



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 20, 2012

A Word

"What we believe, where we are, and how we live out our faith can make a great difference in the struggle against violence. We see the loss of lives. We serve the victims. We feel the fear. We must confront this growing culture of violence with a commitment to life, a vision of hope and a call to action."---[Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action](#), 1994 Pastoral Message of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

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

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

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Thank you to our awesome SCRIP office staff, who have busily filled all your orders during this hectic season.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Mrs. Pavlov and the entire Holy Cross staff wish you and those you love a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As followers of Jesus, we put our faith and trust in him. Thank you for being a part of the Holy Cross family. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones both now and throughout 2013.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **TODAY, Dec. 20:** last day before Christmas break
- **NO SCHOOL (thanks, Fr. Bob!) tomorrow--Friday, Dec. 21**
- **Jan. 3: back to class!** (No East China buses Jan 3&4.)
- Jan. 7: vision & hearing screenings
- Jan. 22-24: no East China buses.
- Jan. 25: no school
- Sat. February 9: Auction! (Got your tickets yet?)

Kindergarten Music Class

The Kindergartners are playing music using bells this month. They played "Jingle Bells" for Mrs. Pavlov while Mrs. Knotts directed:



Bringing Holiday Cheer!

Our Kindergarten, first and second grade students went to River Bend assisted care living facility last Thursday. They delivered cards they had made for the patients cards and sang carols for them. The students saw that showing love can be done as simply as with a card and a song:



Vision & Hearing Screenings

...were rescheduled by the Health Department to Monday, January 7, 2013.

Camp 2013!

Families of 5th-8th graders: please remember that **camp bills must be paid in full by January 18.**

Check the Nov. 29 newsletter for a list of recommended camp supplies—with Christmas coming up, you may find some hints for your camper!

Boys' Basketball

Tonight is our last game before Christmas, as we visit IC on Thursday, Dec. 20. The game will start at 6:30pm: all Crusader fans are welcome!

We have three more games scheduled after Christmas break: both Monday and Wednesday, January 7 and 9, we travel to St. Peter School; on Monday, Jan. 14, we host St. Mary St. Clair during our last game of season play. (The tournament will be January 24-26 at IC—more info next month.)

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013** at the Marine City K of C Hall. The Auction is always a lot of fun—**mark your calendar** now so the day doesn't get away from you! (It would be a great Valentines' Day date—for you and your date, or a whole table-ful of your friends!) The evening will include dinner and open bar, with raffles going on all night between silent auction closings and the live auction. We have all sorts of gift certificates, sports and outdoors items, "pamper" packages, jewelry, tools and toys: you're sure to find something interesting! (I'm more than a little interested in the in-home wine tasting party donated by "Wines for Humanity"!)

The auction committee is still looking for vacation accommodations. Do you have (or have access to) a cottage or other vacation home? A week's stay would be a major donation. (Last year we were lucky enough to get an African safari!!) Contact Melissa Kleckner or the school office (810.765.3591).

Volleyball!

We're still looking for a volleyball coach for the varsity girls' team. Practices will begin after boys' basketball is over (just after camp). We have two volunteers eager to help!—now we just need a head coach to plan practices. The coach wouldn't necessarily have to attend every practice, if that's a sticking point for him/her: our two helpers could begin the practice, or keep a practice going, with some prior instruction from the coach. If you're interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591). If we don't find a coach we can't have a team!

Kindergartners Learn About Shapes

Our Kindergartners enjoyed a fun lesson about shapes yesterday. They separated their snack of "Bugles," "Trix" cereal, cheese and marshmallows by shapes into spheres, cylinders, cones and cubes:



Two young ladies took the lesson a little farther and built "pyramids" and "cubes" with their snacks:



The children "devoured" the lesson!

~Art Class News~

1st-8th grade students will have a beautiful surprise for their special some-ones on Christmas morning—I'm sorry I can't say more (I don't want to spill the beans!) but I can tell you their projects are wonderful!

