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 28, 2013

A WORD FROM THE WORD

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Luke 13:4

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 a session 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 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)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Mark Your Calendar:

- Tomorrow, March 1: vegetable soup and roll "special" lunch
- March 10: open house
- March 11: no school
- March 14: NO Kindergarten today: Kindergarten Round Up & Preschool registration
- March 20: "Read In" day
- March 21: No Chartwell's or "special" lunch: everyone will need to bring a bag lunch and drink from home
- March 28-April 7: Easter break

Thank You!!

….to the folks who represented Holy Cross as judges on Saturday: **Mr. and Mrs. Knotts, Mr. Brian Chadra** and **Mrs. Dianne Lovett!**

Volleyball

Last Thursday our girls played against St. Augustine; on Monday they went to St. Mary St. Clair.

Tonight we travel to St. Peter's in Richmond. On Saturday, we host Trinity (10am) and on Monday, IC visits. Then, next Thursday (March 7), we're back on the road, heading north to St. Mary McCormick. Go, Crusaders!

Academic Olympics

The Academic Olympics competition took place this past Saturday at St. Augustine School in Richmond; six local parochial schools participated. Competitions were held in Problem Solving, Forensics, Math and Religion. Holy Cross students participated in all areas:

In Problem Solving: the seventh grade team of **Larry Blicharz, Caitlin Downey, Joe Goldenbogen, Calvin LaBelle** and **Luke Schulte**, 2nd place; the eighth grade team of **Emily Bryer, Cami Claeys, Grace Fielhauer, Abbey Guilliat** and **Lilly Wolf**, 3rd place. Also representing Holy Cross in problem solving were fifth graders **Jessica Barr, Rebecca Wend** and **Hannah Schultz** and sixth graders **Jacklyn Smith, Anna Tucker, Spencer Fox** and **Ricky Goulette**.

In Forensics / humorous prose: sixth grader **Shanna Kowalewski** took 3rd; seventh grader **Larry Blicharz** took 2nd and eighth grader **Cami Claeys** took 3rd; in serious prose, fifth grader **Jessica Barr** took 1st; seventh grader **Luke Schulte** earned 2nd; in humorous poetry sixth grader **Ricky Goulette** came in 3rd; in serious poetry sixth grader **Calvin Barr** came in 2nd; seventh grader **Caitlin Downey** came in 3rd and eighth grader **Grace Fielhauer** also took 3rd. Also competing were fifth graders **Hannah Schultz** (in humorous poetry) and **Rebecca Wend** (serious poetry).

In Math: participating were fifth graders **Hannah Schultz** and **Jessica Barr;** sixth graders **Calvin Barr, Ricky Goulette, Shanna Kowalewski** and **Anna Tucker**; seventh graders **Joe Cullen** and **Caitlin Downey**; and eighth graders **Cami Claeys, Abbey Guiliat** and **Lilly Wolf;**

In Religion: fifth grade--**Hannah Schultz** scored 1st and **Jessica Barr,** 2nd; sixth grade--**Calvin Barr** came in 1st and **Anna Tucker**, 2nd; seventh grade--**Joe Cullen** 1st and **Caitlin Downey,** 2nd; and eighth grader **Lilly Wolf** came in 1st place.

During the Olympics the participating schools have the opportunity to display students' artwork. This year, the following Holy Cross students' works were exhibited: fifth graders **Hannah Schultz, Alaina Laster** and **Rebecca Wend's** stained glass window paintings; sixth graders **Spencer Fox, Calvin Barr** and **Josh Doan's** crayon with watercolor resist landscapes; seventh graders **Larry Blicharz's** crayon/watercolor landscape and **Calvin LaBelle** and **Luke Schulte's** stained glass windows; and eighth graders **Grace Fielhauer's** stained glass window and **Brooke Pfeiffer's** watercolor/crayon resist landscape.

We're proud of all of you for stretching your brains on a weekend!! Thank you, too, to all the parents who made the trek to Richmond so that our students could take part in the Olympiad on Saturday.

The Holy Cross Olympics team.

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.

$1.00 Dress Down Day

Today was $1.00 dress down day. With the snow day yesterday, a number of people forgot and came in school clothes including Mrs. Pavlov. If you forgot, you may dress down on Monday, March 4th and dress down that day. The March $1.00 dress down day is Thursday, March 21st. Put it on your calendar so we can all remember together.

