



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 6, 2014

A Word from The Word

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

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 to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"

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Mark Your Calendar...

- Fri. Feb. 7: hot dog lunch
- Sat. Feb. 8: AUCTION!
- Th. Feb. 13: Valentines' Day celebrations: dress down in pink / red / white
- Feb. 14-18: midwinter break-no school (back Feb. 19)
- Feb. 22: Academic Olympics competition at St. Augustine School in Richmond
- Feb. 24-28: boater safety classes for grades 6-8
- Feb. 25: no East China Buses home

CAMP



The Crusaders survived their trip to northern Michigan last week. The campers enjoyed cross country skiing, snowshoeing, high ropes but the most popular activity was KP duty. Unfortunately the chaperones did not fare as well...an undisclosed number of teachers, parents and administrators fell ill with symptoms that can only be described as "too cold and too little sleep!"

Thanks to all the parents who joined us and made the trip special: **Mrs. Goulette, Mr. LaParl, Mrs. DuVall, Mr. Goldenbogen, Mr. LaBelle, Mr. Renaud, Mrs. Rogus, Mrs. Fajardo and Mr. Templeton.** Thank you also to Ms. Sowders and Ms. Quinlan for all their help. And finally, God bless you Mrs. Wade for providing a lifelong memory for the kids who went to camp.

Hot Dog Lunch

Chartwell's won't be serving lunch tomorrow: Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton will serve hot dogs (with chili dog option). For \$2 you'll get a hot dog (with or without chili), beans, fruit and a drink; extra dogs can be ordered for \$1 each. Orders need to be in the office first thing in the morning.

Holy Cross Wins Awards!

Last week our third graders got some exercise when they went to mass at the Cathedral: they kept getting called up to accept Holy Cross's awards!

On this year's Archdiocesan religion test, our 5th graders came in third in the whole Archdiocese of Detroit! **And**—our 7th graders came in second! **AND**—our tiny little school, Holy Cross, came in **FIRST PLACE** overall from among all

the schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit!!!



The 7th grade, with their award certificate; and the fifth grade, with theirs:



Also, eighth grader **Caitlin Downey** received an award for her work with the younger Holy Cross students. Congratulations to US!

Science Fair Display boards

...are available in the school office: \$4 each.

Girls' Basketball

Last night's game at St. Mary St. Clair was called for bad weather; as of this morning it hadn't been rescheduled yet. Next week, they play at home on Tuesday, the 11th, against IC and then travel to take on St. Augustine School on Wednesday, the 12th. After midwinter break, they have a last home game on Wednesday, the 19th.

Thank you to Mrs. Stacy Goulette for continuing to coordinate workers for home games!

Doing Our Part

Your February statement will be in your mailbox soon. School tuition is due to be paid in full by the end of February.

Auction 2014

...is THIS Saturday, Feb. 8. **A FEW TICKETS REMAIN—CALL MRS STEINMETZ IN THE OFFICE!**

The evening will feature a great meal, open bar, raffles, bargains, and fun for all! Among the items in the live auction is a "Weekend Getaway" in a lovely vacation home in Harrison, Michigan! Plenty of room for 8 in this 3-bedroom home on a small lake (use of paddleboat and fishing boat included!) and close to golfing, zip line course and a 4x4 course, this items offers something for everyone, every age.

Preschool parents—you're invited, too! Did you know you'll be able to bid on lunch out with your FAVORITE preschool teacher? There are toys for children, gift baskets for mom and tools for dad: something for everyone—and then some.

These and many more exciting items are waiting for you at this year's Auction! See Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office about getting your ticket.

Art Shows

The 46th annual Beatrice Thornton Student Art Exhibition is taking place from Feb. 3 to 20 in the Fine Arts Building at SC4 in Port Huron. The exhibit will be open from 8am-4:30pm Mondays through Fridays and 1-5pm Saturdays, and will feature art work from 1st-5th graders throughout the county.

