow closer to our families, our  
friends and in our faith. 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](http://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;  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

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

Please remember that, as Christmas draws nearer, backorders and shortages are more likely than other times during the year: getting your Christmas gift certificate orders in early will help us be sure your SCRIP requests are met.

## **Special Lunches**

A reminder that we'll be having nachos (with cheese, ground beef and assorted toppings) tomorrow for lunch.

Chartwell's will serve until Monday, Dec. 21, but will not be cooking for us on Tuesday, Dec. 22. We'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for our last day. Order slips will be distributed next week.

## **Financial Assistance**

27 families (that's about 40% of our total number of families!) just shared over \$30,000 in tuition grants from the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Fathers Bartone and Sadler funds!

## **...and Other Matters Financial:**

Statements (including bills for camp) went out over the weekend; if you haven't received yours yet please contact the school office. School families on the monthly payment plan will be paying their 8<sup>th</sup> of 10 monthly payments by the end of December; those on the quarterly plan will owe their third (25%) payment by January 20. Preschool families: your November 28 payment should have put your tuition account at the "half-paid" mark, with your next payment due Dec. 28.

## **NJHS Christmas Collections**

The National Junior Honor Society will be Santa for a family in need this Christmas. Holy Cross students and staff dressed down and donated \$180 on November 19; today's dress down money also benefits their "Secret Santa"ing. Everything raised will be used to buy gifts for the family—thank you to everyone for helping make this a great Christmas for this family!

## *Thank You!*

...to **Mr. and Mrs. Knotts** for wipes donated to the lunchroom.

...to Holy Cross alumna **Staci Shackett** for her donation of school supplies.

...to **Mrs. Chris Shepherd** for instructional items donated for our younger students' classrooms.

## **Baby. It's Cold Outside!**

Just a reminder to be sure your student has a warm coat, hat and gloves and, as winter digs in, snow pants and boots. As long as the temperature and wind chill stay above zero degrees, we will be going outside. Please help us have an enjoyable recess by being prepared for the season.

## **Check Your Calendar:**

A reminder that Holy Cross School will be in session on Monday & Tuesday, December 21 & 22, but there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES those days.

## **Progress Reports**

...will go home with students next Wednesday, Dec. 16. Watch for them!

**PTO Meeting**  
**7:30 am Monday, Dec. 14**  
**at Riviera Restaurant**

## **Boys' Basketball**

As we begin the 2009-10 boys' season, we find ourselves with a 2 win - 1 loss record. Game 1 against St. Mary's brought a 31-26 win, with **Cale** leading the scoring with 21 points. Game 2 against MCA brought a second win (33-25) with **Cale** again leading the way with 22 points. Game 3 against the always tough IC was a loss with **Alex** this game's high scorer, earning 10 of our 25 points (to IC's 33). Great job by all the boys! As always, thank you for your support. —Coach May

Last night, St. Augustine's visited. Our boys worked hard but were unable to pull off a win; the final score was 43-29. A word of appreciation for our spunky little cheer team: they began the evening by singing the national anthem, and they were peppy and enthusiastic during the whole game—good job, girls!

Next week's games are both away: we travel to MCA on Monday, and have another go at IC on Tuesday. Our next home game will be on Monday after Christmas break, as we host St. Peter School. The worker schedule for that game is as follows:

Jan. 4, 2010	<b>Family</b>
Set up	Chaltron
Admission	Butros
50-50	Maben
Hall Monitor/ Cleanup	MacKenzie
Concession	DeGregory
Concession	Drake

### **Koeze Nuts**

The Booster Club's Koeze products have arrived! Thanks to everyone who ordered.

Is there someone on your Christmas list you haven't been able to find something for? There are a few extra items available at the school office. Koeze goodies are delicious and elegantly packaged: they make great gifts for friends and business contacts.

### **"Santa Parade"**

...is tonight, beginning at 7pm in downtown Marine City. Volunteers will be walking with the Holy Cross float, caroling, and passing out candy canes. Feel free to meet up with the Holy Cross crew in front of church about 6:45pm! Thank you, Ms. Ward, for organizing this event!

### *Christmas Music Program*

The venue for this year's program (performed on Monday, December 21) will be Holy Cross church. The classes have begun practicing their selections, and we're looking forward to a delightful evening. Students are to be in church by 5:45 pm on the 21<sup>st</sup>; dress code for the night will be "dress up." More info as the date draws nearer, but we wanted to be sure to get on your calendar early. Please let grandparents, friends and relatives know that all are invited!

### **A Request from the Science Department:**

Please keep us in mind as you get ready for the Christmas season—please send in any empty wrapping paper cardboard rolls and empty shoe boxes for the science lab and future projects. Thank you! --from Mrs. Wade

### **MARKET DAY**

Thanks to all who ordered—December's sale netted almost \$82. The next item delivery date is Monday, January 11; brochures will go home with next week's newsletter.

### **Mitten Tree**

Throughout the month of December the eighth grade is collecting mittens, hats and scarves for those in our community who need them. Our "mitten tree" is inside the front door of school. Please help out if you can with a pair of mittens or gloves, or anything else that will help our neighbors in need this winter. Thank you!

### **"The Festival of Trees" and the True Meaning of Christmas**

The Holy Cross Kindergartners and first and second graders attended the "Festival of Trees" Friday, Dec. 4. They enjoyed the beautiful decorations of each tree! The themes were very creative. The highlight of the day was the "Penguin Pond." In the week before their trip, the students participated in a fundraiser which benefited Port Huron Hospital's Pediatric Department: they dressed a (stuffed toy) penguin as an angel, symbolizing the Gospel message to all of us, and raised over \$100 to donate to the hospital. They named their penguin "Birthday" for Jesus. He will be given to a child who is in the hospital for Christmas.



At the Penguin Pond.

### **Influenza**

We've had a few students out with "flu-like symptoms" this week. Just a reminder to watch your children for the flu: symptoms (generally with rapid onset) include fever (over 100°F for 3-4 days), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Students with flu-like symptoms must remain away from school until there has been no fever for at least 24 hours (**without** having taken any kind of fever-reducing medication). (For more info, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or call 800.CDC.INFO.

### *Congratulations!*

This Saturday is a very special day as our Holy Cross family gains a new member! Our best wishes go out to first grade teacher, Miss Morelli, as she weds Dr. Michael Liston on Saturday. The new Mrs. Liston returns to her students on Monday, Dec. 21. We wish the Listons many happy years together!

### **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 equaling  
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.

"I did think ahead—sent,  
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.)

"I finally get it!--next vacation fare,  
I'll be calling for Hyatt and American Air;  
I'm finally planning: gonna take a long  
trip—  
so Happy Holidays to all—and  
don't forget to buy SCRIP!"