



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.

January 14, 2010

Prayer

God our Creator,
Thank you for not making us perfect.
May we learn from our mistakes and
make amends when they come at the
expense of others. In turn, may we
forgive others for their mistakes as we
are all created in Your image and
likeness. Amen

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 one 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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) 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

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

An updated vendor list is available.

Report Card Time!

Next Thursday, the 21st, marks the end of the second quarter (where did the time go?!). Report cards will go home with students the next Thursday, January 28.

A reminder that school policy states report cards are to be withheld if the family's tuition account is not up-to-date: please don't put us in the embarrassing situation of having to enforce that policy with your family.

Pizza Lunch

Tomorrow we're having Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for lunch! Please be sure your order is in the office FIRST THING tomorrow morning so we order enough for you. A bake sale will be sponsored by the eighth grade.

(There will be no study hall tomorrow or Monday.)

Mark Your Calendar:

A reminder that **Holy Cross School** will not be in session on **Friday, January 29**. The teachers have an inservice that day.

Also, there will be NO PM EAST CHINA BUSES January 26-28. (Morning buses should run as usual.)

It's Cold!

We go outside as often as we can at recess--**PLEASE** be sure your children are ready for the weather. That means hats, boots, gloves or mittens, and maybe even snow pants. Extra mittens, etc., can be left at school.

Snow Days!

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school. **Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.** Detroit TV stations announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website, too: www.ecsd.us

**Camp Chaperons: Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7pm
in the Science Lab**

CAMP

A reminder to all camp families that **final payment is due TOMORROW!**

**SUBSIDY COMMITTEE
MEETING scheduled for
Wed., Jan. 20, will be at 8am
(instead of 6pm)
on the FAB porch.**

All fundraising event chairpersons are urged to attend, if possible.

Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your 2009 US 1040 tax return and your PSAS grant application. Grant application forms will be available soon!

Raffle Calendar Winners

The very first winners in this year's drawings are Dolores Chadra of China Township and Celesta Brill and Beatrice Rietzler of Algonac. These three each win \$100! Congratulations, ladies, and thank you for supporting our school!

Boys' Basketball

We visited St. Augustine's in Richmond on Monday. We lost 45-26; scoring for Holy Cross were **Alex** with 17 points, **Tyler** with 4, **Owen** and **Connor** with 2 points each and **Grant** with the last point. Last night we earned a 28-21 victory at home, over St. Mary's. **Cale** scored 12 points, **Alex** added 10, and **Garrett, Nick** and **Tyler** each scored 2 points.

Our last home game is 9am Saturday against St. Mary's. The worker schedule is as follows:

Jan. 16, 2010	Family
Set up	Chaltron
Admission	Smith
50-50/Hall Monitor	Patrick
Concession	Rogus
Concession	May
Cleanup	Janski

Thank You!

...to the **Barr family** for puzzles donated to the Kindergarten class.
...to the **Butros family** for wipes donated for the lunchroom.
...to the **Heitz family** for games donated to preschool.

PTO Notes-Meeting of December 14, 2009

1. Principal's report: Mrs. Lund reported that the Thanksgiving feast went well, and requested PTO to consider earmarking funds to offset the cost of things needed for the feast beyond what families donate. She asked if PTO would provide refreshments for after Dec. 21 Christmas program and for March Open House (if needed). She also requested funding for stipends to Academic Olympics coaches. Mrs. Lund presented the bill for library computer support.
2. Motion made and passed to provide Christmas bonuses for PK-8 teachers.
3. Holiday Expo: made \$1400: thank you to chairpersons Traci Whetstone and Kim Moody and to all who worked.
4. Little Caesar pizza kit sale: made \$777: thank you to Kari Schafer, who chaired sale.
5. Motion to pay up to \$800 toward library computer support; tabled to next meeting for vote.
6. Catholic Schools Week: PTO will provide ice cream social on Thursday, Jan. 28.
7. Requests for PTO to earmark funding for Thanksgiving feast and Academic Olympics coach stipends declined at this time.
8. Daddy-Daughter dance: tentatively scheduled for Feb. 7, 2010. Expected cost will be \$15/couple, \$7/"extra daughter".
9. Mom-Son Bowling outing: late March; will discuss next meeting.
10. Open discussion: request made (and approved) for PTO to pay \$45.50 bill for Geography Bee prizes.
11. Attendance award: 2nd grade.
12. Next meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2010 5:45pm at Riviera Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

Academic Olympics

This year's Academic Olympics will be held on Saturday, February 20th at St. Augustine in Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Coaches are starting to gather their teams. Competition takes place in mathematics, problem solving, forensics (speaking), and religion. Please encourage your athlete of the mind to give it a try!

After School Plans

"Can Johnny come home with us today?" Sounds like fun! But the pickup line is NOT the place to make those plans!--it holds up the other vehicles and families. Please make after school plans away from school. Or--if it comes up when you're already here, please pull into the parking lot, and let the other cars go. It also helps our teachers if a note is sent in, so that we can be sure that your children get home safely.

Save The Date!

Saturday, March 14 is the date of this year's "Irish Nite" Dinner and Auction. Doors to the Marine City K of C Banquet Center will open about 5:30pm, and \$35 will get you a ticket for dinner, open bar, bidding and LOTS of fun! Watch future newsletters for more details and ticket availability.

In the past, we were fortunate enough to have a donor for our "scratch-off" tickets. That donor isn't able to underwrite our tickets this year, so we'll have to buy them. Are you able to help with the cost of tickets (even \$5 will help) or do you know of a low-cost (or free) source? (Contact the school office--thank you!)

Little League Baseball

Ira Little League registration information is available in the school office--stop in to pick up a flyer, or call and we can send one home with your student.

Geography Bee

The class winners in this week's Geography Bees: in fourth grade, **Luke** was the class champion, with **Larry** the runnerup and **Joe** the alternate; in fifth grade, **Lilly** was the champion, **Taylor**, the runnerup and **Maddie** the alternate; the sixth grade champion was **Julia** with **Rachelle** the runnerup and **Anna** the alternate; **Stone** was the seventh grade class champion with **Alex** the runnerup and **Linda** the alternate; and in the eighth grade, **Tim** was the class champion with **Brandon** runnerup and **Selaiwa** the alternate. **Tim** came out as the school champion after our school-wide bee, and **Stone** was the runnerup.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Bee! Good luck to Tim on the written test he took today.

Needed: Something to Sleep On

Our local St. Vincent de Paul society conference has received a request for twin beds or bunk beds for a local needy family. If you have a bed you'd be able to donate please call 810.765.8300. Thank you.

"Box Tops for Education"--Win a \$100 Publix Gift Card!

Visit **ClickCallMail.com** for details on entering by internet, phone or mail. Must enter by Feb. 27; no purchase required. (500 prizes to be awarded.)

Dress Down Day to Benefit Rescue Work in Haiti

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as they try to recover from the earthquake that devastated their tiny island nation this week. **Next Tuesday, January 19**, Holy Cross will sponsor a dress down day to benefit Bishop Gumbleton's mission to the people of Haiti. Your donations of \$1 or more will be sent on Wednesday. Please be as generous as you can to help the victims of disaster in this already-impooverished country.