



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.

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A WORD FROM JESUS

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.
Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Mt 6:33-34

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)

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.

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...Mrs. Wade and her family on the recent death of her mother. (The funeral service will be on Saturday at 11am here at Holy Cross.)

Science Fair

Students doing projects: your projects are due in school **next Wednesday, March 2.** (Display boards are still available in the school office: \$4 each.)

Raffle Calendar Winners

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

Auction Alert!

Please join us in supporting Holy Cross at the 22nd Annual Irish-Night Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 12 at the Marine City K of C. The doors open at 5:30. The night will be filled with dinner, open bar, many raffles, silent & live auction. One of the live auction items we are featuring this week is an "In-Your-Home Wine Tasting Party & Supplies" by Wines for Humanity. Linda Thomas will host a two-hour wine tasting in your home for up to 14 people. Relax as she escorts you and your guests through 7 different wines.

We are also featuring a week stay at Bahia Vista (Venice, Florida) Gulf Condominium. Located directly on a canal leading to the Gulf of Mexico, this two bedroom condo is completely furnished, sleeps 6, and includes central heat & air and cable TV. Ocean front heated pool, laundry facilities, boat dockage & sandy beach are available on the premises. Bike and boat rentals, tennis, shopping, churches and restaurants are within walking distance. A short drive brings golf, water sports, charter fishing, arts and entertainment, recreation areas, museums and wonderful dining adventures. Just one hour from Tampa and two hours from Orlando! No pets, smoke free.

If either of these items interests you, purchase your ticket today for \$30 single or \$50 a couple by calling Jennifer Laster or Gretchen Rogus c/o school.

Book Fair

Next 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.

Next 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

Congratulations!

Last Saturday first grader Gavin was crowned state champion in his division in butterfly at the state finals in Grand Rapids! Awesome job, Gavin!

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, March 4, Chartwell's will not be serving lunch. Instead, the Collins family is treating the entire school to a pizza lunch with dessert. We will have more details for you next week.

michigan reads

Students: you can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books by April 1. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register.

Academic Olympics

This Saturday, February 26, our upper el students will take on other Blue Water Vicariate schools' students in the annual "Academic Olympics" competition! Kudos to those students for spending their "day off" in the pursuit of excellence!

Thank you to their coaches for helping them prepare: Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Ward and Mrs. Hanna. Go Crusaders!

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.

Volleyball

Our girls won one match in their first game at MCA last night—good job! Tonight we host St. Augustine, and next Monday IC will visit us. All Crusader fans are welcome!—game time 6:30pm.

MISSION THANK YOU

Last Thursday, we had a dress down day for \$1.00. All together, we collected \$74.00 and donated it to a group from St. Christopher Parish in Marysville. going to a very poor parish in the Dominican Republic. Through your donation, children who live in poverty will receive an education and health care at this parish. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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 April 11.

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 (**this weekend!**); 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, Jim Schafer, Jennifer Claeys, Becky Robbins, Amanda Lund, Kathy Sweet, David Heitz, Mike Kireta, Pat LaBelle, Matt and Traci Whetstone** and **Mary Terhune** who have all signed up to work this week's dates!

Please contact 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!

Holy Cross Alumni On CMC's Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Holy Cross Alumni who are receiving honors this quarter at Cardinal Mooney:

All As: Hollis Glowniak, Veronica Heitz, Oliver Hopton, Alyssa Khalifa, Marissa Khalifa, Alexandra MacKenzie, Annika Peterson, Brittany Rickel, Kylie Schuh and Kelsey Simon.

All As and Bs: Maggie Bachler, Daniel David, Marie Lizée, Elijah Nicaise, Ben Rickel, Mariah Rickerman, Kourtney Rogus, Torie Ruemenapp, Frankie Senger, Staci Shackett, Jamie Sharpe, Libby Shepherd, Craig Sykes, Erik Sykes, Natalie Sykes and Jeremy Todd. Bs with 2 or fewer As: Dana Hardwick, Owen Rogus and Julia Schafer. (Great job, all!)

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 the site of the Community Foundation: www.stclairfoundation.org or at East China School District's website: www.ecsd.us. Written applications and requirements must be received by next Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011..

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 a 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.

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.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. This month's food drive to help restock the pantry will be early: please bring nonperishable food items next Friday, March 4.

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