Special Lunch

Tomorrow is our first-ever vegetable soup lunch: along with the soup we'll have rolls, fruit, cheese and a drink. (Sounds yummy!) Orders need to be in the office first thing in the morning.

Speaking of Lunch,...

Thank you to our intrepid and dedicated lunch aides: **Stacy Goulette, Suzy DeVeny, Angela Jacobs, Colleen Kowalewski, Michelle Krupa, Judy Krutsch, Jennifer Laster, Gretchen Rogus, Jessica Smith, Teresa Templeton, Janine Winne, Julie Wolf** and **Marisol Zammit,** who come faithfully to keep our kids safe during lunch time.

We're a little short on Wednesdays and Thursdays—is there anyone who might be available on either of those days, 10:40-11:30am? Quality time with your child and his/her friends! Please call Stacy Goulette or the school office (810.765.3591). Thanks!

Need Service Credits?

If so--bingo concessions needs you! The Wednesday evening bingo at the Marine City K of C Hall needs workers for concessions for the second half of March (beginning March 20) through the end of April. If you're interested, you may sign up in the book in the school office—or contact Karen c/o school.

March is Reading Month

…and we have a few special activities planned throughout the month. ("Read In Day", always popular, will be on Wednesday, the 20th.)

We'll kick off reading month with the nation-wide Accelerated Reader "Read the Most from Coast to Coast" event tomorrow. Last year, students across the country took over 3.5 million Accelerated Reader quizzes during the 1-day event! This year, students will attempt to break last year's incredible record.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10, 2013. The school will be open from 10:30-3:00 with the full staff being available from 1:00-3:00. That is the day of our joint Open House with Cardinal Mooney. We will be looking for student ambassadors and parent volunteers to help conduct tours and answer questions—please contact Mrs. Pavlov if you're interested or have any questions. This Open House is the time when we ask the entire school community to come together and do what they can to promote the unique learning environment for children that is Holy Cross. Mrs. Pavlov is asking each family to think of a way they can make the Open House a success. Some suggestions would be: serve as a tour guide, pass out invitations to people you know. Offer to bring a family you know to the Open House, share your satisfaction with friends who are looking for a Holy Cross for their children, share your misgivings with your friends and tell them how Holy Cross became a reality for your children in spite of them. You have a gift that you can use to help this community. Please, prayerfully consider how you can use your unique gifts to promote Holy Cross. We want to have 100 children registered in June for next year. Be a part of our growth.

"Doing Our Part"

Just a reminder that all school tuition is due to be **paid in full by the end of today.** (Preschool families: you have until the end of April to complete your last payments.)

Uniforms

Clearance sale on French Toast uniform clothing! Check it out at www.frenchtoast.com. Please note that the navy pants and plain navy jumpers and skirts are being phased out. 2013-2014 is the second year of a three year transition to khaki pants & shorts and plaid uniform, the style you see on some of the girls in school. As your children outgrow their clothes, replace them with khaki or plaid.

Science Fair

Science fair display boards are still available in the office for $4. Projects may come to school Monday or Tuesday, March 4-5, but are due no later than Wednesday, March 6th. We are looking for judges for the Science Fair: please contact Mrs. Wade.

TRY US OUT

We would like your child to invite a friend to spend the afternoon with us on days when East China has a half day of school. What better way to get to know what Holy Cross is about than to experience it first hand? The next East China half day is scheduled for April 11. If your child has a friend he/she would like to bring to Holy Cross, please make arrangements with the parents to drop their child off here and they can spend the afternoon with us. Since East China lets out after our lunch is over, the child must have been fed. Please contact the school so we can prepare to welcome your child's friend.

FR AL SADLER CAMPAIGN

Each year a group of interested parents meet to prepare the annual Fr. Al Sadler campaign. The funds raised by the Fr. Sadler campaign go to provide scholarships for new families, provide technology for the school and provide funds for marketing our school. The committee meets for about 3 months then their job is complete. We are looking for a few people who would want to help with this year's campaign. The first meeting was this morning. If you couldn't make it but are still interested, please contact Mrs. Pavlov: her email is principal@holycrossonline.net.

