



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 17, 2011

A Prayer

I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your
heavenly Father, Mt 5:44

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)

The scrip shopping winner of this month's giant cookie was the Smith family. The drawing for the next giant cookie will take place on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. You could be the lucky winner--make sure that your name is in the drawing by buying SCRIP this month! Each purchase will help to pay your tuition bill and give your family another chance in the drawing.

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.

THANK YOU FROM MRS. PAVLOV
Mrs. Pavlov would like to thank all of the families who gave her a valentine and treat for Valentine's Day. She felt very "loved" and special because of their kindness.

Attention: Bakers!

Homemade cookies needed! To keep costs down for the parish Fish Frys, we are asking all wonderful bakers out there to get out your favorite cookie recipe, double it and drop off your fabulous cookies on the Thursdays and Fridays of the lenten Fish Frys. (Note: no Fish Fry on Good Friday.) You may drop your goodies off at school on Thursdays during school hours, or at St. Catherine's activity center on Thursdays 10am-1pm or Fridays 10am-5pm. **COOKIES ONLY, PLEASE!**

Thank you in advance for your commitment to your parish. Any questions: contact Linda or Lisa c/o the church offices.

Mark Your Calendar:

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW,
Feb. 18, OR MONDAY, Feb. 21.
NO EAST CHINA BUSES on
Tuesday, Feb. 22.

PARENT LIASON SOUGHT

As we approach registration time for the 2011-2012 school year, in anticipation of new parents joining our school, Mrs. Pavlov is looking for a parent who loves Holy Cross, who is articulate, likes people and eager to help transition new parents into full membership as a Holy Cross family. This Parent Liaison would contact new families, welcome them to Holy Cross, assign them to a "mentor" family and help them get signed up for service credits, volunteer opportunities and ways to use their unique gifts and talents for the betterment of us all. If this sounds like you, please contact the school office and let Mrs. Pavlov know you are interested.

Congratulations!

First grader **Gavin Collins** had a clean sweep in his three events in last week's Michigan Cluster Eastern Division swimming championship. His wins gave him three gold medals. This Saturday is the state finals!

Auction 2011

Please join us for the 22nd Annual Holy Cross Dinner/Auction on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Marine City K of C. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 a couple or \$30 single, which includes dinner & open bar. There is both a silent & live auction, many raffles and even a few surprises!!

This year we will be honoring Dianne Lovett for her many years of dedicated service to our children and to Holy Cross School. After 18 years as principal at Holy Cross, Mrs. Lovett continues to support our school and parish families. Please come and be a part of this celebration.

We would love to see you to share memories, fun & lots of laughs! Call Gretchen Rogus or Jennifer Laster c/o school for tickets or questions.

Auction Alert!

Our first item "on alert" is a one night stay for four at Lynn's Bed & Breakfast located on the international shipping channel on Harsens Island. The Bed & Breakfast has a private dock for fishing, swimming or sunbathing. The night includes breakfast which is home cooked to your specifications. The island offers great walking or bike riding. The bed & breakfast is within walking distance of town, which has a restaurant with a view of the freighters, a grocery store, hardware store, library and two gift shops. There are also two other restaurants on the island.

Our second alert this week is dinner for eight with Father Bob at the rectory. Father is cooking, and his specialty is **RACK OF LAMB!!** This item not only includes dinner but also a tour of the rectory. Dinner and a tour: what a great way to get to know our new pastor!

If either of these items interests you please join us at the 22nd Holy Cross Dinner/Auction on Saturday, March 12 5:30 pm at the Marine City K of C Hall. Tickets are \$50 a couple or \$30 for a single ticket—contact Gretchen or Jennifer c/o school for tickets or more info.

Thank You!

"I would like to thank all the children at Holy Cross who made Valentine cards for the Veterans at the VA hospital. The students did a great job making the cards! I contacted the public relations director at the John Dingall VA center in Detroit. She was very excited that we would be sending these cards for the veterans." --Mrs. Krutsch

Volleyball

Our girls' first game is at MCA next Wednesday, Feb. 23, then home, hosting St. Augustine, on Feb. 24. All Crusader fans are welcome!—game time is 6:30pm.

Valentine Contest

Each year the third graders have fun decorating boxes for their Valentines' day party. They invited the rest of the school to vote for their favorite.

Zachary's soccer field took first place; John's Igloo got second; and Drew's "Big House" got 3rd. Way to go everyone!

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class is still making and selling popcorn 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.

KIDS ROCK--PARENTS ROLL

"Parent University 2011"

A day for parents and those who care for children ages 0-18

This one-day educational event features a wide range of breakout sessions for parents and caregivers of all children, including those with special needs. Vendors and community agencies will be on hand to provide information on products and services available to families in St. Clair County. Date: Sat. March 5 (8:30am-3:30pm) Cost: \$12 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Place: St. Clair County Technical Education Center on the SCCRESA campus (499 Range Road, Marysville). For more info or to register contact Shane Welch, St. Clair County RESA: email welch.shane@sccresa.org or call 810.455.4041.

