



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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This week's newsletter is brought to you by this week's oldest class: the fourth grade!

A Prayer

Dear Lord,
Make me the sort of person who causes other people to feel happier, no matter how I feel. Thank you for my friend down the hall, and my friend across the street, and please help me to be a friend to everyone I meet.

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)

We have just received updated information from Speedway regarding their FUEL cards. If a store is a franchise, it has the option of giving you the 3¢/gallon discount; corporate owned stores will give the discount. At the corporate stores, however, you must use your Speedy Rewards card to get the 3¢ off per gallon. Remember: Speedway still gives 5% on their gift cards no matter if they are FUEL or GIFT (but only GIFT cards may be used for items other than gas). Thank you for your continuing support!

Haiku Poetry

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. The first line contains 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables and the last line has 5 syllables. Most poems are about nature and beauty.

The weather is cold.
The fire inside is warm!
I love the cold snow.

--by **John**

Flowing down the stream
Oceans and oceans of fish
Swim! Swim! Little fish.

--by **Gracie**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please bring in some personal hygiene products for people who don't have what we have. Try to bring in...shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, hair brushes, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. You can also bring in kids' bath toys.

This project is sponsored by Safe Horizons of St. Clair County. The deadline is February 23, 2009.

--by **Lilly and Alexis**

It's Delicious

The 3rd and 4th graders are selling popcorn every Friday. We need money to help buy our tickets to go to Lansing in March. The popcorn costs 25¢ for each bag. Buy as many as you like—but 4 is the limit. Help us get to Lansing.

--by **Emily and Taylor**

Fun For All

WOO HOO!! The big kids are gone!!! From learning how to survive in the cold to sledding with the dogs, the big kids will have fun at camp. They're not the only ones who get to have fun this week. We have a no homework day and a game day and all the other fun days. While the big kids are in the bitter cold we get to stay warm in the school.

We'll be glad when they're back!?

--by **C.J. and Grace**

These are a Few of Our Favorite Things

Mrs. Rock
Movie: The War
Song: Brown-Eyed Girl
Desert: mudslides from the DQ
Vacation Spot: Dollywood, Tennessee

Mrs. Steinmetz
Movie: It's a Wonderful Life
Song: Bohemian Rhapsody
Dessert: anything with chocolate
Vacation spot: anywhere with sand, water and sun

Miss Carolyn
Movie: Sebrina
Song: preschool songs
Dessert: key lime pie
Vacation spot: Williamsburg, Virginia
Mrs. Fox (our favorite sub!)
Movie: Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Song: Enya—Only Time
Dessert: chocolate cake
Vacation Spot: Maya Riviera, Mexico

Mrs. Senger
Movie: Sound of Music
Song: Say a Little Prayer
Desert: cheesecake
Vacation spot: cabin

Mrs. Smith
Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Song: Old Time Rock and Roll
Dessert: coconut cream pie
Vacation spot: Rhode Island

Mr. Fizz
Movie: Die Hard
Dessert: Jello
Vacation spot: Colorado

Father Jim
Movie: Angels with Dirty Faces
Song: Love Me Tender
Desert: chocolate sundae
Vacation spot: Phoenix, Arizona

--by the fourth grade
investigative reporters!

Market Day:

Orders will be in on Monday, Feb. 9.

Got an Extra Quarter?

Ashleigh has cancer. All of the kids at Holy Cross School are bringing in some quarters to help with the doctor bills. This Friday is the last day to bring the quarters. Ashleigh is a good kid and she likes to help out others. We think that it's our turn to help Ashleigh.

--by **Nick and Taylor**

Super Bowl News

On Sunday, Feb. 1, the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers played each other in the Super Bowl. We both thought the Arizona Cardinals were going to win, but in the end, with 40 seconds left, the Steelers scored the winning touchdown and won the game!

--by **Maddie and C.J.**

JOKE TIME

Why did the one-thousand-year-old Egyptian join the PTA?

He heard it was for mummies and daddies!

Why did the class clown give Jenny a dog biscuit?

He heard she was the teacher's pet!

--by **Emily and Lilly**

Camp News:

Our campers return about 4:30 tomorrow. We know they've had a blast up in Wolverine!!

"PSAS" Application Forms for the Archdiocesan Grant

...have arrived! Please 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.

Thank You!

...to **Mr. Ken Precht** (grandpa of Ruthie & Michael, and erstwhile guest junior high composition teacher) for art and music books donated to school.

Display Boards

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

Archdiocesan PE Raffle

If you wish to participate, stubs and money must be in the school office by tomorrow morning.

Music Scholarship Opportunity

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.

THE SPORTS SECTION: BASKETBALL NEWS

"Our JV boys played in the championship game against St. Augustine School on Jan. 24 and came up a little short, losing 17-22. They played a hard-fought game right to the end. Overall this year, Holy Cross JV finished 2nd in the league with a 8-2 record, and they took second place in the tournament. I would like to thank all the parents, school staff and cheerleaders for their GREAT support!"

—Coach May and Coach Sharpe

The Varsity boys' tournament was this past weekend. Coach Hopton says the boys played well, and he is proud of all their hard work this season. Holy Cross ends the season tied for first place, and in second place in the tournament. Coach also sends his thanks to the JV cheer team, who came to cheer the boys on. Good year, guys!

... AND TRACK

We are getting desperate for a track coach: **we won't be able to field a team without adult leadership!** If you (or a qualified adult you know) are interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Bellow, or Mrs. Lund c/o school: 810.765.3591.

Auction Alert!

This week's featured Auction item is a weekend get-away at the St. Mark rectory on Harsens Island. The home is located on the South Channel with an AWESOME view of the water and passing freighters! Recently, a new deck and dock were added. It also includes a kitchen, sitting area, two bedrooms (3 beds), cable TV and VCR. Available November-May.

If this item interests you, please plan on joining us Saturday, March 14 at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall for a night filled with good food, friends and lots of fun.

For information please call Gretchen, Jennifer or school office (810.765.3591).

Daddy-Daughter Dance

The dance will be held this Sunday, February 8, from 1-3pm in the Activity Center. Cost is \$10 per "couple" and includes dancing, a (kid-friendly) lunch buffet, and a souvenir photo. Daddies and daughters of all ages are welcome! Advance reservations and payment are required—contact Jennifer Laster to make a reservation. Please send payments in to the office.

We are also looking for moms to help the day of the dance, and help with baked goods: please call Jennifer.

Jump for Hearts

Just a reminder to get your permission form in! Thanks for helping the American Heart Association.

--Mr. Oberski

Congratulations!

Sixth grader **Stone** and his patrol from Marine City's Boy Scout Troop 296, and eighth grader **Andre** and his patrol from Algonac Troop 223, braved the cold to participate in the Blue Water District Scouts' "Klondike Derby" this past Saturday. The annual Derby tests the boys' winter survival skills, including orienteering, fire making, nature identifications, first aid and shelter building, and concludes with everyone's favorite: a race of the sleds the boys have built. Stone and his patrol came in first place among all the boys who attended--way to go!

Attention: Preschool Families--

Just a reminder that there will be NO preschool the week of Feb. 16-20.

Mom-Son Bowling

Boys: take your mom bowling on Sunday, Feb. 22! Premier Lanes in Chesterfield Township will host our Mom & Son bowling date from noon-2pm on the 22nd. \$20/"couple" includes shoes, two games, two slices of pizza and a drink for each attendee. You may send your request for a reservation and payment in to the school office, attention: "Mom & Son Bowling."

We Still Need Pictures

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!