



# 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 19, 2013

## A Word from The Word

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel”  
Matthew 1:23

## 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 a session 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 or lunchroom volunteering. Contact Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

## got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:  
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;  
Mondays; 5-7pm; and  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm  
"Peddlers:"  
Patty Smith (St Clair)  
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Thank you to **Mrs. Patty Smith, Mrs. Julie Wolf, Mrs. Kelly Glowski, Ms. Jessica Smith, Mrs. Stacy Goulette** and **Mrs. Leslie Schuh**, our terrific SCRIP crew, for taking care of everyone's gift card needs this year (and especially this month!). Thanks to the dedication of these ladies, families have been able to earn tens of thousands of dollars in tuition credits while at the same time benefiting the school.

End-of-the-year tuition credits will be calculated after Dec. 31 and will be posted on your January statement.

## Thank You!!!

We at Holy Cross are blessed with so many dedicated folks! We just mentioned the wonderful SCRIP ladies who volunteer their time to help you pay your tuition. We certainly don't want to

forget the intrepid crew of lunch moms who keep our kids safe every day on the playground and help them in the cafeteria. Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** (who coordinates her co-volunteers), **Mrs. Laura Bailey, Mrs. Dolores Chadra, Mrs. Betsy Davenport, Mrs. Suzy DeVeny, Mrs. Julie Isrow, Mrs. Angela Jacobs, Mrs. Judy Krutsch, Mrs. Jennifer Laster, Mrs. Bonnie Ogden, Mrs. Gretchen Rogus, Ms. Kecia Rowland, Ms. Jessica Smith, Mrs. Teresa Templeton, Mrs. Janine Winne, Mrs. Julie Wolf** and **Mrs. Marisol Zammit**. They're out there in the cold, when it's windy, or in the gym where it's just LOUD; they referee arguments and kiss boo-boos; they cut your child's apple, warm up his lunch, help him through the lunch line, open his milk, and do all the other little things kids need at lunch and recess. They're YOU when you can't be there—and did we mention their pay? Nothing!—they do it because they care about your children.

Thanks, too, to the folks behind the scenes in the varying organizations that keep the school running. There's **Mrs. Isrow, Mrs. Laster** and **Mrs. Rogus** in the library and Accelerated Reader: they help the children with book selection, testing and awards. There are **Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Vandebossche** and **Mr. Barr** with PTO: last week alone they sponsored the parade, the Candy Cane Shop and the "meet and greet" after church on Sunday, and they take care of a million "little" things all year that add up to a LOT of work. There are the Boosters, who keep sports available and free for our eligible students; our AD, **Mr. Jim Bellow**, has worked devotedly with our Boosters for decades keeping our extracurricular sports program running; and this year's coaches so far: **Mr. Mike Govier, Ms. Samantha Duncan** and **Mr. Pat LaBelle**, have spent countless hours and much energy helping their athletes learn their games. The School Committee advises the principal on items of concern both small and large: thank you to members **Mr. Govier, Mr. Chris DeVeny, Mr. Dan Ameal, Mr. LaBelle, Mrs. Jacobs, Mr.**

**Rick Goulette, Ms. Stephanie Spencer, Ms. Rowland, Ms. Smith** and **Mr. Pieter Winne. Mr. Barr, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Wendy LaFontaine** and **Mrs. Nicaise** all work bingo every week! **Mr. Barr** also trains altar servers. **Ms. Rowland** helps in Mrs. Rock's room one morning a week. **Mrs. Templeton** and **Mrs. Isrow** coordinate our special lunches. **Mrs. Isrow** (and many of her family members) provide the fun of "Field Day" every spring. Forget about being paid for their services: these people (with the exception of those receiving the tiny stipends paid in the athletics department which barely cover their gas to practices) not only receive no pay, but they invest their own money to make sure these programs are available to our students.

After the first of the year, you'll hear more from **Mrs. Melissa Kleckner** and **Mrs. Kersten Goldenbogen** and the Auction crew. The annual Auction (this school year, it will be on Feb. 8 2014) brings in thousands of dollars (and a bit of publicity). It also brings hundreds of hours of work and preparation for its organizers—all to make Holy Cross the best and strongest it can be for your student.

There are the "extra" things the teachers do, things their paychecks do not include: they take turns monitoring study hall four days a week, so older students with sibs at CMC have somewhere to stay while they're waiting for their rides; they mentor groups like the National Junior Honor Society and the Drama Club; they cover the cost of classroom necessities such as food ingredients for cooking classes; they spearhead service projects like the Veterans' Day drive.

Then there are the Holy Cross Alumni Association board and members, who just last week prepared a mailing to solicit their members' help for the school.

So when you're counting your blessings—you'll be able to count a little higher! Thank God for all these dedicated folks!!!

## Christmas Program

Last night was our annual Christmas program. All our classes—PK through 8—were part of the show! Special thanks to **Mrs. Rock** for putting the program together. Thank you, too, to **Mrs. Wassenberg** for her lovely accompaniment and to **Mrs. Chadra** for her delicious cookies!



## Camp

A reminder that campers' bills will need to be paid in full by January 17.

Don't forget that list of suggested items to pack for camp as you finish your Christmas shopping!

## Girls' Basketball

...begins in January! Last call for girls interested in joining: call the school office tomorrow.

## Congratulations, Alaina!

Sixth grade gymnast **Alaina Laster** placed first all around in level 5 at the Christmas Classic gymnastics meet in Novi this past weekend—WOW! Congratulations, Alaina!!

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Farley and the first graders with their pile of donations—THANK YOU!!

## Mark Your Calendar...

- Dec. 19: PTO fundraiser at Stevi B's (TONIGHT! 4-9pm)
- Dec. 20: last day of classes before Christmas
- Jan. 6: back to school!

## Eighth Grade Archaeologists

The eighth graders are learning about fossils. This week, they "created" their own fossils using Plaster of Paris and clay molds:



Above, a student fills his clay mold with still-liquid plaster.

(Right:) A classmate shows off the two halves of her mold, the object that made the impression in the mold and the plaster casting that resulted.

## The Veterans' Day Supplies

Mrs. Johnson and the first graders were visited last week by Mrs. Packer from the Voice News and Mrs. Farley, the coordinator of the local veterans' supplies distribution. Mrs. Farley was very grateful for all the things the first graders' collection brought in, and she will get them all sent to veterans who need them:



## "Thank You"

"Thank you to all who helped with the recent poinsettia sale! We were able to realize \$360 in profits." —from Mrs. Kersten Goldenbogen, chairperson

## Boys Interested in Playing Football Next Fall

On the first day of school after Christmas break, there will be a meeting for boys interested in learning more about football next fall. Eligible boys for next year are currently in grades 4-7. If you may be interested, please plan to attend this 2:15pm meeting. (You should be ready to leave by the usual 2:30 dismissal time, or shortly thereafter.)



## Mummies

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders learned about mummification this week--they prepared dolls for ancient Egyptian burial and created cardboard sarcophagi for them:

Cutting strips of fabric to wrap their "mummy" with.



We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014!!

See you January 6!

# January

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Happy 2014!

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Welcome back to school!

CYO meeting 2:15pm here for boys interested in playing football fall 2014

Nonperishable food drive for food pantry

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Calendar raffle drawing

Catholic Schools Week celebration begins at Holy Cross

Final camp payments are due today

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No East China buses home

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No students—teacher inservice

Pizza lunch  
End of second quarter

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Camp week for students in grades 4-8: campers leave about 7:30am

Report cards go home (grades K-3)

Campers return about 4:30pm (4-8 pick up report cards)

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