

# 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.*

**February 4, 2010**

**Mrs. Hanna and the Fourth Grade are filling in for Mrs. Lund while she's away at camp this week...**

## **Marvelous Manatees**

**by Joe and Calvin**

(Note from Mrs. Hanna: last week one of the fourth graders came upon a word that he had never heard of before—"manatee." I thought that this would be a perfect "teachable moment." If Joe had never heard of the manatee, maybe there were others who didn't know about these wonderful, gentle animals. Following is Joe's report on these unique mammals:)

Have you ever heard of a manatee?

In the olden days sailors thought that these giant mammals were really mermaids. That's one chunky mermaid. Manatees can weight up to 2,000 pounds and are about 12 feet long.

Manatees are herbivores. They live in Florida and we are their worst enemy. Manatees are curious mammals. When they see a boat they want to investigate. The propellers of the boat cause injuries and make deep cuts in their skin.

To help keep manatees safe use a canoe!

## **Still Winter???**

**by Larry and Luke**

Did you know that Groundhog Day is a national holiday? On February 2<sup>nd</sup> Groundhog Day is celebrated in the U.S.A. and in Canada.

German immigrants started the national holiday of Groundhog Day in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania where crowds of people gather. At times there are about 40,000 people waiting to see Phil.

Many people believe that if Phil sees his shadow there will be 6 more weeks of winter.

Well, did you see your shadow Tuesday?

**CAMPERS RETURN ABOUT 4:30 TOMORROW!**

## **Far-Out Fantastic Field Trip** **by Luke and Larry**

The Selfridge Air National Guard Base was awesome. We met Lieutenant Lou Nigro. Lieutenant Nigro is a retired Air Force pilot. He is a nice man who told us all about the museum. The museum had older planes and newer planes on display. Lieutenant Nigro told us all about the different names that the base has had throughout its many years. It was named after Thomas Selfridge who was the first person to die in an aircraft accident. He was flying with Orville Wright. They crashed and, because neither one of them wore seatbelts or a helmet, Orville was seriously injured and Thomas Selfridge died.

The museum had a small souvenir shop. They had a jeep and an F-16 cockpit that you could sit in.

The base was great and it had a lot of stuff to look at. We think that lots of people would enjoy a visit to the museum.



We had a great time at the Selfridge museum!

## **got scrip?**

### **SCRIP office hours:**

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

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Kelly Zichi (East China)

## *Sweet Violets*

*by Calvin and Joseph*

We started out with 8 African violets and now we have 27 in the classroom. Mrs. Hanna told us that Ms. Beauvais was coming and when she came, we crowded her. She was talking about stuff that was so interesting—like how to plant African violets in Perlite.

Not every plant begins the same way, ya' know!

We are going to be watching the little violets grow and by May they will be ready to be planted in soil.

Thanks to Ms. Beauvais we're learning lots of cool things about plants.

## *Thank You!*

...to **Mrs. Kim Pawlak** (mom of Zack, HC Class of 2009) for donating most of the makings for our ice cream social last week!

## **Auction Alert**

This week's "Auction Alert" spotlights Wines for Humanity. What a way to spend some fun relaxing time with friends—invite them over for "A 7 Bottle In-Home Wine Tasting." If that isn't your thing and you still enjoy spending time with family and friends, how about bidding on "An In-Home Coffee Tasting," for up to 16 people, with Boresha Coffee?

If either of these items interests you, please plan on joining us for a fun filled evening that supports the children and their Catholic education. For tickets you may call Jennifer Laster or Gretchen Rogus c/o school: 810.765.3591.

## **Save The Date!**

**Saturday, March 13** is the date of this year's "Irish Nite" Dinner and Auction. Doors to the Marine City K of C Banquet Center will open about 5:30pm, and \$35 will get you a ticket for dinner, open bar, bidding and LOTS of fun! Watch future newsletters for more details and ticket availability.

We're also looking for a few workers for the night of the auction. Please contact Gretchen, Jennifer or the school office if you're interested.

