



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 6, 2012

A Word

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, Luke 3:3

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

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pavlov would like to thank the wonderful Holy Cross School community for their prayers. Our mother died a happy death last Sunday, December 2nd at 12:47pm. (right after the last Mass got out) The time we spent with her was a rich blessing for us and our sisters as we said, "Good bye" to our sweet mother. Her funeral was today. She is safe and happy in the hands of God. Your prayers made this whole experience a blessing and a joy. Thank you.

Booster Club "Koeze" Products

...orders are expected to arrive at school tomorrow (we'll let you know if they're delayed).

Mark Your Calendar:

- Fri. Dec. 7: nacho lunch
- Fri. Dec. 7: Marine City Christmas Parade
- Tues. Dec. 11: Christmas program: students should meet their teachers in church (dress up!) by 5:45 pm
- Dec. 21: last day before Christmas break
- Jan. 3: back to class! (No East China buses Jan 3&4.)
- Jan. 7: vision & hearing screenings

NACHO LUNCH

Tomorrow (Dec. 7) we'll have Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton's awesome nachos again! Please be sure your order is in the office first thing tomorrow morning.

Along with the nacho lunch will be a bake sale: items will be 50¢ each ("cheaper than a Chartwell's cookie"), and Mrs. Isrow promises "good sizes" and top quality!

Doing Our Part

Your December statement will be in your mailbox soon. Just a reminder: preschool families should have had 50% of their tuition paid by Nov. 28 (with the next 10% payment due right around Christmas), and school families should be making their 8th (10%) payment at the end of the month. (Camp families: your camp bill should be 2/3 paid before January 1, with the final payment due no later than Friday, January 18.)

Boys' Basketball

Last Thursday our boys hosted St. Peter Lutheran. Monday had them at home again, playing St. Mary's this time. Last week's game was also a home game: St. Augustine School visited.

Next week brings two away games. On Monday, Dec. 10, we travel to Lakeport to take on St. Mary McCormick (who will play at St. Edward School in Lakeport); on Wednesday, the 12th, we go to St. Mary St. Clair. Games start at 6:30pm: all Crusader fans are welcome!

Camp 2013!

Families of 5th-8th graders: if you indicated to us that your student would be attending camp, your camp bill was included in November's statement envelope. December's update will be in your mailbox soon (unless you've already paid the bill in full and received a receipt). **Camp bills must be paid in full by January 18.**

Check last week's newsletter for a list of recommended camp supplies—with Christmas coming up, you may find some hints for your camper!

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013**. 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!)

The service plan signed by **every school family** when they register includes their agreeing to **donate cash or an item of at least \$80 value** to the auction. The deadline for donating an item was last week—if you haven't taken care of that yet, your \$80 is due now. The Auction committee will use those cash donations to round out the donations they've already received: the more items we get and the more varied they are, the more interesting and fun the Auction becomes!

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!!) Please contact Melissa Kleckner or the school office (810.765.3591).

Marine City Lighted Santa Parade

...is tomorrow night. Holy Cross will have a lighted float in a living nativity scene, and hot chocolate after the parade. If you're interested in either being in the parade or helping, please contact Gary Barr c/o school. What a perfect time to represent our school before the community!

Christmas Program

...is next Tuesday (December 11) in Holy Cross Church. All students in grades K-8 are expected to attend: please meet up with your class in church no later than 5:45pm. Wear your most festive Christmas clothes (unless your teacher / drama instructor has told you to wear something else).

Save The Dates:

"Me and My Gal" bowling Jan. 19, 2013
at Colony Bowl in Algonac;

"My Guy and I" dance Feb. 10, 2013
in Holy Cross Activity Center.

Both will be open to all elementary and middle school-age children in the parish and their "special" guy or gal (mother, father, aunt, uncle, older brother or sister). Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

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!

Congratulations!!

...to second grader **Anna Winne**, whose design was selected to grace the front of this year's OLR parish Christmas card! Congratulations, also, to eighth grader **Lilly Wolf** whose art work was awarded grand prize! Thank you to everyone who entered—Fr. Bob and Maxx say judging among all your great entries was really hard.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

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

PTO Meets

Thursday, Dec. 13

7:45am—FAB porch

All interested persons welcome!

"Young Authors"

Students in Ms. Ward's Language Arts class are becoming young authors. Each day they write during their writing workshop to strengthen their writing skills. At the end of each month they share their writing in class. Recently, the students "performed" in their first poetry reading. Here are some of the poems written and read by the students.

The Blind Man by Alexis

A blind man walks as if he knows where he is going.
He turns on the right streets,
And he can make it all the way home.

