



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 21, 2010

Thank You God!

God of love and learning,
We thank you for our parents,
Who provide us with our education;
Our teachers, who nurture us in
knowledge and in faith;
And for the example we have to follow in
Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We pray that more people will join us at
Holy Cross, where we strive to become
one in faith and knowledge. 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)

SCRIP credits have been calculated and your oldest student received an envelope on Monday to let you know what your credit is. Congratulations to the 55 Holy Cross families who are sharing nearly \$5800 in credits this quarter! The highest individual family's credit was over \$600 (for this quarter only)! Maybe that could be your family next quarter—resolve to SHOP SCRIP in 2010!

**Tonight's PTO Meeting
HAS BEEN CANCELED**

Report Card Time!

Today is the end of the second quarter—report cards will go home with students next Thursday, January 28 (no school Friday, the 29th).

Remember 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.

Catholic Schools' Week

Our celebration of Catholic Schools' Week will include many fun activities! A schedule of those activities is attached.

MASS REQUEST

Would your family be willing to take up the gifts during one of the Masses on January 30 and 31? Please contact Mrs. Lund. Let's show our Crusader pride!

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 "East China Public Schools" are 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

Any medications campers need to take with them to camp should be turned in to Mrs. Lund by next Thursday, Jan. 28, as well as "camp store" money. The camp's phone# (for emergencies only): 231.525.8211.

To send mail to your camper (allow a few days to arrive—mail early!):

**(Camper's name) / Holy Cross
Wolverine Outdoor Educational Ctr.
P O Box 217
Wolverine MI 49799**

Mark Your Calendar for Next Week:

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 AFTERNOON EAST CHINA BUSES** next **Tuesday-Thursday, January 26-28**. (Morning buses should run as usual.)

Money for Haiti from our Dress Down Day

We collected \$227 on Tuesday to send to Haiti! On behalf of the people that money will help: thank you all.

Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. Your copy of the application is attached to this newsletter (or go to www.aodonline.org, choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance"). This application **must be postmarked by April 12, 2010**; there is a fee to apply. (You'll also need a copy of your 2009 US 1040 tax return.)

Even if you don't think you'll receive the award, all Catholic families are urged to apply—all other financial aid opportunities will require that you have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (although you won't necessarily have to have **received** the grant to qualify for other awards).

Any other financial aid opportunities we come across will be posted in the newsletter—watch for them!!

Thank You!

...to eighth grader **Brandon** for the ton of books he donated to school!

...to **the Whetstone family** for wipes for the cafeteria.

...to everyone who has sent in shoe boxes and tubes for the science lab—please keep us in mind throughout the year.

...to Calvin LaBelle's grandparents for the gift of a gyroscope to the science lab.

Boys' Basketball

We hosted St. Mary's on Saturday. **Connor** led in scoring with 10 points; **Cale** added 8; **Alex** scored 4 points; **Nick**, 3; **Owen** and **Tyler** each added 2 and **Grant**, 1, to win the game 30-13. Our boys traveled to St. Augustine's on Monday, where they suffered a 44-12 loss. **Cale** scored 4 points this game; **Grant** added 3; **Connor** and **Alex** each scored 2 and **Tyler**, the final 1 point.

Tournaments are next week, here at Holy Cross. **GO, CRUSADERS!!**

As we are hosting the tournament, many workers will be needed. Workers should be here on Thursday and Friday **by 5:30pm**; on Saturday, the first shift begins at **8:30am** and the second, at **11am**. The worker schedule is:

Jan. 28, 2010	Family
Set up	Chaltron
Admission	Butros
50-50	Terhune
Hall Monitor	MacKenzie
Concession	DeGregory
Concession	Drake
Concession	Moody
Float	Miodonski
Cleanup	All of these families

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A big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Kim Chaltron and her family for arranging for all the concessions items and setting up concessions all season!!

Display Boards

March 7 is the date of our Open House-Science / Learning Fair. Display boards for projects are available in the school office for \$3 each.

Catholic Schools Week

Boys v Girls Basketball Game

Varsity girls basketball team members: Coach Govier has arranged for you to practice on Monday and Tuesday next week to get ready for the big game! Your practice time will be right after school until 3:25 both days.

Sweatshirts

Are you interested in ordering a Holy Cross sweatshirt? Please contact the school office (at this point, we're just surveying to see if there are people interested).

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—Mrs. Hanna and Mrs. Love have begun meeting with the forensics competitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays (after school 'til 3:30).

Competition at the Olympics takes place in mathematics, problem solving, forensics (speaking), and religion. Please encourage your athlete of the mind to give it a try!

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!)

K of C Free Throw Contest

The contest will be on Sunday, Jan. 24, from noon-2pm in the Holy Cross gym (they'll be ready shortly after 10:30 mass is done: you can wait then, if that's convenient). Students in grades 5-8 have already received permission forms; if you are interested in competing, you need to have your **SIGNED** and **COMPLETED** form with you on Sunday to compete.

MARKET DAY

Brochures for the February sale are available (go to marketday.com). Orders need to be in the school office by Monday, February 1 (Internet orders, by 11pm Tuesday, Feb. 2); items will be ready to pick up on Monday, Feb. 8 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the school office.

Volunteers Needed

OLR parish will be hosting a parish Fish Fry every Friday in March. We are in need of volunteers who are:

- 1) Ready & willing to serve our Lord and our parish family.
- 2) Willing to have fun.
- 3) Willing to make new friends.
- 4) In need of community service credits.

No experience required. No time card to punch; of course, that means no salary either, but the reward to your mind and spirit will be endless.

If this sounds like something you're interested in, please sign up on the volunteer sheets that will be located in the back of church at all three sites January 23rd - February 14th. If you have any questions, please call Linda Abraam or Lisa Bryer.

Catholic Men Conference

"Doing all things in Christ!" is the theme of a Catholic men's convention Saturday, June 26 at Eastern Michigan University's convocation center. Catholic men (and their junior high-aged sons) are invited to attend. Tickets and more info available at ChristChosen.com. Call the school office for a flyer.

Our Lady on the River Parish
presents




Lenten

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

This year we will feature
**Baked or Fried
COD**



Baked Potato or Fries
Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw

EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adults \$7 • Seniors \$6 Children \$5 (5-10 yrs) • Under 5 FREE
Carry outs available
Benefits to Our Lady on the River Parish & Holy Cross School

Location
St. Catherine Activity Center
1103 Washington Street / Algonac, MI 48001
For more information call...
810-794-9516 or 810-794-4296



A Little Leprechaun
told me
"The Auction is coming!!"

Holy Cross 21st Annual Irish
Night Dinner & Auction
Saturday, March 13, 2010
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

K of C Banquet & Conference Center
6385 King Road, Monroe, GA, MI

Donation of \$35 per ticket

Includes Dinner Open Bar, Silent and Live Auction.
Parents tickets only.

Tickets may be purchased through:
Catherine Rogers (810) 329-9649
Jennifer Laster (810) 765-3510 or
Holy Cross School (810) 765-3591

*You're Invited
to
Daddy Daughter
Dance 2010*

hosted by

Holy Cross PEO

February 7th, 2010

1- 3 p.m.

Holy Cross Activity Center

Cost \$15 per couple

Includes Music, kid friendly buffet, and a souvenir photo

*Daddys and Daughters of all ages welcome.
Advanced reservations required. Call Jennifer Laster to
reserve today. 810-765-3510*