On another note...does anyone have ceramic tiles left over from a household project that they won't be needing? Any leftover ceramic tiles or acrylic craft paints will gladly be accepted for future Art Class projects!

Thank you! Christmas blessings to all—Mrs. Manninen

"My Editorial"

by 7th grader Joseph Goldenbogen

Recycling is processing used materials into new products. We make millions of tons of trash each year. 54.2% of what we throw away ends up in a landfill: that's more than half of what we throw away! Recycling saves the Earth.

Kersten Goldenbogen notes, "I love recycling; I love to reuse. I think it is important." She also says, "It teaches us to reuse what we have. I also think that landfills block our access to natural resources. The more you recycle, the longer the Earth will last." Mother Earth has taken care of us and given us a place to live. We need to show her that we are thankful by recycling and helping her last as long as she can. A lot of people are always talking about doomsday but if we don't start taking care of the Earth and keeping it clean, that doomsday really will happen.

We have a very good population of trees but if we don't start recycling more paper and cutting less trees down, then we won't have the trees that we have today, and all of our animal population will go down and we won't have any more animals in the world. The bottom line is, we need to start recycling everything we can.

Recycling is easy. In fact, most of what we use in our kitchen can be recycled. An example, when you finish a cereal box, you can fold it up and recycle it. When you finish a jar of pasta

sauce, you can recycle that. You can also recycle tuna cans, pop cans, and so much more. Milk cartons, cardboard boxes, juice cartons, grocery bags, plastic bags, bottles, pizza boxes, restaurant take-out boxes are all things we can recycle from out of the kitchen.

Other things all around the house can be recycled. You can recycle old oil cans, old motor oil and metal. They can even make gym floors out of recycled tires. Recycling is a good thing that helps the Earth and it is easy as 1-2-3.

...And Mine

by 6th grader Calvin Barr

Do you always eat all the food on your plate? When you do not do you think about the people that would give an arm for that food? We are wasteful plain and simple. But others need that food and we just throw it out. Some are so hungry they eat out of landfills. Little kids compete to find one moldy cob of corn so they do not starve.

In 2008 according to "The Forgotten Harvest," nearly 1 in 4 households with children said there was a time in the past year that they could not afford to buy food that their family needed. They also say 1 in 6 Americans faced hunger and that included 17 million children. Americans throw away 40% of food. That is about a pound a day. Don't you think that maybe that food could go to others who need it?

On an international level in places like Haiti and Africa people are so poor we can not even imagine. Some people have to eat mud cookies to survive because they have nothing else to eat. And mud cookies are 100% mud and dirt. We at home in the U.S. throw out over 40% of our real food with nutritional value. There should be at least enough to make sure people are not eating mud.

I am not saying you have to donate food right now to "Feed the Children" or the local food bank, but do not waste and donate extra instead. Do not take what you will not eat.

*We wish each of you a blessed, peace-filled Christmas season--don't forget the Reason for the Season!
Come back refreshed and renewed on Jan. 3!!*

January

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Sat
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Back to class!

No East China buses

No East China buses
'til Monday

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Basketball games
6:30--

Vision & hearing
screenings
HC @ St P

School Committee
meets 6:30pm

HC @ St P

Food drive at mass

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8th graders: confir-
mation retreat

Calendar raffle
drawing
St M @ HC

End of 2nd quarter

Catholic Schools
Week begins

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No East China buses
home

No East China buses
home

No East China buses
home

No school: teachers'
inservice

"Texas Hold 'Em"
tournament tonight

Report cards go
home
Pizza lunch
V Tournament @ IC

V tournament
continues @ IC

V tournament
concludes

"Texas Hold 'Em"
tournament tonight

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Feb 1

Grades 5-8 go to
camp this week!

Dress down day: \$1

Campers return
about 4:30pm

"All school"
picnic lunch

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