PTO next meets
Wednesday, March 6
11:30 am
in the gym--
you are invited!

CELEBRITY SERVERS

If you go to the Fish Fry tomorrow night between 4:00 and 5:30, you will see a familiar group of faces on the serving line. Look for Mrs. Rock and her daughter, Kayla, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Senger, Ms. Bier and Mrs. Pavlov.

INTERIM TEST RESULTS

Interim test results from February testing will be sent home with the school newsletter next Thursday. We still have a couple of students who have to take make up tests. We hope to send home reports in a different format which compares your child to him/herself over the course of the test he/she has taken this school year.

A. Trae McMaken

Fiddler, Storyteller, Professional Adventurer

author, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, folklorist, educator

Traditional Artistry Contemporary Energy

"Trae McMaken astounded the audience . . . A terrific fiddler and singer he definitely is!"

Beaver Island News on the 'Net

"Sheer brilliance of style, executed in the most authentic, creative and passionate way possible, all in the persona of such a young man: Trae McMaken."

China Township Corn Roast, Linda Schweihoffer, Township Supervisor.

"Wonderful - Enlightening - Fun - Great Living History Lessons . . . Trae takes time to explain the origins of his music and his instruments - such a wealth of knowledge of fiddling that he shares." "The combination of stories and music you present is a treasure."

Joan Vinette, Michigan State University Extension Program, "Life of Lake Superior," Outdoor Education.

"We were lucky to get you and your music, Trae. Wonderfully intricate and historic music." "Plus grand words and voice! You added the touches of goodness of character and fine music that Munising Bay Arts Festival really appreciates."

Ramble G. Nichols, Munising Bay Arts Association.

March 15, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Catherine Church

Algonac, MI 48001

Goodwill offering

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School

660 S. Water Street, Marine City MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-8825 Fax: 810-765-7164

www.cardinalmooney.org

Open House!

Sunday, March 10th, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- A Christian family atmosphere of openness and respect
- Weekly liturgies and community service orientated
- ACT scores above the State and National level
- 100% graduation rate with students attending the college of their choice
- Class of 2012 awarded over $2.5 million in scholarships
- Award winning music and arts programs
- STEAM ~ Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics
- Michigan Technological University—High School Enterprise
- Extensive Athletic and Extracurricular Activities
- Clubs including Robotics, Global, Ecology, Mock Trial and Book
- Project Based Learning Experience
- Exceptional-Highly Qualified Instructors
- 12 to 1 student teacher ratio

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up will be held the Thursday after Open House, March 14th. If you know of anyone who is thinking about Holy Cross for their preschool or kindergarten aged child, please invite them to call the office (810) 765-3591 and make an appointment today.

Attention: Kindergarten families

On Thursday, March 14, there will be NO class for Kindergartners as we will be doing Kindergarten round-up for 2013-14. (School as usual on Friday, the 15th.)

Vision & Hearing Screenings

…for next year's Kindergartners will be available on Monday, March 18: call the school office for information.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Vegetable soup lunch Stations of the Cross 1:30pm Fish fry	**2** Trin @ HC (10am)
3	**4** Science fair projects may be turned in IC @ HC	**5** Science fair projects may be turned in	**6** Science fair projects due today	**7** HC @ SM/MCA	**8** Stations of the Cross 1:30pm Fish fry	**9** (no volleyball game today)
10 Open House with CMC 1-3pm	**11** No school or game Calendar raffle drawing	**12** School Committee meets tonight	**13**	**14** NO KINDERGARTEN today: Kindergarten & Preschool roundup St. P @ HC	**15** Stations of the Cross 1:30pm Fish fry	**16** St. M @ HC (10am
17	**18** Preschool / Kinder-garten entry vision & hearing screenings (8:30-11am) HC @ Trin	**19** Lenten reconciliation 10am	**20** "Read In" Day HC @IC	**21** Cafeteria not available today—bring a sack lunch and drink from home Dress down for $1	**22** Stations of the Cross 1:30pm Last fish fry Volleyball tournament begins tonight here	**23** Volleyball tournament concludes
24	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** Spring break through April 7 (back to class April 8)	**29**	**30**
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