



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 8, 2009

Prayer

O God, bless our family and all its members and friends; bind us together by your love. Give us kindness and patience to support each other, and wisdom in all we do. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. May we rejoice in your blessings for all our days. Amen.

--Fr. Victor Hoagland

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)

During calendar year 2008 our SCRIP office moved just under a million dollars' worth of gift certificates!! If you're not already a SCRIP user, resolve to try it this year!

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.

SCRIP Credits and Statements

...will be in the mail as soon as SCRIP credits have been calculated and posted.

The second quarter ends on January 22. Families on the monthly tuition payment plan should have made their 8th (10%) payment by December 31, with the 9th coming due at the end of this month; families on the quarterly plan will owe their 3rd (25%) payment by Jan. 22.

Preschool families should be making their 5th monthly payment by Jan. 10.

School Closings

We're entering the time of year when we can expect a few "snow days." Closings are announced on the Detroit TV stations, as well as a few local radio stations (as well as on the East China Schools District's inclement weather hotline: 810.676.1101; or their website: www.ecsd.us.) Consult your TV on those mornings that look nasty!

Please remember that **whenever East China School District schools are closed due to inclement weather, so are Holy Cross School and Preschool.**

Also—on that very rare occasion that East China School District closes its schools early due to bad weather, **so will Holy Cross.** Keep an ear to the radio when weather looks bad!

Thank You!!

...to painters **Ms. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Nicaise, James Nicaise, Anna Lavelly, Dave Shovan.**

Pizza Lunch

Monday, Jan. 19, we're having Hungry Howie's pizza. Lunch includes 1/8 of a large pepperoni pizza with chips and a drink for \$1.75; extra slices are available for \$1. (Your orders and money for the lunch that was "snowed out" were returned with your oldest student on Monday, along with the new order form for this lunch.)

The 3rd and 4th grades are sponsoring a bake sale in conjunction with this lunch—bring an extra quarter or two for goodies!

Welcome Bishop Vigneron!

As you have probably heard on the news, Pope Benedict XIV has named Bishop Allen Vigneron as the new Archbishop of Detroit. Archbishop-elect Vigneron was born in Fair Haven, and attended Immaculate Conception Grade School. Please keep him in your prayers as he guides the faithful of our diocese.

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 interested. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

We Need Your 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!

Parents of 8th Graders Who Took the High School Placement Test:

On Tuesday your student received an envelope addressed to you which contained his/her High School Placement Test scores. Please ask your eighth grader for it!

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.

The Sports Section: Basketball News

On Monday we hosted IC. Both our JV and Varsity teams added wins to their records: the JV game ended in a score of 15-6 and the (down-to-the-last-seconds!) Varsity game, 22-19. Last night, we earned two more wins at St. Peter's—stats to follow.

Next Monday, Jan. 12, we host Trinity/MCA. The worker schedule is:

Jan 12 2009	JV game	V game
Admission	Alarie	MacKenzie
Concessions	K Smith	Miodonski
Concessions	Strieter	Moreton
50-50	Patrick	Polio
Hall Monitor	Wassenberg	Maben

(We'll visit St. Augustine on the 19th.)

...Track...

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

...and Volleyball!

Girls in grades 7 and 8 are invited to sign up for volleyball; practices will start early in February.

Notes from Booster Club December 16, 2008 meeting

1. President's report: coaches are keeping doors locked during practices.
2. Coaches' reports: varsity boys' basketball team has 21 members—things are going well with 7th graders split into two teams and alternating games; JV team has 10 members. Cheerleading going well.
3. Koeze nuts: sale in progress; Mrs. Julie Schultz chairing—will wrap up sale and provide profit figures at that time.
4. Bill received for ½ of cost of replacing nets and foam backboards: HC share is \$204 and to be paid by Jan. meeting.
5. Volleyball: looking into new uniforms; practice to begin early February.
6. School Committee member Al Chaltron working on Booster Club/Sports page of HC website.
7. Mascots okayed for cheer team for this year; policy will be reviewed for next school year.
8. Next meeting: Monday, January 19 2009, 6:30 pm at Riviera Restaurant.
--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

Camp!

Our 5th-8th graders are eagerly looking forward to their week (Feb. 2-6) at camp! Look for information packets early next week.

PTO Notes-Meeting of November 18, 2008

1. Balance of \$5307.18 due on text book updates for this year; motion made, seconded and carried to pay bill.
2. Teachers' report: getting ready for Thanksgiving Feast (Nov. 21.)
3. Little Caesar pizza kit sale: made \$1127.15.
4. Holiday Expo: made \$1584.81.
5. Teacher Appreciation Fish Fry: was Nov. 1; waiting for a few bills to be turned in before finalizing profit figures.
6. Family Game Night: (tonight).
7. Teacher start up and Christmas gifts discussed.
8. Looking ahead to Father/Daughter dance and Mother/Son bowling, with both events to be held in February.
9. Attendance award won by 1st grade.
10. Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 20 2009, 6pm. --respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary