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 23, 2012

A WORD

"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."-Mk 1:15

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 (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.***

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm**;** and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!
Peddlers:
Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Volleyball

Our girls' first game is at 6:30 tomorrow evening, here at Holy Cross as they host St. Mary McCormick. All Crusader fans are welcome!

(A note to the team: the game that was originally scheduled for Sat. Mar 10 and then moved to the 24th **has been moved back to March 10th: that's Holy Cross at St. Mary MCA.**)

Field Day!

Field Day is scheduled for Thursday May 24. The theme for this year's end-of-the-year fun day is going to be "Camp." Got any ideas? Or just interested in helping? Contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com.

Congratulations!

…to second grader **Gavin Collins**, who was named the Port Huron Times Herald's Athlete of the Week for his swimming prowess. For the second year in a row, he took first place at YMCA's State Finals in the 25m butterfly for his age group. This year, he also took individual firsts in 25m and 50m freestyle and a fourth in the 100m individual medley, as well as a second with his team in the 100m freestyle relay. What an incredible weekend! Way to go, Gavin!!

Auction 2012

Last chance to get your tickets for our 23rd Annual Irish Dinner/Auction! Please join us for a fun filled evening with silent and live auctions, dinner, and open bar with many raffles...such as a bead raffle (you purchase bead necklaces you wear through out the evening with chances to win many gift certificates); 50/50; Money train raffle (a chance to win over $200 worth of scratch off tickets) and our SCRIP Tree Raffle (this raffle gives you a chance to win over $250-$300 worth of gift cards).

There are also many wonderful items in our three silent auction sections. Our Live auction includes a week stay at a condo in Orlando, Florida; Tiger tickets with tickets to a couple minor league games for the baseball lover; U of M tickets; dinner with Father Bob; a homemade T-shirt quilt (made with your shirts, which makes it very special!!); Principal for the Day; and a basketball party in the Holy Cross gym. These are just a few of our great items.

Please join us for a night filled with many laughs and fun all in support of your parish and school children at Holy Cross Catholic elementary. Tickets are $30 each or $50 a couple--if you are interested, please call the school at 810.765.3591 (or Jennifer Laster or Gretchen Rogus, c/o school). We would love to see you—and a table full of your friends--there!!

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Thanks to these people for signing up to work:

SCHOOL: Friday, February 24:

1-5pm	**Terhune**	**Knotts**
5-10pm	**Babel**	**Babel**
10pm-2am	**LaBelle**	**Bryer**

Saturday, Feb. 25:

1-5pm	**Whetstone**	**Schultz**
5-10pm	**Fox**	**Fox**
10pm-2am	**Claeys**	**Claeys**

Sunday, Feb. 26:

1-5pm	**Terhune**	**Whetstone**
5-10pm	**Kireta**	**Claeys**
10pm-2am	**LaBelle**	

Monday, Feb. 27:

1-5pm	**Tomlanovich**	**Tomlanovich**
5-10pm	**Goldenbogen**	**Goldenbogen**
10pm-2am	**LaBelle**	

PARISH: Friday, February 24:

1-5pm	**LaVere**	**Alderton**
5-10pm	**McDonald**	**Woelkers**
10pm-2am	**Bryer**	**York**

Saturday, Feb. 25:

1-5pm	**Achatz**	**Achatz**
5-10pm	**Woelkers**	**Basilico**
10pm-2am	**Bryer**	**York**

Sunday, Feb. 26:

1-5pm	**Schafer**	**Schafer**
5-10pm	**Babel**	**Babel**
10pm-2am	**Beauvais**	**Kirkpatrick**

Monday, Feb. 27:

1-5pm	**LaVere**	**McNeely**
5-10pm	**Beauvais**	**McDonald**
10pm-2am	**Beauvais**	**Dunn**

The blank spaces indicate where we still need workers (we especially need you Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1-5pm). Can you help? Call Randy Bryer c/o school to take a shift.