## Boys' Basketball

Our boys' basketball season has come to an end, with a regular season record of 6 wins 4 losses and a league finish of 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The season-ending tournament was hosted by Holy Cross this year and was once again a great success. First place was taken by St. Augustine; second, by OLIC; third went to Holy Cross and 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's.

Holy Cross played 4 games during the tournament and won 3 of the 4 games. In our first match, we beat St. Peter's 27-15; we went on to lose to IC 21-32; our third game was against MCA where we enjoyed a close 21-19 win, and we went on to defeat St. Mary's 37-29 for third place.

Thanks to everyone for all the help this year! —Coach Jeff May

A big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Kim Chaltron and her family for arranging for all the concessions items and setting up concessions all season and during the tournament—thanks, Chaltrons!

**MARKET DAY SALE IS  
CANCELED THIS MONTH**  
due to too few orders.  
(We'll try again for March!)

## 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](http://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.**

**"SUBSIDY COMMITTEE"  
meets Feb. 10—8am**

## Volunteers Needed for Fish Frys in March

Sign up sheets will be located in the back of church at all three OLR sites Jan. 23-Feb. 14. Questions?—please call Linda Abraam or Lisa Bryer.

## Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. A copy of the application was attached to a prior week's newsletter (or go to [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org), choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance"). This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2010; there is a fee to apply. (You'll also need a copy of your 2009 US 1040 tax return.) **DON'T FORGET TO KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING!**

**Even if you don't think you'll receive the award, all Catholic families are urged to apply—all other financial aid opportunities will require that you have applied for the Archdiocesan grant** (although you won't necessarily have to have received the grant to qualify for other awards).

Non-Catholic families and families with Kindergartners only: save the grant form (even though those students aren't eligible for the grant)—you may need to complete it (without submitting it to PSAS) in order to apply for any other assistance.

Any other financial aid opportunities we come across will be posted in the newsletter—watch for them!!

## Daddy-Daughter Dance

The dance is this Sunday, Feb. 7, from 1-3pm. It's not too late to contact Jennifer Laster for your ticket: \$15 per daddy-daughter couple.

## Calendar Reminder--Midwinter Break: No School from Feb. 12-15

Classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16. A reminder to East China bus riders, though: no buses on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

(As Valentine's Day falls during midwinter break, we will celebrate with a dress down day--wear red/white/pink--on Thursday, Feb. 11.)

## Sweatshirts

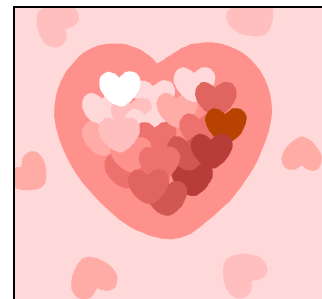
Sweatshirt order information is available at the school office (and attached to this week's hard copy of newsletter). The order will be placed early next week. Please send in your form and payment by Tuesday if you'd like to order.

## Academic Olympics

This year's Academic Olympics will be held on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine in Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Coaches are starting to gather their teams—Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Love have begun meeting with the forensics competitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays (after school 'til 3:30), and problem solvers are practicing during school time. Competition will take place in mathematics, problem solving, forensics (speaking) and religion. Please encourage your athlete of the mind to give it a try!

## Food Pantry

Tomorrow is the first of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...), macaroni & cheese, pastas and jelly; 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!



*A Little Leprechaun*

*told me ....*

*"The Auction is coming!!"*

*Holy Cross 21st Annual Irish*

*Night Dinner & Auction*

*Saturday, March 13, 2010*

*Doors open at 5:30 pm.*

*K of C Banquet & Conference Center*

*6355 West Road, Mount Clemens, MI*

*Donation of \$35 per ticket*

*For more information, see School or Catholicism  
Parents Page Board*

*Tickets may be purchased through*

*Gratien Rogner (810) 329-9649*

*Jennifer Laster (810) 765-3510 or*

*Holy Cross School (810) 765-3591*