



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.

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Winter Blahs

When we complain about shoveling our sidewalks, may we be thankful to have a home which needs shoveling.

When our children have to come in out of the cold, may we help them be grateful for a warm place to live.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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 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; and
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during
RE classes

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

Peddlers:

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

SCRIP credits have been calculated and posted: 71 families are sharing over \$10,400 in credits!!! WOW! (A copy of your tuition account reflecting your SCRIP credit is on its way to your mailbox.)

Academic Olympics

This year's competition among our vicariate schools will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24, at St. Augustine School in Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the following events: math, problem solving, forensics (serious or humorous, prose or poetry), and religion quiz bowl. ***Please note that while this is the last day of the JV boys' tournament, the two events DO NOT conflict with each other.

Thank You!!

On Saturday, Rev. Lopez accepted a check for over \$11,000 from the Marine City Knights of Columbus, on behalf of Holy Cross School. This money represents the school's portion of the proceeds from the Wednesday night bingos held at the hall last year. Thank you to the Knights for providing a site, and their labors, for the bingo!

Outdoor Recess

We would LOVE to go outside for recess...however, the temperature has prevented us from being able to. We go outside when the 'feels like' temperature (including wind chill) is 20 degrees or above, and we haven't had too many of those days. Hopefully, we'll be able to soon. Thank you for having your children prepared, just in case.

Geography Bee

On Monday, our 4th-8th grades held classroom geography bees. The winners and runners-up in each grade went on to compete against each other in the school bee on Tuesday.

PTO meets Jan 20—6pm

Camp

Information packets (with suggested equipment, permission forms, camp info, and statements) went home on Tuesday. Final payments are due on Jan. 28.

Pizza Lunch

A reminder that we're having Hungry Howie's pizza for lunch on Monday (Jan 19): no Chartwell's that day. We're going to be needing a few parent helpers with that lunch; please call school (810.765.3591) if you're available to help us serve (10:10-11am).

Students: don't forget an extra quarter or two to support the 3rd & 4th graders' bake sale!

Clorox Wipes

If you are shopping and see a sale on wipes, we would be very grateful for a donation. This has been a safe and healthy way to keep our tables clean. No more 'yucky water.'

"Ident-A-Kid"

Next Tuesday, Jan. 20, you'll have the opportunity to have ID cards made for your children. All students received permission/order forms this week. Each student must have his own completed order form with him on the 20th, and younger, non-school-aged, siblings are welcome (just duplicate all the required information on a separate sheet of paper for each child). Cost is \$7 for one card, \$10 for 3 copies, or \$15 for 5.

NO AFTERNOON EAST CHINA BUSES Next Tuesday-Thursday, Jan 20, 21 & 22; NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY, Jan. 23!

Jan. 22 is the last day of the 2nd quarter of school; Friday, the 23rd, there will be no school.

All school tuition should be 75% paid on the 22nd--is your account up-to-date?

Another Note for your Calendar:

School will dismiss at 12:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 2 (big kids will be at camp). Please contact the school office ahead of time if you'll need latchkey at that time.

Koeze Nuts

Only a couple items left: \$20/jar (we can separate the gift packs) or \$35 for the gift pack: stop at the office.

Thank You!

...to the 8th graders who helped with the Knights of Columbus "Appreciation Dinner" on Saturday. All four were polite and helpful, and worked hard—they represented Holy Cross School very capably!

We Still Need Pictures

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our yearbook and website. If you have pictures that you can share, we would gratefully accept digital pictures, or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

Daddy-Daughter Dance

The dance will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 1-3pm in the Activity Center. Cost is \$10 per "couple" and includes dancing, a (kid-friendly) lunch buffet, and a souvenir photo. Daddies and daughters of all ages are welcome! Advance reservations and payment are required—contact Jennifer Laster c/o school to make a reservation.

We are also looking for moms to help the day of the dance, and help with baked goods: please call Jennifer.

Music Scholarship Auditions

The St. Clair Music Club in cooperation with East China School District and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County announce their 2009 Music Scholarship auditions. Applicants must be students (7th-11th grades) in or residents of the East China School District, and applications must be received by March 3. Contact the school office for more information.

OOPS!

We forgot the first Friday food drive last week!

Especially this time of year, needs increase. Please bring a non-perishable food item in to church on Friday if you are able to help. Always needed are canned proteins foods, fruits, and breakfast foods. Thank you for helping our hungry neighbors.

Ira Little League

If you live in Ira Township and are interested in Little League, registration forms are available at the school office.

The Sports Section:

Basketball News

The score from last week's JV game at St. Peter's: HC 28 to St. P's 23.

On Monday our JV team earned another very close win against Trinity-McCormick, with a final score of 23-19. Our Varsity boys, also, added a win to their record, with their game ending 38-31. Last night, we visited St. Augustine's. The JV game was another nail-biter: we lost by only one point, with a final score of 19-20. Score (best we can remember!) at the buzzer in the Varsity game was HC 27, St. A 19.

At 1pm on Saturday, Jan. 17, we host St. Peter's teams. The worker schedule is:

Jan 17 2009	JV game	V game
Admission	Todd	Polio
Concessions	Rogus	Tomlanovich
Concessions	Babel	Chaltron
50-50	Rickel	Moody
Hall Monitor	Janski	Schultz

(We go to IC on the 21st, with JV tournaments beginning the next evening.)

... and Track

The track season is still a few months off, but we're looking for a track coach. If you (or a qualified adult you know) are interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Bellow, or Mrs. Lund (c/o school: 810.765.3591).

Girl Scout Cookie Time

Our Brownie Troop 312 is taking orders for Girl Scout cookies until Jan. 10; cookies are expected to arrive at the end of February. They are \$3.50/box, and come in the following types: Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Thanks-a-lot (chocolate covered shortbread), Lemonades and Cinna-daisies (reduced fat 100-calorie packs). Contact any Brownie family to order; or you may send your order to the school office and we'll forward. (Checks should be made payable to "Monika Rittner," the girls' leader.)

"Quarters for Ashleigh"

Grades K-2 are sponsoring a quarter drive for the medical care of a seriously ill young girl in our community, Ashleigh Tranchemontagne. More next week—please start saving your quarters!

Auction 2009

This year's auction is March 14: not quite two months away. Thanks to your donations there will be some fun things to bid on! Vacation packages really go well: we'd love to be able to offer a week at your condo in Florida, or at your summer beach house, or your cabin for a winter sports get away....is there anyone who can help with any of these large-ticket items?

We could also use unused gift cards (SCRIP!) of any type, to put together to make packages (we can think of a use for some Honeybaked Ham right now to complete a package!). If you have any gift cards around that you don't plan to use, think of donating them to our Auction!

Our packaging committee also needs baskets, large and small: please send in to the school office if you can help. Thank you!

Calendar Raffle

The lucky winners (of \$100 each) of the first drawing of 2009 were: Jackie MacDonald of Algonac, N. Fragola of Cottrellville and Gary Brown of Clinton Township. Congratulations!

There will be 10 more \$100 winners and one \$1000 prize: it's not too late to enter. Contact the school office for info.

Catholic Schools' Week Masses

Catholic Schools' Week officially begins with our weekend Masses on Saturday, January 24, 2009. **We would like to Holy Cross School families take up the gifts during the offertory.** We will need families for the Masses held at Holy Cross, St. Catherine, and St. Mark. **Please call the school office and let us know if you are able to participate.** This will be on a first come, first served basis.