Mrs. Manninen is pleased to announce Holy Cross students who have works selected for the show! Congratulations to: second grader **Daniel Vandenbossche** and first graders **John Bailey** and **Ava Deveny** for paper collages; first grader **Megan Krupa** and third graders **Anna Winne**, **Derek Yadon** and **Anthony Jones-Kalich** for leaf rubbings/collages; and fourth graders **Grace Govier LaParl** and **Abbie Cullen** and fifth graders **Jack Maben**, **Luke Chadra**, **Chris Winne**, **Ron Schulte**, **Charlotte Fajardo** and **Gabriel Rowland Renaud** for scratch art stained glass designs. Well done!

Snowflake Winners

Winners for the "Snowflake Fundraiser" are **Delaney Majer**, **Ava** and **Dominic DeVeney**, **Dylan Davenport**, **Sean** and **Annalise Udell** and **Lylah Schaening**. The winners received gift certificates to "The Sweet Tooth." Congratulations!

"Stories about Camping"

written (without editing!)
by students in K-3
while our campers were away

"We go camping in the woods. Ther is no eletrisit in the woods. At the woods ther is a crokadalls. You can bring pets. You can mack smores. Ther is a grislebear." by Megan ilstrated by Wyatt

"We camp in Mishigan by the lake. We drive for hours. We bring splis. Then we make a fire. Then we eat dinner and tell camp stories. We see lots of animals. The name of the park is Mishigan Lake. By the lake we hear birds chirping. We go to the beach and build sand castlites. We go swimming and clect sea shells. We make sea shell necklsises. We go hikeing. We look for the big dipper. We love camping!" by Olivia, Lylah, Anna and Angie

"We are going camping at night. We roast marshmallows and hot dogs. We catch fireflies and play flashlight tag. We play soccer. We play hide and seek. We'll play in the woods. We play glow in the dark frizby. We love camping." by Lillian, Delaney, Katie and Payten

"One day a littale gerle. Wontid to go. Camping in the wods. thar whas a swomp. and she brot a borbakyoo. and she brot a tent and than she went to bed." by Erin and Ava

"We roast marshmelows into smoars at night. We can ride a Atv to check out the winter land. We camp at the state park. We bring backpacks full of stuff we need. Set up camp. We find wood and stick and a lider or a matches. We like to ice skate on the water." by Derek, Aydin and Matt

"We camp in the woods. It's sunny. We walk on the trail. We set up are tent. Then we go fishing. We caught a bass. We make a camp fire at 7:30. We go to bed at 10:00. We eat smores in bed. then we go home the next morning. the camping trip was marvolus. I love camping." by Joey, Isaac, Evan and John

"We load up the moderhome and buy some tools to get fire going. Anthony will drive us to the U.P. well the rest of us play games on the floor the whole way there. It takes 8 hours to get there. We go over the Macanaw brige. When we get there we go and eat at A n W. Gavin

gets a foot long hot dog, Evan gets a hamburger, and Dan gets some french fries and I get a sub. Then we head to the camp ground and uload the tools. Evan goes to get fire wood. Then Dan goes hunting and Gavin takes a nap. Anthony parked the moderhome in the grass. Evan brought back wood with a nother moderhome. Then Anthony says how do we get this home Gavin say's I will drive it home Anthony say's NO! because you will crash We will leave it hear and that is that. If you don't agree I will leave you hear." by Gavin, Evan, Dan, Anthony the Author

Congratulations, H.C. Alumni!

The following Holy Cross alumni are receiving second quarter awards at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List (all As): **Cale Chaltron**, **Abbey Guilliat**, **Annemarie Heitz**, **Alyssa Khalifa**, **Marissa Khalifa**, **Selaiwa Mona**, **Libby Shepherd**, **Beki Schultz** and **Natalie Sykes**.

First Honors (at least 3 As, all Bs or better): **Calista Chaltron**, **Caroline Glowski**, **Owen Rogus**, **Julia Schafer**, **Kylie Schuh** and **Anna Tomlanovich**.
Second Honors (2 or fewer As, all Bs or better): **Brandon Kireta**.

Congratulations!! We're proud of you!

