



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.

February 10, 2011

A Prayer

But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.-Mt. 5:19

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

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

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Attached is an updated vendor list.

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.

Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch supervisor. 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.

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class is still making and selling popcorn to students on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Money raised from this project will help fund the bus for the Lansing trip.

Nachos!

Tomorrow, we'll have Mrs. Heitz's famous nachos for lunch! \$1.75 buys nachos and cheese with your choice of toppings: ground beef, lettuce, tomatoes and onions, and a drink; extra helpings are \$1 each. If you haven't turned in your order yet, be sure it's in the office first thing tomorrow morning—we wouldn't want you to go hungry.

The fourth grade is planning to have goodies for sale, too, to help with their trip to Lansing.

Thank You!

...to **Mrs. Heitz** for continuing to organize our special lunches!
...to **the Roguses** for display boards!

Tuition, etc.

Your February statement should be in your mailbox before the end of the week. Under the standard tuition payment plan, ALL SCHOOL TUITION is due to be paid by the end of February. Preschool families: you have three more scheduled tuition payments—Feb. 28, March 28 and April 28.

Volleyball

The girls have begun to practice. Their first game is away (at MCA) on Wednesday, Feb. 23, then home, hosting St. Augustine, on Feb. 24.

Mark Your Calendar:

NO SCHOOL next Friday,
Feb. 18, or on Monday, Feb. 21
(midwinter break).
NO EAST CHINA BUSES on
Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Valentines' Day

Next Monday is Valentines' Day. Classes will have time to celebrate during the last hour of the day. (It will be a dress down day, too, if you include red or pink and white in your outfit!) Your student's teacher and/or the class's room parents will coordinate any parties and contact you if they need help.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and canned fruit; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

Auction 2011

The Auction is a mere month off! Ticket info is attached: check out the bargain pricing! Bring a table of your favorite friends for a fun night!

We're looking for someone to sell tickets after masses this weekend: after St. Catherine's 4:00 Saturday and 11:30 Sunday masses, and after Holy Cross's 6pm Saturday mass. Can you help?—contact Gretchen or Jennifer c/o school.

Archdiocesan Grants

Eligible students in grades 1-8 will receive \$800 next year (the grant was only \$600 this year!) so it's well worth your time to apply. Be sure your application is in the mail before the April 11 deadline.

The application can be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aodonline.org; go to "Catholic Schools," then "Tuition Assistance" and scroll down to the middle of the page--you should see an English and Spanish version of the application.

On the front page of the application there is a box for a "school label." You may DISREGARD this box: there IS NO school label for Holy Cross.

A reminder to **save copies of your PSAS form**: you'll need it to apply for all other Holy Cross tuition assistance.

Texas Hold 'Em

Randy Bryer is looking for Texas Hold 'Em help on the following dates: Feb. 24-27; March 24-27; April 29 & 30 and May 1 & 2; and May 19-22. Shifts will be from noon-5pm / 5-10pm / 10pm-2am. (The first set of games is coming up VERY soon!)

Thank you to **David Heitz, Mike Kireta, Traci Whetstone** and **Mary Terhune** who have all signed up for a work shift or two!

Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help (or would like more info). There's also a signup sheet on the main hallway bulletin board at school if you'd like to just sign up. Thank you!

There will be a meeting regarding service credits next Monday, Feb. 14th at 8am on the porch of the Fine Arts Building to discuss the service credits. The Texas Hold 'Em will be reviewed at that time for eligibility. All interested persons are welcome!

Science Fair Display Boards

Display boards are available in the school office for \$4 each.

Music Scholarship Opportunities

The St. Clair Music Club, in cooperation with East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, announces this year's music scholarship application period. Application is open to students in grades 7-11, and the requirements and application are available in the school office or online at East China School District's website, www.ecsd.us or at the website of the Community Foundation: www.stclairfoundation.org. Written applications and requirements must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, and auditions will be held at the PAC at 2pm on Sunday, March 6.

Dress Down Day

Next Thursday, for a donation of \$1 or more, you may dress down. The money will be donated to the youth group of St. Christopher's (Marysville) for a Dominican Republic mission trip.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for the Lenten Fish Frys which will be held on March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th. Volunteers are needed the Thursdays and Fridays during the Fish Frys.

Please sign up on the volunteer sheets located in the back of the church at all three sites. The sign up sheets will be available until February 18th. No experience is needed (other than cooks). This is a great opportunity for those of you in need of service credits. Also, it sets an example for your children and grandchildren. Let them see you sharing your time and talents in service to our Lord, your parish family and the community. If you have any questions, call Linda or Lisa c/o the church office.

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Parents, your child can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books between now and April 1. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register.