



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 14, 2013

A WORD FROM THE WORD

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. The workshop will be held at Holy Cross on February 23 beginning at 8:30am. To register (or to find another session that better 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 at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair) 810.434.9557
Kelly Glowski (Algonac) 810.499.7844

Mark Your Calendar:

- Feb. 15-19: midwinter break: NO SCHOOL
- Classes resume Feb. 20
- Feb. 23: Academic Olympics
- Feb. 25: no East China buses home
- March 1: special lunch
- March 10: open house
- March 11: no school
- March 14 Kindergarten Round Up & Preschool registration

Volleyball

Last Saturday we hosted St. Mary McCormick last Saturday for our home opener. We won two of the five games. Monday we played St. Augustine and won one of the games at that evening's contest. The next game will be played on Thursday, February 21st at Holy Family in Memphis where we will play St. Augustine.

The Pope Resigns

Earlier this week, we were all stunned by our Holy Father's announcement that he was resigning. This is an historic announcement. Below are his words.

"After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me." - Pope Benedict XVI

Please pray for our Holy Father, for our church and for the Holy Spirit to guide our cardinals when they meet to identify the new pope.

LENT & VALENTINE'S DAY

With Lent beginning on Wednesday, February 13th, Holy Cross celebrated Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 12th. Grades 2, 3 & 4 had a Valentine Box decorating contest. The winners are:

Grade 2
Grade 3

Matt Zammit
Joey Tucker

Grade 4

Luke Chadra

Winners were chosen by popular secret ballot. The decision was hard because there were many wonderfully decorated boxes. We are showing one of the boxes for your enjoyment.



Auction Update

Saturday's auction was a success. The school auction was a huge success. The crowd was delightful, the meal was delicious and the live auction was entertaining. We may have even made more money than we did last year. We raised enough money with "Cash for Kids" to purchase all 3 carts for the Epson BriteLink Interactive projectors to help with instruction. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success. A special thanks to the organizers: Melissa Kleckner, Lisa Schulte, Kersten Goldenbogen, Deborah Mona, James LaParl and Kari Steinmetz and their mentors: Gretchen Rogus and Jennifer Laster.

Archdiocesan Grants

The application forms for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grants for 2013-14 are available—call the school if you'd like a paper copy sent home with your child. (The forms are processed by a company known as PSAS.)

You can also find the form and directions on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aod.org. Go to "Schools," click on "Tuition Assistance and Scholarships," then "Private School Aid" to find the PSAS application and directions.

This year, the applications must be received by PSAS before April 8, and there is a \$20 fee. Do NOT send your application for this award to school—it needs to be mailed to the address for PSAS listed in the information.

Academic Olympics

The Academic Olympics competition will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23 at St. Augustine School in Richmond. A schedule of events will be given to all participating students next week. On that day, students in the first competition should be there for the prayer service at 8:30 with the competition beginning at 9am. The last competition of the day begins at noon and ends at 1:00. Olympians should be dressed up, smart casual is appropriate, and be at St. Augustine at least 30 minutes before the start of their event.

The Olympiad is a lot of fun. With some individual and some team events there's room for everyone.

Teachers have been practicing with their students in class. Permission slips have gone home. We are proud of our Olympians.

Science Fair

Students should have their science fair boards purchased by now. If your child doesn't have one, there are boards available in the office for \$4.00. All projects are due no later than Wednesday, March 6th.

BINGO

Thank you to **Marge Nicaise** for co-chairing the Wednesday bingo (at the Marine City K of C hall)! She's finally "retiring" from bingo as of May 1—which means the bingo is looking for new co-chairpersons. If you're interested in learning about the job, please call Marge c/o school for details.

THANK YOU

...to **Mrs. Sweet** for coming in to school last Friday (the "snow day") to watch students whose parents were setting up the Auction!

NJHS Snack and School Store

Mrs. Wade and the NJHS announce the re-opening of the Snack and School Store! They'll be open every morning until the second bell. They'll have the following things:

<u>Snacks:</u>	<u>cost</u>
Fruit Roll-Ups	25¢
Mini pretzels	25¢
Animal crackers	25¢
Chewy granola bars	25¢
Cheez-Its	25¢
Bottle of water	25¢
Chex Mix	30¢
Goldfish	30¢

Fruit Snacks	30¢
Sweet & salty granola bar	30¢
Munchies	30¢

<u>School store items:</u>	<u>cost</u>
Pencil	10¢
Pencil top eraser	10¢
Pencil gripper	10¢
Red pen	25¢
Black pen	25¢
Glue stick	25¢
Lined paper (300 sheets)	50¢

When is Eating in Class Social Studies?

Last week Mrs. Sweet's Social Studies classes made tortillas from scratch. The next day, they cooked the tortillas, filled and enjoyed eating them. Being curious, Mrs. Pavlov asked them how eating tortillas was Social Studies? Mrs. Sweet used this question to provide extra credit to anyone who wanted it. Below are responses of three students who accepted the challenge.

We made tortillas because the pioneers had to have something cheap and flour, salt, shortening and water were all cheap. The meat in the tacos they used was whatever they could find, whether it was cow, sheep or pig. The women had to cook for many people so that was good to make because it was cheap ingredients and would feed a lot of people. And, they could only pack a little ingredients and this does not have that much stuff in it. By Megan

Mrs. Sweet's 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes have been studying about pioneers. After gaining its independence, America soon found its population expanding. Soon, many people became forced to pick up their things and move West. On their way there, many families ran out of food. They had to find, buy and trade in order to get food, paying inflated prices. They would have been a lot smarter had they learned to adapt to their new surroundings. This week in history class, the children had a blast making flour tortillas, a simple dish from the pioneers that was cheap, available, as well as versatile. They were commonly used by many pioneers, adapting to their new Western environment. The children had so much fun making their tortillas and an even better time eating them! By Abbey

We made tortillas because the pioneers were traveling west and that is the type

of food they would make because it is simple and does not take much ingredients. By Hannah



FIRST GRADE PLAY

The first graders performed a play from their Reading text entitled "The Knee High Man". They did a very good job of reading their script and acting the parts. They even made their own costumes! The kindergarten and second grade thoroughly enjoyed watching this performance. They were a very good audience.



COLOR

We wanted to try a new look on you this week, running the newsletter on a color printer. We wanted to see if you find it more appealing. Please email Mrs. Pavlov at principal@holycrossonline.net to let her know if you thought the color version made the school newsletter more attractive.

INTERIM TESTS

This year we are administering tests to the children in grades 2-8 every other month. The children took tests in December, are taking them this week and will take them for the last time in April. The purpose of giving these tests is to monitor more closely student progress throughout the year. Results from the December test are attached to this newsletter. February results will be sent home with your child later this month.

OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10, 2013. That is the day of our joint Open House with Cardinal Mooney.