Music Scholarships

East China School District, the St. Clair Music Club and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County announce their annual music scholarship auditions Sunday, March 9. Five (\$520) scholarships will be awarded to district resident /student applicants in 7th-11th grades (or older, for the organ scholarship). For more information contact the school office.

Congratulations!!

...to 4th grader **Gracie Govier-LaParl** on the birth of little brother, Hayden! He was born on the 23rd and weighed in at 7-1/2 pounds; mom and baby are well.
...to 7th grader **Thomi Tomlanovich**, who competed at the Athlete Warrior Challenge and placed 1st on floor and vault, 2nd on beam, and 4th on bars. She took 1st in All Around and her Level 8 Team took first as well.

"PSAS" Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2014-15 School Year

An application packet is going home with your oldest Crusader today. We encourage every Catholic family to apply! However, you **MUST** have applied (even if you don't get the grant) to become eligible for local help.

You can also download the application form from:

<http://www.aod.org/~media/Files/AOD/Schools/PSAS/Application.ashx/>

"Jump Rope for Hearts"

Holy Cross PE classes will be supporting the American Heart Association by participating in the AHA "Jump Rope for Hearts" fundraiser. They'll be jumping during their scheduled PE classes the week of Feb. 24-28. They'll be taking home information and collection envelopes after their next PE classes.

You can help your child by asking family and friends to support these efforts. Your child can go online to join our school team and send out emails to family and friends for support: sign up today at www.heart.org/jump.

All donation should be made payable to the American Heart Association. **All envelopes are due Thursday, February 13: turn in to Mr. O during your PE class the week of Feb. 10-13.**

Thank you for helping us fight heart disease and stroke!

Student Highlights

...for January are:

Matthew Bailey very much enjoys playing with his preschool peers. He has a vivid imagination and engages his friends in his unique play. Matthew loves to tell stories and make people laugh!

Payten Danneels is a skilled reader in our Kindergarten class. Lunch is her favorite part of the day! She loves the color purple and playing "babysitter" with her friends at school.

First grader **Olivia Ogden** sets a wonderful example for her classmates. She is a caring, smart, helpful young lady. Olivia would like to be a teacher when she grows up and her favorite subject is science. She said she loves Holy Cross because of her teacher and her friends. Her favorite hobby is soccer and she says she is good at sports. Olivia likes spending time and playing with her family. Purple is her favorite color and cupcakes are her treat of choice. Keep up the great work Olivia!!

Isaac Zammit is an awesome second grade student who shows self discipline and has an excellent work ethic. Isaac always follows directions and has a cooperative attitude with his peers as well as with the adults in charge. Keep up the great work Isaac!

Third grader **Annalise Udell** is a real thinker who loves reading and science. She always has something to add to our classroom discussions and has taken on a leadership role with her younger classmates. In the future Annalise plans on becoming an astronaut and a scientist.

Fourth grader **Julia DuVall** has continued to make great strides since joining our Holy Cross family last year. She continues to show growth in her academics and knowledge about the Catholic faith. Julia is a very exceptional young lady who is always willing to help teachers and students.

Gabriel Rowland Renaud has a very inquisitive mind, and always asks many questions. He has a lot of background knowledge that he will gladly share with the rest of the class when we are discussing various topics. His input helps to enrich our learning and to extend our thinking during lesson times. Gabriel always does his best, and often goes beyond expectations. Gabriel always responds positively to his classmates and teachers, and he is a wonderful addition to the fifth grade classroom.

Ethan Rogus has a perpetual smile and is one of the nicest young men you will ever meet! He is kind, considerate, friendly and helpful to everyone. He is very good in sports and is always striving to better himself in every way in the class. Ethan is a terrific sixth grader!

Seventh grader **Adonis Mona** is very good at problem solving. He is a team player in the classroom and in his sports activities. He has a calm even temperament and is fun to be around. He is a positive Crusader.

Joseph Goldenbogen is a very energetic and helpful eighth grader. He is the first to raise his hand to help others, and his ability to think outside-the-box puts a new spin on many class discussions. He has a determination to achieve whatever he sets his mind on.