



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.*

January 3, 2013

A Word

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers
of Judah; since from you shall come a
ruler, who is to shepherd my people
Israel." Mt 2:6*

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 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)

Mark Your Calendar:

- No East China buses Jan 3&4.
- Jan. 7: vision & hearing screenings
- Jan. 22-24: no East China buses.
- Jan. 25: no school
- Sat. February 9: Auction! (Got your tickets yet?)

Thank You!!

...to everyone who saves their VG's "Community Share" receipts, inkjet & laser cartridges, Campbell products labels and "Box Tops for Education." We just received a "Box Tops" check for over \$500!

Vision & Hearing Screenings

...were rescheduled by the Health Department to next Monday, January 7, 2013.

Doing Our Part

January statements will be in the mail soon. They may go out a day or two later than usual as we're waiting for final SCRIP credits for 2012. School families have two regular monthly payments to go (due at the end of January and February). Preschool families; you have four payments left to make (Jan., Feb., March, and April).

Camp 2013!

Families of 5th-8th graders: please remember that **camp bills must be paid in full by January 18.** (That's two weeks from tomorrow!)

Check the Nov. 29 newsletter for a list of recommended camp supplies.

Boys' Basketball

We have three more regular season games: Monday and Wednesday, January 7 and 9, we travel to St. Peter School; on Monday, Jan. 14, we host St. Mary St. Clair during our last game of season play. The tournament will be January 24-26 at IC. (We expect more info next week about when our first game will be.)

Texas Hold 'Em

We were recently notified that "Snookers," the hall our Texas Hold 'Em tournaments were to be held in, has been closed. Therefore, there will be no Texas Hold 'Em's for Holy Cross or OLR this season.

Parents who signed up to work the Hold 'Em events for their service credits are asked to contact Mrs. Smith to choose something else. There are still openings for workers at the Wednesday night bingos, the Lenten fish fries and the Auction, and the chairpersons of those events are eager to have you on their teams!

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013** at the Marine City K of C Hall. The Auction is always a lot of fun—**mark your calendar** now so the day doesn't get away from you! (It would be a great Valentines' Day date—for you and your date, or a whole table-ful of your friends!) The evening will include dinner and open bar, with raffles going on all night between silent auction closings and the live auction. We have all sorts of gift certificates, sports and outdoors items, "pamper" packages, jewelry, tools and toys: you're sure to find something interesting! (I'm interested in the in-home wine tasting party from "Wines for Humanity"!)

Were you planning to work your service credits at the Texas Hold 'Em's? Think about joining the Auction crew! There will be opportunities to earn credits on Friday, Feb. 8, setting up the hall and transporting Auction items there. Credits may also be earned the night of the Auction (Saturday, Feb. 9): feel free to call Mrs. Steinmetz if you're interested in learning more about working at the Auction.

The auction committee is still looking for vacation accommodations. Do you have (or have access to) a cottage or other vacation home? A week's stay would be a major donation. (Last year we were lucky enough to get an African safari!!) Contact Melissa Kleckner or the school office (810.765.3591).

Volleyball!

We're still looking for a volleyball coach for the varsity girls' team. Practices will begin after boys' basketball is over (just after camp). We have two volunteers eager to help!—now we just need a head coach to plan practices. The coach wouldn't necessarily have to attend every practice, if that's a sticking point for him/her: our two helpers could begin the practice, or keep a practice going, with some prior instruction from the coach. If you're interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591). If we don't find a coach we can't have a team!

~Art Class News~

Still looking for ceramic tiles left over from household projects--any leftover ceramic tiles or acrylic craft paints will gladly be accepted for future Art Class projects. (They can be dropped off at the school office.) Thanks!

Music Scholarships

The St. Clair Music Club is accepting applications for its annual scholarships: 5-\$520 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be in 7th-11th grade, students of accredited instructors for at least a year and be residents or students in the East China School District. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2013. Scholarship applications are available in the school office.

Interested in Instrumental Music Program?

Are you interested in participating in an after-school instrumental music program? An interest survey is attached for families of eligible students; please complete and return the survey by next Friday if you're interested.

Thank you from Mrs. Pavlov

Mrs. Pavlov would like to thank the Holy Cross families for the kind words, gifts and prayers they sent her way for the holidays. She knows how very blessed she is to be at Holy Cross with such a vigorous community.

School Committee

The school committee will meet on Tuesday, January 8th, 6:30pm in the faculty room of the school. You are invited to attend.

VICARIATE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE

Friday, January 18th, St. Mary's in St. Clair is hosting a dance for all 7th and 8th graders attending one of our vicariate schools. The dance will go from 7:00-9:00 at the St. Mary's gym. The cost of the dance is \$3.00 per person.

"Me and My Gal" Bowling Party

will be on Sat. Jan. 19, 2-4pm at Colony Bowl, Algonac: open to all young men in the parish along with that "special gal" in their lives (mother, grandmother, aunt, sister). Cost: \$8.25 per person includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop.

Contact Teresa Templeton c/o school to make reservations. Sponsored by Holy Cross PTO.

STAYING SAFE:

A Key to Your Student's Success

You want to protect your child from everything. But you can't always be there to ensure safety. What you can do is prepare your child to cope in an emergency by teaching the basics of safety.



Children are safer in school than in any other place except their homes. Today, schools are taking extra measures to make sure children are safe. And children who feel secure and safe are ready to focus on school and learning.

You can do your part by teaching your child some common-sense safety rules. Being ready to handle an emergency will give your child self-confidence.

Review family emergency procedures with your child. Make sure she knows how and when to use 911.

Discuss the safety procedures published by your school. Emphasize the importance of following directions in the event of a school emergency.

If you have questions, be sure to talk to a teacher or the school principal.

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Here's How You Can Help Keep Your Child Safe



- Make sure your child knows important personal information, such as his name, address and phone number.
- Help your child learn the phone number or numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Make sure your child knows and feels comfortable with a neighbor who is an emergency contact.
- Expect your child to walk and play with a friend—never alone.
- Know your child's friends and keep a list of their phone numbers.

- Tell your child never to talk to or accept help from strangers.
- Go over the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friends' houses with your child.
- Tell your child to tell a teacher if something is frightening at school.

The best child safety efforts involve parents and schools working together.

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