



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 3, 2009

We Wait for His Birth

As we near the end of the first week of Advent, help us to find time to treasure the gifts that we already have rather than to spend time wishing for those we want. 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;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

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

An updated vendor list is available. 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.

MARKET DAY

Delivery will be next Wednesday, December 9.

Little Caesar's Pizza Kits

...arrive tomorrow! Please plan to pick up your order at the end of the school day, when you pick up your child(ren) from school.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: "Thank You" from St. Vincent de Paul:

"On behalf of the clients we serve we send our most sincere thank you to you, your staff and wonderful, generous students at Holy Cross. Your generous support and leadership enabled us to receive over 800 cans and boxes of food which we use to feed the economically disadvantaged of our area. Please extend our deep appreciation to each student and let them know their generosity and kindness will be enjoyed by many on Thanksgiving Day and many, many more days during this economic crisis. All of you who have shared your treasures have shown many, many families in our area the true spirit of Thanksgiving; they are so grateful. We send you, your staff and students, and all of your families every best wish for a Happy Thanksgiving.

"Sincerely, Paul Ivan, President, Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society"

First Friday

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry doing much better after our huge Thanksgiving drive! However, they'll have requests all winter, and the shelves will empty sooner than we'd like to think. Tomorrow is the first Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry. If you're able to help, please feel free to bring a canned or boxed food item. Let's be sure there are no tummy rumbles this winter in Marine City!

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. NHS will sponsor one more dress down day: Thursday, December 10 (cost: \$1.00 or more). Everything raised will be used to buy gifts for the family.

Thanksgiving Feast

Thank you to Mrs. Schuh and Mrs. Laster for coordinating the wonderful meal we shared on the 20th! Thanks, also, to the parents (and former Crusader parents and siblings!) who helped prepare and serve: Mr. and Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Bryer, Mrs. Miodonski, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Tomlanovich, Mrs. Rogus, Mrs. Kleckner, Mrs. Wolf, Ms. Babel, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Rittner, Mrs. Chaltron, Mrs. Ruemenapp, and Kylie Schuh's sister, Erica. The food was delicious, and we were able to help feed many local needy people with the leftovers, which were picked up by Marine City's Downriver Helping Hands. Thank YOU, parents, for providing the makings for this memory!

We received a card from some of our guests:

"(We) were honored to be invited to your wonderful Thanksgiving meal. The food was very good and this took many people and time to plan: the table settings, centerpieces, the many different headresses, and everyone assigned a place to sit. We have so much to be thankful for: our church, priests, our school, principal Mrs. Lund and all the teachers. Thank you for inviting us to be part of this celebration of faith and thanksgiving."

Dress Down for Sick Kids

Yesterday's dress down day was sponsored by grades K-2 for the Port Huron Hospital Foundation. They adopted a penguin from the Foundation, and are in charge of naming the penguin and dressing it up. They will take the penguin to the Festival of Trees tomorrow, where their penguin will join the rest at the "Penguin Pond." During the holidays, the penguins are given to sick children at Port Huron Hospital.

Thank You!

...to the **Schultz family** for paper plates and to the **Whetstone family** for wipes donated to the lunchroom.

Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported this year's Book Fair—thank you, especially, to the following for their help: **Pat LaBelle, Julie Schultz, Patty Smith, Sue Tomlanovich, Teresa Templeton, Julie Ruhlman Wolf** and **Kim Chaltron**. It was very kind of you to give of your time to help us with the fair! Although our sales total fell short of those of years past, we still earned nearly \$350 in free titles for our library.

Nacho Lunch

Next Friday, Dec. 11, Chartwell's will not be cooking for us. Instead, we'll have Mrs. Heitz's famous nachos. They'll include cheese and/or ground beef and your choice of toppings. Students all received order slips today—please return ASAP so we're sure to have enough for you on the 11th.

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: recess is no fun when you're cold!

Drama Club Presentations

The Drama Club presented "Cinderella Outgrows the glass Slipper" and "Reading, Writing...and Little Red Riding Hood" on Monday before Thanksgiving. We all enjoyed their "matinee," and many parents and families came back for the afternoon performance:



Cinderella and the Prince.



The Big Bad Wolf as Kindergarten teacher.

