



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering Academic Excellence in a Christian Community.

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Our Lenten Journey

As we begin our Lenten journey, may we open our hearts and our minds to God's voice. May we remember that Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins. During this Lenten season, may we find forgiveness in our hearts for those who have hurt us, and ask forgiveness of those we have hurt.

Amen

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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 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;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 1-3pm; and

5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during RE classes

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Kelly Zichi (East China)

"PSAS" Application Forms for the Archdiocesan Grant

Don't forget to file yours! Contact the school office to have one sent home with your child, or stop in to pick one up. You may also download the form from the Archdiocese's website: go to www.aodonline.org; "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance" under "Parents and Students," "Archdiocesan Endowment Tuition Assistance Programs," then select the form and instruction letter.

Registration!

We are currently working on finalizing tuition figures for next year...so registration paperwork WILL be coming out soon! Thank you for your patience and support. Do you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children? Encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment, or to visit the school open house on March 8!

What Are YOUR Plans?

Your 2009-10 oldest "Crusader" is bringing home an envelope from Fr. Lopez and Mrs. Lund. Please take a moment to read it carefully and prayerfully. We ask the favor of your response ASAP so that we can make OUR plans and speed up the registration process.

Progress Reports

...went home yesterday: have you seen yours?

Open House/Learning Fair

.....are scheduled for Sunday, March 8, from 1-3pm...The students have put a great deal of time and effort into demonstrating their knowledge for our Learning Fair! Please be sure to check with your child if you have any questions about their projects. If you know of someone who is looking for a change for their children, please bring them with you to our open house, or give us a call with their names and addresses, and we will send them an invitation.

Come Shop at "OBO!"

During the Open House, the Kindergarten will have a grand opening of their store/market, called "OBO." They have been busy making jewelry and crafts to sell in their market! Please bring some extra cash/change to the Open House and buy a gift for someone special! All proceeds will be given to Ashleigh Tranchemontagne.

Auction Alert!

This is a first for an auction alert: this year we are offering a HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE for two! This LIVE auction item has something anyone may be looking for--romance, excitement or even adventure.

The destination auction alert is a one week vacation at Bahia Vista Gulf Complex on Venice Island, Florida. Located directly on the canal leading to the Gulf of Mexico, this two bedroom condo is completely furnished, sleeps 6, and includes central heat and air and cable TV. Ocean front heated pool, laundry facilities, boat dockage and sandy beach are available on the premises. Bike and boat rentals, tennis, shopping, churches and restaurants are within walking distance. Just a short drive will provide golf, water sports, charter fishing, arts and entertainment, recreation areas, museums and wonderful dining adventures. Located just one hour from Tampa and two hours from Orlando, the condo has a no pets, smoke free policy. (The condo is unavailable for the months of January, February or March.)

If either of these items is of interest to you, please plan on joining us on Saturday, March 14 at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall for a night filled with good food, friends and lots of fun. Tickets are currently available. For information please call Gretchen Rogus or Jennifer Laster c/o the school office at 810.765.3591.

THE SPORTS SECTION: VOLLEYBALL

Last week, our girls played their first two games: against St. Mary / McCormick and St. Augustine School. Although they suffered close losses at both matches, Coach Rickel is proud of how well her young team played, and she notes how much they've already learned!

Tonight's game is at St. Mary St. Clair at 6:30; on Saturday morning (at 10am) we welcome Trinity—all HC fans are invited to attend both or either event!

AND OTHER STUFF:

Thank you to our parents who give their time, energy and expertise to coach our athletes! It's a big responsibility and a great service to our families.

However, coaches aren't able to provide child care for the whole family. Parents--please make other arrangements for your athlete's siblings during practices: the coaches are busy coaching their teams and can't be responsible for extra kids.

Science Alive!

...is coming soon! Please return your blue permission slip and \$2 to your teacher ASAP.

