



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.

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A Word

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."
When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. Luke 5:4-5

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)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

CONGRATULATIONS 7TH GRADERS

We are proud to announce that the Holy Cross seventh grade class had one of the top scores for the entire Archdiocese of Detroit in this year's Archdiocesan Religion Test! For this accomplishment, Holy Cross received a framed certificate denoting Holy Cross' Seventh Grade as for Honorable Mention this Archdiocesan Test.

Camp

Camp 2013 was a great success. The students as well as the adults came back home very tired and much smarter. We learned orienteering, compass and map reading, basic and advanced survival, ice fishing, Native American culture, how to grind wheat, bread and butter making. Thank you to everyone who sent letters and packages to the campers and chaperones. They thoroughly enjoyed receiving these items. Here are a couple of pictures to show you some of the learning as it was going on.



Mark Your Calendar:

- **This Sat. February 9: Auction!**
- This Sunday, Feb. 10: "My Guy & I" dance in activity center
- Feb. 12: dress down for Valentines' Day in red / pink and/or white
- Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday mass at 9am
- Feb. 15-19: midwinter break: NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 23: Academic Olympics
- Feb. 25: no East China buses home

Volleyball

Girls: your first volleyball game is this Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10am, when you'll host St. Mary McCormick. All Holy Cross fans are invited!

Track!

Soon it will be track season. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to join—IF we have a coach! Are you—or do you know of someone who might be—interested in coach or helping to coach track? We have one parent who can serve as an assistant coach. We need one head coach and at least one more assistant to round out the coaching team. Please call Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591).

Congratulations to our Student Artists!

Mrs. Manninen reports that the following students have artwork that was selected to be shown in St. Clair County Community College's 2013 annual art show:

for watercolor stained glass windows: 1st grader **Lillian Yadon**, 3rd grader **Grace Govier-LaParl**; 4th grader **Christopher Winne**; and 5th graders **Rebecca Wend**, **Alaina Laster** and **Hannah Schultz**;
for mono prints: 2nd grader **Bobby Tucker** and 3rd grader **Jackson Moody**;
for crayon perspective landscapes: 2nd graders **Derek Yadon** and **Anthony Jones-Kalich**;

for watercolor and oil pastel landscapes: 2nd graders **Annalise Udell**, **Anna Winne** and **Matthew Zammit**. Congratulations to all of them!

The 45th Annual Beatrice Thornton Elementary Student Art Exhibit will run through Feb. 22 in SC4's visual and Performing Arts Building. There will be an opening reception tonight from 4-6pm. The Fine Arts Galleries are open from 8am to 8pm on weekdays; special exhibit hours are from 8am to 5pm on Saturdays. (Closed on Sundays.) Admission is free and all are welcome. For more info: 810.989.5709.

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held in two days: on Saturday, **February 9, 2013** at the Marine City K of C Hall. The Auction is always a lot of fun—and if you don't already have your tickets you're in luck because there's still room for a few more people. (It would be a great Valentines' Day date—for you and your sweetie, or a whole tableful of your friends!) Tickets are \$35 each or two for \$60 (contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office **TOMORROW MORNING!**) and include dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and a host of fun raffles.

The raffles feature the Bead Raffle ("tickets" are the bead necklaces you buy and wear throughout the evening, with chances to win many gift certificates); 50/50; Money Train Raffle (win over \$200 worth of scratch off tickets); the new Coach purse raffle (win a purse loaded with coins!); Pail of Ale (with a Nook Color); and our SCRIP Tree Raffle (with a grand prize of over \$250-\$300 worth of gift cards).

Our Live auction includes Tiger tickets (including the "Tigers' Den") for the baseball lover; dinner with Father Bob; a homemade T-shirt quilt (made with your shirts, which makes it very special!!); Principal for the Day; a tool chest filled with tools; a full liquor hutch; and a basketball party in the Holy Cross gym.

We have some totally EXCITING vacation getaways in the Live auction! First is a "Pure Michigan" package, which includes two nights at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island (with full breakfast and five-course dinner daily), free golf green fees on the hotel's course, "The Jewel" (cart fee required), special discount on ferry boat tickets and all taxes, gratuities and baggage handling fees at the Hotel. (Many dates available throughout the 2013 season.)

...and we have the African safari again this year!! This will be the trip of a lifetime for the winning bidder. It includes five days' accommodations for 1 hunter (including meals/snacks). (Airfare is not included.) The package includes \$1000 credit toward hunting and arrangements can be made (at additional cost) for a second person to go.

You already know that we will have a used car on the auction block. This burgundy 1999 Buick Century this could be just the second vehicle you've been

looking for—or a great starter car for a new young driver. Stop by Precise Auto Parts (9405 Marine City Highway, Fair Haven—586.725.5900) to take a look at the car.

Since it's a used vehicle, there may be some sprucing up you'll want to do on the car. The Auction will also be offering gift certificates for auto parts: check them out, too. With or without the gift certificates, this car could prove to be a real bargain for some lucky bidder.

