



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to partner with its families in the education of tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Christian community.

December 16, 2010

A Word from Jesus

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Mt 1:21

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 5-7pm; and

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm**

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac) 810.499.7844

Sue Sharpe (Marine City) 810.459.2662

Melanie Heitz (St. Clair) 810.300.3697

DID YOU KNOW...you can buy non-specific SCRIP gift certificates as gifts that the recipient can redeem for the SCRIP of his/her choice? These certificates are available in any denomination (but are redeemable for only the denominations offered by the individual store); talk to your favorite SCRIP peddler for more details!

Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch aide on Wednesdays & Fridays. You will only be here for about one hour and you get to see your child interacting with his/her peers and get fresh air! It doesn't get any better than that.

Boys' Basketball

Our game at St. Mary's was snowed out Monday night and is being rescheduled. We hosted them last night and played our best game yet, scoring 9 points!!

Our next games will be after Christmas break, as we host St. Peter's on Monday, Jan. 3, St. Augustine's on Wednesday, Jan. 5 and IC on Thursday, Jan. 6. We will need parents to help with admissions and concessions at home games—thank you to Mrs. Wolf for coordinating concessions (even though she doesn't have a son playing!).

Please Mark Your Calendar:

No East China buses (and no East China shared time classes) next Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 20 & 21.

Texas Hold 'Em

Thank you to Randy Bryer for again coordinating the event and its workers!

Koeze Nuts

Looking for a very elegant last minute gift?—the Boosters have a few extra items from last week's Koeze order. A 20 ounce decanter of Colossal Cashews is \$25, available at the school office.

Christmas Program

A reminder to everyone that the program will be on Monday, Dec. 20. at 6pm. All are invited! **Students in grades K-5 should report to their teachers in church by 5:45pm (please leave your coat with your parents). Sixth and seventh graders: please meet Mrs. Knotts in the meditation room at 5:40pm.** Dress code is Sunday best for those students whose parts don't require that they be in costume—a great time to wear those bright reds or holiday plaids! Thank you to Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Knotts for directing the program, and to Mrs. Wassenberg for providing the accompaniment.

Pizza Lunch

Next Tuesday there will be no Chartwell's lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Order slips were distributed to all students today—please get your order in early so we order enough pizza for everyone.

Raffle Calendar

This year's grand prize winner of \$1000 is **Robert and Christine LaFata** of Marine City! Congratulations to the LaFatas, and thank you to all who supported this year's raffle.

(You should already have received the 2011 calendar in the mail....wouldn't your name look nice in this column next December?)

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class will be making and selling popcorn to students on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Monies raised from this project will help fund the bus for grades 3 & 4 to go to Lansing.

Candy Cane Shop

We weren't the only ones affected by the bad weather this week. The Candy Cane Shop was also affected. They called and asked if we could re-schedule because two of their vans were stranded in Lansing. The Candy Cane Shop, where your child can purchase something for you, their grandparents, babysitter, etc. "in secret," will be held on Tuesday, December 21st. If you are available to wrap, please contact Mr. Barr.

"Shepherd's Mass"

All children ages 7-12 are invited to participate in the "Shepherd's Mass" on Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm mass at Holy Cross. Anyone interested should contact Bea Wassenberg c/o church (810.765.3568) and show up for rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11am in Holy Cross Church.

SNOW DAYS

Aren't you glad you knew all this before this week's "snow days"??:

First: have your child dressed for the weather every day—both for traveling and for outdoor recess when weather permits.

Second: Holy Cross Catholic School follows the school closings for East China Public Schools. Once Mrs. Pavlov has been notified, she will notify radio stations WPHM AM1380, WHLS AM1450, and network TV channels 2, 4 and 7: **whenever East China Public School District closes its schools due to weather, Holy Cross School and preschool will also be closed.**

Thank You!

"An energetic and animated group of kindergartners from the Holy Cross School in Marine City just left my office. They brought eight overflowing bags of brand new stuffed animals that their school has collected for us. How excited they were to present them to me to give to boys and girls of all ages. I shared with them how happy a toy animal can make a child who comes through the EC or when a child is a patient in Pediatrics or how happy it can make a grandpa who is lonely. They were excited to share in helping others feel better. And now they have me excited."

Max Amstutz, Chaplain,
Port Huron Hospital

Second Grade Advent Project:



The second graders recently cooperated in a class project that combined Christmas, art and problem solving! While reading the story leading up to the birth of Jesus, they found the corresponding pieces of the picture-puzzle (above), then colored and assembled the puzzle. Nice job, class!

APOLOGY

Mrs. Pavlov would like to apologize to anyone who signed up for the WJR email alert. She tried & tried to log in to notify them of the school closing with no luck. Please unregister for that service. Also, I apologize to any family who may not have received the notice about the school program being cancelled on Tuesday night. Our plan is for it to take place on Monday, December 20, 2010, 6:00. A note was sent home yesterday with updated information.

"Fifth Disease"

We've recently had a confirmed case of this mild illness. According to the Health Department, fifth disease begins about a week after exposure with a low-grade fever that lasts 5-7 days, possibly followed by a rash on the face, trunk, arms and legs that resembles a slapped cheek. (Adults may notice joint pain and swelling at this point.) By the time the characteristic rash appears on the cheeks, the illness is no longer contagious; the child may return to school when he feels well and when there is no fever.

FLU SEASON

The flu season is upon us once again and it is important to follow these preventative actions to stop the spread of germs:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands **OFTEN** with soap and warm water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home (keep your child home) until you/they are fever free without the use of a fever-reducing medicine for a full 24 hours.

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.

Christmas Parties

Next Tuesday's classroom Christmas celebrations will be held from 1-2pm. Teachers or roomparents may contact you to ask for your help with party supplies.

Dear Holy Cross Families,

This year, we are going to be doing a special project with our families in mind. We would greatly appreciate it if you would send in a photo of your family, either digitally, or a hard copy. All hard copies will be scanned and returned. Photos can also be emailed to Mrs. Lund at lund@holycrossonline.net.

We ask that you please send your photo in by Friday, January 15. Thank you in advance for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilyn Pavlov
Principal

**From our "family" to yours--
we wish you all
a blessed Christmas season!**