CALENDAR REMINDER:

- Academic Olympics this Saturday, Feb. 25!
- No East China buses home next Wednesday, Feb. 29.
- Auction next Saturday, March 3.
- Open House the next Sunday, March 11.

Kindergarten 2012-13

Do you have a little one who will be in Kindergarten in the fall? Vision and hearing screenings are required for Kindergarten entry. We are pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for you to have the screenings done here!

In about a month (on March 21), the St. Clair County Health Department will be sending a vision and hearing screening technician to Holy Cross. Your 3-5 year old is eligible to receive the free testing: come in to pick up a "history" form any time before then. Your little one will need to have the completed form in hand to receive the screenings on the 21st.

First Communion

Families of second graders: your student's First Communion is coming up on April 28. Are you looking for a dress? A few First Communion dresses have been given to us to find new homes: see Mrs. Smith if you are interested.

Connie's Children's Shop of St. Clair Shores has a wide variety of First Communion clothing for boys and girls. www.conniesclothing.com

Auction Helpers

Will you have a little time while the kids are in school on Friday, March 2? We'd be delighted to have your help setting up the Auction items. (You'd get to have a sneak preview of all the goodies that will be auctioned!) How about the evening of the Auction (Saturday, March 3)?—we could still use a person or two to help. If you're available and interested in helping, please contact either of the chair-persons (phone numbers on front page) or Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office: 810.765.3591. The Auction is lots of fun: and you'll be helping your child's school while sharing in that fun!

Book Fair

We are looking for four people to help with our annual book fair on Friday, March 8 from 11:25am-2pm and / or on Sunday, March 11 from 12:30-3pm. If you can help out with any of these shifts please contact Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300.

Academic Olympics

…will be this Saturday, Feb. 25, at St. Augustine School in Richmond. Competitors have all received a schedule of events: please be sure to check in about a half hour before your first event begins. The schedule of events is below. Good luck, Crusaders!

"March is Reading Month"

A schedule of special reading month events is on the reverse of the March school calendar attached to this newsletter.

Archdiocesan Grant Applications

Applications are now available. You may download the application from the Archdiocese of Detroit's website: copy this URL and paste into your browser "go to" line: http://www.aodonline.org/aodonline-sqlimages/education/catholicschools/2012App.pdf. (If you don't have internet access and would like a packet, please contact the school office: we have a limited number of application packets.)

Please note that no school label is required for AoD grant applications, and that only one application is required per family. Holy Cross families must have applied for this grant to be eligible for other, local scholarship opportunities.

"SNOW DAYS!"

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school.

The Detroit TV stations all announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website, too: www.ecsd.us. Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.

Science Fair Display Boards

Display boards for science fair (or other learning fair) projects are still available at the school office for $4 each.

DO YOU LIKE RUNNING?

If you do, you may be just the person we are looking for. We are looking for someone or a couple of people to coach the track team. Track practice will begin after Easter vacation. Track meets are May 5, 12 & 19th. Call the office at 810-765-3591 for more information.

We DO have someone to help you! This person doesn't feel qualified to coach, but is eager to back up "someone who knows what they're doing." Could that be you???

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

St. Augustine, Richmond

February 25, 2012

Schedule of Events

8:00	Registration Begins (in School Hall)
8:30	Prayer Service
8:45	Registration Continues

Participants: please register ½hour before your first event.

Time	*Grade Five*	*Grade Six*	*Grade Seven*	*Grade Eight*
9am	Forensics	Math	Problem Solving	Religion
10am	Religion	Forensics	Math	Problem Solving
11am	Prob. Solving	Religion	Forensics	Math
12pm	Math	Prob. Solving	Religion	Forensics

Locations

Humorous Prose	**-**	**Room 4 of Old School**
Serious Prose	**-**	**Room 3 of Old School**
Humorous Poetry	**-**	**Room 2 of Old School**
Serious Poetry	**-**	**Room 5 of Old School**
Problem Solving	**-**	**Hall (Next to cafeteria)**
Religion	**-**	**Room 102 in school**
Math	**-**	**Room 206 in school**