Display Boards

Boards for science fair displays are available in the school office: \$3 each.

Camp Photos

Did you take any great camp pictures we could include in our camp display? We would be happy to print them from your disc or scan and return any you are willing to share. Thanks!

We Still Need Other Pictures, Too

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our yearbook and website. If you have pictures that you can share, we would gratefully accept digital pictures, or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

Math-a-Thon

Participants have received their "Funbook" and should now be working through the math problems. Students should also be asking family and friends to sponsor them or to make donations to St. Jude's. All pledges and pledge money need to be returned to Ms. Ward by Monday, March 2.

"Super Sitter Seminar"

St. John River District Hospital is once again offering its babysitting course beginning April 21, 2009. The course is open to anyone 12 & older, for a fee of \$15. There are registration flyers in the school office.

Music Scholarship Opportunity

Last call! Applicants in 7th-11th grades in or residents of the East China School District may pick up an application in the school office; applications must be received by March 3.

Booster Club Wants YOU!

The Booster Club is now accepting nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 school year. If you're interested in learning more about what each job entails, please contact Nancy Rickel c/o school.

Book Fair

In conjunction with our Open House and Learning Fair next week, we will have a Book Fair. It will be open during school hours on Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, and then will open to the public on Saturday, March 7, from 5-7 pm, and again on Sunday the 8th during the open house, from 12:30-4pm. Volunteers are needed for each of these time slots—if you are available to help, please contact chairperson Sharon Rivard c/o school (810.765.3591).

Thank You!

...to **Baker College of Port Huron** for its donation of 6 computers for our lab, and to **Mr. Chris Ludwig** for picking them up and delivering them to school. ...to **Mrs. Heitz** for bringing in mini-paczki for all of us on Tuesday.

FISH FRY

We are sponsoring fish fries on Fridays during of March: next week will be our first! Please join us at St. Catherine's in Algonac from 4-8 pm on Friday, March 6—Chef Pat Semaan is eager for you to try his fried (or baked) fish!

Request from the Library:

If you're considering donating books to the library (in honor of your child's birthday, perhaps?)—we're hoping for:

Twilight series;

Percy Jackson & The Olympians;

Guardians of Ga-Hoole books #12,

13, 14 & 15; and

Tales of Beedle the Bard.

We already have Accelerated Readers tests--any help with acquiring these books would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!!
—Mrs. P. Smith

Need Credits?

Do you need service credits? Please consider bingo—even if you've had a bad experience before at another hall, please be assured that the Marine City K of C players are different! We average 45 players, and they are kind and courteous to our workers. The hall is non-smoking and very clean; the atmosphere is calm and quiet. The Knights of Columbus have hosted this bingo for Holy Cross for many years. The worker corps is composed of Knights and Holy Cross parents and volunteers—and we are in DESPERATE need of a few more bingo and concession workers and callers. Our bingos are held every Wednesday night, and we need to fill at least three positions on our second week team. (We have openings for the other weeks, also.) You do NOT have to join a team or commit to any certain number of bingos—you may work one bingo, or as many as you like. Please give us a try! (Remember: any adult, 18 or older, may help you earn your credits...maybe Grandma or Grandpa or a friend would consider working a shift with you.)

Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300), Marge Nicaise, Ruth Lizée' or Karen Sobczak if you'd like more information.

It's Delicious!

The 3rd and 4th graders are selling popcorn every Friday to help pay for their trip to Lansing in March. The popcorn costs 25¢ for each bag.

MARKET DAY

Just a reminder that order forms must be in school by Monday, March 2; delivery is on Monday, March 9.

PTO Requests Photos

Do you have any pictures from PTO events this year? PTO is hoping to put together some display boards for next week's open house, and is looking for photos from their "Game Night," "Daddy-Daughter Dance," "Mom & Son Bowling" and any other events they've sponsored this year. Do you have any you can share? Please send to Ms. Ward by Monday so they have time to create. Thank you!!