Calendar Raffle Winners

...this month were: Joan Baker and Florence Meldrum of Algonac and Andy Balduck of Ira. Congratulations!

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.

Help Wanted

We could still use another lunch supervisor on Tuesdays and on Fridays. 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.

AUCTION HELP!!!

What are you doing March 11 or 12? The Auction is our single largest fundraiser of the school year—yet only two people are signed up to help. We need your help. If you are available on March 11th, we are asking for you to come and help decorate at the K of C Hall. If you are available on March 12th, you can help during the auction itself. There are plenty of "little" jobs that, when shared by many people, add up to a "big" successful event! Call Gretchen or Jennifer—or school—and say yes! You will be glad you did.

SAFETY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Recently, Mrs. Pavlov received an email from a responsible CMC high schooler expressing concern for her safety when walking from her parked car to school in the morning. The problem was with parents using the parking lot as a way to turn around who were driving fast and not watching out for the people who are walking. If you are using the parking lot as a way to turn yourself around and head north, PLEASE drive slowly and cautiously. Each of us has a responsibility to look out for the welfare of all our children—including those in high school.

Texas Hold 'Em

Randy Bryer is looking for Texas Hold 'Em help on the following dates: Feb. 24-27 (**next week!**); March 24-27; April 29 & 30 and May 1 & 2; and May 19-22. Shifts will be from 3-6pm / 6-10pm / 10pm-close. **You will be able to earn service credits for next year working this event!!**

Thank you to **Pat and Carrie Dorcey, David Heitz, Mike Kireta, Traci Whetstone and Mary Terhune** who have all signed up for a work shift or two for next week's dates!

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!

Music Scholarship Opportunities

Last call! Music students in grades 7-11 are eligible to apply, 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: wwwstclairfoundation.org. Written applications and requirements must be received by next Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, and auditions will be held at the PAC at 2pm on Sunday, March 6.

Book Fair

On Thursday, March 3 (from 8-10:45am) and/or on Friday, March 4 (from 11:30am-1:55pm): if you are not busy, would you consider helping out with our annual Book Fair? We could use two people each day.

On Sunday, March 6, we will hold the Book Fair during Open House from 1-3pm. Can you help then? There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the school hallway. Thank you in advance. Mrs. Smith

Science Fair Display Boards

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

BOOKS ARE FUN!

The traveling book display is here again! "Books Are Fun" offers a nice selection of high quality items at good prices, and Holy Cross earns a book for every 10 sold. Come check it out! Orders and payment must be in Wednesday, Feb. 23, and items can go home with your student on Thursday (or let Mrs. Steinmetz know if you want things held at the school office).

PTO notes from Feb. 15, 2011 Meeting

1. Correspondence: Thank you card from Mrs. Sweet to the PTO for all the hard work done this year. Several brochures passed on to PTO President for PTO consideration.
 2. Principals Report (read by Mrs. Senger): March 6th open house: many events are planned, including a new school brochure to be sent out, a drawing for a 50% of tuition for one student (new) and also a drawing for established students to enter for the same discount. Students who wear their Holy Cross uniforms to the event will receive a free dress down day coupon. March 23rd: accreditation kick off meet and greet; all are encouraged to attend. Parents: please be careful when driving in the parking lot--there are kids walking into school from the lot. Father Bob would like to see the PTO sponsoring events for parents: maybe featured speakers for families etc.
 3. Library software: approved payment of \$769 bill for this year.
 4. Easter lily sale: volunteers will be needed.
 5. Teachers will be discussing their needs to determine which major purchase PTO will be funding for the 2011/2012 school year.
 6. Car show: date set for July 16th. PTO will consider doing the thrift sale on the same day. There will be a DJ and concessions.
 7. Parent Curriculum: first workshop in the works will be for Internet safety sometime in April. Other ideas include bullying, self-esteem, disciplining, and how to help our children academically
 8. All new fundraising events need to go first through the parish leadership team for approval.
 9. Auction: PTO will be donating \$199.00 to the Auction's SCRIP tree.
 10. March is Reading month and school will have a special guest author. PTO will be donating an undecided dollar amount toward this event
- Next meeting: Tuesday March 15, 2011, 6pm in cafeteria.
Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Kleckner, Secretary

Happy 100th Day!

Our Kindergartners made hats to celebrate their 100th day of school:



michigan reads

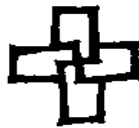
Parents, your child can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books by April 1. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register.

Online Parenting Resource

A very good on-line parenting web site is <http://www.raisingmallsouls.com> Check it out for yourself. I think you will like it.

Our Lady on the River Parish

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Lenten

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

Featuring
baked and
Fried Cod



Baked Potato and Fries
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Cole Slaw, Rolls
Desserts & Beverages

FRIDAYS,

March 11th, 18th, 25th
April 1st, 8th, 15th

4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

All Dinners \$8.00

Carry outs available at no extra charge

Benefitting Our Lady on the River Parish & Holy Cross School

Location

St. Catherine Activity Center
1103 Washington Street / Algonac, MI 48001

For more information call ...

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