But the man does not see stop signs, or street names,
or addresses.
All he knows is how to make it home.

The way has only one direction,
home.
The man cannot go to work,
only home.

If only he stayed in school,
he would be able to go as far as the eye
can see,
no limits.

But this man did not,
All he has is home.

Sidney by Ethan

Furry and fun
Wish everyone had one!

She is sweet,
and she likes to eat.
Wish you could meet!

Protects us from strangers
and helps keep
us out of danger.

She runs fast
and climbs up our
playscape.

We love her so,
Don't ever want to let go.

Sidney is the best,
better than all the rest!

Friends by Emily

Flowers will die.
The sun will set.
But you're my friend,
I will never forget.
Your name is so precious,
it will never grow old.
It's engraved in my heart
in letters of gold.

Pony Poem a limerick by Grace

There once was a big horse,
Who spent his day at the race course.
He liked to run all day.
Then he stopped to eat some hay.
And went to find a water source.

People by Jessica

People can be white or people can be black.
People may look different from the back.
You may see the outside,
but they hide,
on the inside is what you look at.
That is not what People always do,
but they should,
because that is showing how people are
going to look at you!

Gary (a limerick by Mr. Barr- an improv poem performed during our poetry reading!)

Once was a man named Gary.
His head was not very hairy.
There was hair on his face,
On his head not a trace.
In the morning he looks pretty scary!

Congratulations!

...to the following Holy Cross alumni earning honors at CMC this quarter: on the Principal's List (all As): Annemarie Heitz, Rebecca Schultz, Cale Chaltron, Hollis Glowniak, Alyssa Khalifa, Marissa Khalifa, Natalie Sykes, Veronica Heitz, Elijah Nicaise, Annika Peterson and Erik Sykes;
First Honors (minimum of 3As and no grade lower than A or B): Anna Tomlanovich, Julia Schafer, Kylie Schuh, Libby Shepherd, Ben Rickel and Jeremy Todd;
Second Honors (all Bs with two or fewer As): Jacob Maben.

Student Highlights

...for the month of November were:

Preschooler **Erin Wilson** is very inquisitive and always participates in classroom discussions. She also enjoys playing with her classmates.

Evan Jacobs said the best thing about school is "Everything!" His favorite color is blue. When asked what his favorite book is Evan replied, "That's easy, every book!" It's fun having you in class, Evan!

First grader **Daniel** loves fire trucks and the color red. His favorite subject is religion. Daniel loves to learn about God, the church and Jesus. He likes to read with his mom, and play with his cat Ruggy. Daniel adds a lot to class discussions. Thanks Daniel and keep up the good work!

Annalise Udell is new to Holy Cross this year. She loves to read and would read all day if she could. Her favorite subject is religion. When she's not in school Annalise likes to play computer games and attend her Brownie troop #270095. Some day she hopes to be an astronaut "and go to every planet in our galaxy!" Keep up the good work Annalise.

Third grader **Lauren Isrow** is a wonderful student to have in class. She is very helpful to all those in need. She works hard on all her subjects and is a whiz in math. Lauren always strives to be the best she can be.

Gabriel Rowland Renaud is a welcome addition to our Holy Cross family. He is a hardworking student and adds great insight to classroom discussions. He is very creative in his writing and enjoys sharing stories with the class.

Fifth grader **John Templeton** is a wonderful young man with great ideas. His willingness to apply new concepts and his ability to think out of the box will help him succeed in the future. John's compassion and Christian attitude add to our wonderful class.

Sixth grader **Joshua Doan** is the friendliest young man you will ever meet. He loves people and it shows. Josh is also an excellent basketball player. In his spare time he likes to ride four wheelers. (Vroom vroom, Josh.)

Larry Blicharz is our Karate King. He works hard at that skill. Larry and his bike are inseparable no matter the season. He is a wonderful seventh grader.

Eighth grader **Emily Bryer** is an energetic, spirited young lady. She is a compassionate and loyal friend. Emily works diligently and puts forth great effort. She has recently proven to be an excellent poet and has shared her gift with her friends in writing poems to brighten their day!

"Candy Cane Shop"

...visited yesterday. Students had a lot of fun choosing gifts for their special people:



The 8th grade girls weighing their options.



The Wrappers!

"Do you think my mom will like this?"





The Marine City Interfaith Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 9th, 4 p.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church



Soloists: John Worthington
and
Chris Woelkers

Flute: Madonna Knotts

Narrator: Bob Lepley



**Come and enjoy the music of
the season.**

A freewill offering will be taken.