"Santa Parade"

Ms Ward is asking for volunteers to help represent Holy Cross in the upcoming "Santa Parade." The parade is next Thursday, December 10, at 7pm in downtown Marine City. Volunteers will be walking with the Holy Cross float, caroling, and passing out candy canes. Contact Ms. Ward for more information.

Camp Equipment

Camp statements will be in the mail shortly (along with your monthly tuition and service credit recaps). All camp fees need to be paid by January 15, 2010.

Attached to this newsletter (for families with students in grades 5-8) is a list of the equipment each camper will need. Hint: some of those items might make good Christmas gifts!

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 21st; 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!

Boys' Basketball

The first week of games of the boys' basketball season brought two Holy Cross victories! On Monday, our boys visited St. Mary St. Clair, and won 31-24. Last night we hosted MCA and won that game 33-25. Great start, boys! The worker schedule for the two home games next week:

Dec. 7 2009	Family
Set up	Chaltron
Admission	Moody
50-50	Moody
Hall Monitor/ Cleanup	Tomlanovich
Concession	Miodonski
Concession	Blicharz

Dec. 9 2009	Family
Set up	Chaltron
Admission	Smith
50-50 / hall monitor	Patrick
Concession	Rogus
Concession	May
Cleanup	Janski

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

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!

Figure Skaters

Sixth grader **Annemarie Heitz** and her sister, Veronica (CMC), will be performing at Port Huron Hospital Children's Services annual Festival of Trees fundraiser this weekend. The girls will be skating center ice at the gala black tie event tonight at 7:00 and 8:30 and again Sunday at 12noon and 3:00pm. Annemarie and Veronica will also skate in the Berkley Royal Blades competition on Saturday.

Last Day of School Before Christmas

...is Tuesday, December 22. (There was a misprint on the December menu.)

Please keep In Your Prayers.

...the Lopez family on the death of Father Lopez's father.

"Family Meals"

Do your kids rush through dinner and bolt from the table? Try these ideas to build quality family time into your dinner hour:

Keep the conversation light. Focus on the events of the day or fun weekend plans ahead. Of course, praising your children for a job well done at school or at home is always welcome!

Take turns. Ask each person to tell one interesting he learned during the day. That includes you, too! You might mention something you read in the newspaper or learned about at work.

Play a game. Try the "name game." Start with the name of someone famous (George Washington). Go around the table, taking turns calling out another well-known person or character with the same first or last name (Curious George, George Washington Carver).

--from "Nutrition Nuggets," Aspen Publishers, Inc.

Wolverine Outdoor Education Center
Suggested Equipment Guide

Use this list as a guide when packing for camp. Make sure you have clothes to dress warmly and be able to change if you get wet. Also, pack in a SMALL space—NO large or hard-sided suitcases or huge duffel totes. We have to go up STEEP flights of stairs and the large pieces are difficult to move, let alone store in the dorms. We recommend you pack in something watertight—30 gallon "Steel-Sack" bags (with your name taped on them) or soft-sided luggage with your name in a prominent place work great. Bedding must be in one bag and clothing and essentials in another. **Please label all items clearly with your name.**

WINTER CLOTHING

4 pairs pants	1 pair snow pants
4 warm shirts	1 pair long thermal underwear
1 sweatshirt or sweater	1 scarf or other face covering
1 pair waterproof tennis shoes or slippers	1 warm winter coat
1 pair high, warm snow boots ESSENTIAL	1 pair pajamas
2 pairs gloves/mittens	1 warm hat (no headbands)
5 sets underwear	5-6 pairs socks

PERSONAL ARTICLES

comb/brush	toothbrush/toothpaste	wash cloth	bath towel
soap	shampoo	deodorant	chap stick
tissues			

BEDDING

2 sheets 1 pillow 1 comforter

We prefer no sleeping bags. However, if you bring one, use it as a comforter and bring one fitted sheet.

MISCELLANEOUS

pencils	laundry bag	sunglasses	writing paper
reading books	disposable camera	hand lotion	flashlight
playing cards	magnetic compass	crossword or search-a-word books	
envelopes (stamped and addressed)			
1 small carry-on is allowed to take on the bus (“Crusaders” duffel bag is OK).			