



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 22, 2009

A Prayer for Today

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.

Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your
generosity. Amen.

Linda Jones/CAFOD

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)

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 **13 degrees**
unless it is too bitter 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.

"PSAS" Application Forms for the Archdiocesan Grant

...have arrived! Please contact the
school office to have one sent home
with your child—or stop in to pick one
up.

Academic Olympics

This year's competition among our
vicariate schools will take place this
Saturday at St. Augustine School in
Richmond. Students in grades 5-8 have
been practicing for their competitions in
math, problem solving, forensics
(serious or humorous, prose or poetry),
and religion quiz bowl. Thank you to
their coaches: Ms. Robinson, Mrs. Love,
Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Smith and
Ms. Morelli for helping the students
hone their skills.

Participants should all have received
the schedule of times for their events.
Students in the earliest events (9am)
may arrive to register between 8-8:30.
Our prayer service will begin at 8:30.

All competitors should plan to arrive ½
hour before their first event is scheduled
to begin.

Good luck, everyone!

Camp

All forms and final payments are due on Jan. 28.

Plan to show up at the usual time on
the morning of Feb. 2. We'll load the
buses about 7:45 and be on our way.

The 5th & 6th graders' bus will stop at
Burger King, and the 7th & 8th graders' at
McDonalds, for lunch on the way to
camp: remember to place your SCRIP
request early if you'd like your camper to
use SCRIP to buy lunch.

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW-- FRIDAY, Jan. 23!

Today is the last day of the 2nd
quarter of school; Friday, the 23rd, there
will be no school. Report cards will go
home on Jan. 30.

All school tuition should be 75% paid
today--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 on
that day—if no one calls, we'll assume
there's no need. (East China buses will
run at that time.)

Thank You!

...for turning in your "Box Tops for
Education" all year: we've just received
a check for \$513 for that "junk"!!!

...to **Mrs. Frances Zech** for continuing
to snip, sort, count and package all
those labels and receipts for us.

Special Thanks from the Boosters:

We would like to acknowledge an
anonymous person who made a very
generous gift to us at the end of 2008:
thank you for your support of our
athletics program!

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.'

Thank you to **the Winne, Jagielo,
Isrow, Sweet and Tomlanovich
families** for answering this call!

Market Day

February's flyer is available. Orders
need to be in by Monday, Feb. 2 for
pickup Monday, Feb. 9.

Archdiocese PE Raffle

A packet of raffle tickets is going
home with your oldest student today, for
the Archdiocese's annual PE raffle. If
you wish to participate, stubs and
money must be in the school office by
Friday, Feb. 6.

Music Scholarship Opportunity

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.

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.

The Sports Section:

Basketball News

On Saturday, Jan. 17, we hosted St. Peter's teams. Both our teams earned wins: JV, 23-12 and V, 36-18. At IC last night, our JV boys won, and our Varsity boys lost their first game of the season.

JV tournaments begin tonight at St. Peter's; our first game isn't until tomorrow (at 6pm), though, when we take on the winner of the St. Mary-IC match. (Yesterday, all JV athletes received a copy of the tournament schedule: it will clue you in to what happens after Friday!)

...Volleyball

Coach Nancy Rickel and team begin practice soon; their first game is Thursday, Feb. 19.

... 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).

Roller Skating

Skate Port Roller Rink in Smiths Creek has given us a limited number of \$5 family passes. If you'd like one, please contact the office.

Girl Scout Cookie Time

Our Brownie Troop 312 is taking orders for Girl Scout cookies until **Jan. 30** (sorry—we had the date wrong in last week's news); 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 leader "Monika Rittner.")

"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. A jar will be placed in every room for donations. These quarters will be counted by the students in conjunction with the 100th day of school (which falls on Friday, Feb. 6). Thank you in advance for your support!

Auction 2009

The Auction will be Saturday, March 14 at the Marine City K of C Hall. Have you considered attending?--there will be a good meal, great company, and it's LOTS of fun!

Thanks to your donations there will be some fun things to bid on at the Auction. 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!

Thanks to those who have sent in baskets! (We could use just a few more, if anyone still has some.) Thank you for all of your support!

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. Payments should be sent in to the office.

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

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!

Helping Others

The 3rd-5th graders will be collecting personal hygiene items for the underprivileged of St. Clair County during Catholic Schools week. Can you help?—the students thank you in advance for your donations!

A BIG Thank You

...to the PTO for their generous donation of \$375 toward "March is Reading Month's" *Science Alive* program!

Catholic Schools Week 2009 **Catholic Schools Celebrate Service!**

Saturday, January 24

Academic Olympics

Hosted by St. Augustine School,
Richmond

Saturday, Jan. 24 & Sunday, Jan. 25

Catholic Schools Week Liturgies at Our
Lady on the River Parish

Monday, January 26

Serving Our Families

Crazy Hair and Crazy Clothes Day

Students may wear mismatched clothes today. Be creative!

Students may also have crazy hair styles, including colored hair.

Hair color may NOT be brought to school, and must be applied at home. Please remember your quarters for our drive to benefit Ashleigh T.

Tuesday, January 27

Serving Our Friends

Fuzzy Pajama Day

Students may wear their comfy flannel, fleece, or other appropriate pjs, other flannel or fleece clothing (sweats are okay) and their slippers to school.

Buddy Reading Day!

Wednesday, January 28

Serving Our School

Sports Day

Students may wear their favorite team's logo or hats to school today.

Ice Cream Social sponsored by PTO!

Thursday, January 29

Serving Our Community

Class Color Day

Students may wear their 'class color'. Canned Good Collection: The class with the largest PERCENTAGE collected will win a dress down day!

Friday, January 30

Serving Our God

Catholic Schools Week Mass

Students will wear Mass attire today. Movie Day! Students will be treated to an in-class feature today!

THANK YOU: To our parents for choosing a Holy Cross education for us; our parish for their support; our teachers for supporting us and allowing this celebration; and the NJHS for planning our activities!