Auction Workers:

If you are helping set up tomorrow, please be at school **by 7:30 tomorrow morning**. The weather forecast isn't looking too hopeful...**IF SCHOOL IS CANCELED—set up will be delayed a bit: in that event, please be at school by 10:00am.**

Auction evening workers: please be at the Marine City K of C Hall **5:00 pm on Saturday.**

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 send home with your student. (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 as the event draws nearer, with the first competitions beginning at 9am and the last, at noon.

The Olympiad is a lot of fun, and 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. Now is the time to organize.

Lent

As you know, Lent begins next Wednesday. This year Holy Cross and our Lady on the River Parish will be providing each student with a Rice Bowl and a purple meditation book for children. We hope that your child will use the Rice Bowl to earn money and put some of in the bowl to help children who have nothing. We hope that you and your child will enjoy using the daily devotions in the purple to grow in your Catholic faith during Lent.

Accelerated Reader Contest!

Reading is not only fun: it's profitable! Starting January 1, for each Accelerated Reader book read (other than in their reading books) and by taking the correlating test, students in grades 1-8 get an entry to a random monthly drawing.

Each month 2 winners are drawn! Students can read as many "qualifying" books as they want to gain more entries--meaning, taking out a library book that is an AR book, and taking a test on that too, would gain them another entry.

This month's winners were **Chris Winne** in the 4th grade and **Cami Claeys** in 8th. Each winner received a cup cake from the cupcake store down town and a \$5.00 Barnes and Noble gift card. Entries are cumulative, so prizes increase with each month! Next month's prize is "A Sweet Treat and a \$10.00 B&N gift card (drawing March 4). Rules, prizes and drawing dates are posted in the library!

Congratulations CMC Honor Students

The following Crusader alumni are receiving second quarter honors at CMC:

Principal's list (all As): **Rebecca Schultz, Cale Chaltron, Hollis Glowniak, Alyssa Khalifa, Libby Shepherd, Natalie Sykes, Veronica Heitz, Annika Peterson and Erik Sykes;**

First Honors (minimum of 3 As with no grade lower than B): **Annemarie Heitz, Marissa Khalifa, Julia Schafer, Kylie Schuh, Elijah Nicaise, David Sharpe and Jeremy Todd;**

Second Honors (all Bs with two or fewer As): **Jacob Maben, Anna Tomlanovich.**

Your Holy Cross family is proud of each of you!!

Student Highlights

...for the month of January:

Sean Udell loves the color blue and working on mazes. Sean's favorite types of books to read are Ninjago books. Sean said his favorite part of school is "Recess." We love having you in our Kindergarten class, Sean!

First grader **Wyatt Schulte** loves to tell stories about his life with the class. He is a great student who loves to learn. Wyatt reads and shares his knowledge with the class. Wyatt enjoys playing with his brother, Ayden. When he sees others in need, he is willing to lend a helping hand. Good job, Wyatt!

Derek Yadon loves free time best about Holy Cross but his favorite work subject is science and handwriting. Derek has big dreams for the future. He wants to be a teacher full time and on his days off he wants to be a fireman, police man and an EMS worker. Keep up the good work Derek.

Third grader **Joey Tucker** has been having a wonderful start to 2013. He works hard in his studies and is making great progress. He is always willing to help other students and guest teachers when they are in the building. Fourth grader **Luke Chadra** has adjusted well since he started here at Holy Cross. He has made friends quickly. He is always willing to volunteer in the classroom. We are glad that he chose to become a Crusader!

Rebecca Wend is a wonderful young lady with a big heart and a great sense of humor. She always strives to do her best but has the ability to laugh at herself when things stray off course. Her Christian attitude toward others makes her a great friend to everyone.

Ricky Goulette is new to our sixth grade this year and he is a wonderful asset to this fine class. He is friendly, intelligent and willing to help everyone. He has a great sense of humor. Rick has a terrific memory. He focuses on what needs to be done and completes it. He enjoys football and video games in his spare time. **Anna Tucker** is an excellent student and her grades reflect it. She is polite and helpful to all. She loves camping and drawing. Her drawings are very good. She is quiet and has a positive attitude every day.

Eighth grader **Abbey Guilliat** is a quiet but thoughtful student. She is an amazing young author who writes from the heart, and her "voice" can be heard! Abbey is also a diligent student and stays organized, juggling sports and academics.

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.

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¢

Science Fair Display Boards

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

100th Day of School

We celebrated the 100th day of school today. The kindergarten children made projects with 100 items. There were a variety of interpretations. They put together 100 straws in a zip lock bag, 100 wooden sticks to frame pictures, 100 crosses, 100 flowers, 100 suckers used in creative ways. We as a school community are most proud that each school team, K-4 and 5-8 collected over 100 items for the food pantry! We celebrated today with a free dress down day!

