



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.

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A Word

...heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

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.

Mark Your Calendar:

- tomorrow: food drive at mass
- Jan. 18: end of second quarter
- Jan. 22-24: no East China buses.
- Jan. 23: report cards go home.
- Jan. 24: pizza lunch
- Jan. 25: no school
- Jan. 28-Feb. 1: 5th-8th graders go to camp
- Jan. 31: dress down for \$1
- Sat. February 9: Auction! (Got your tickets yet?)

Please Keep In Your Prayers

We are sad to report the passing of retired Holy Cross teacher Mrs. Marie Love. Mrs. Love died on Saturday after a short battle with cancer. Her funeral is at 10am this Saturday at Holy Cross. She is shown today and tomorrow at Young Funeral Home in St. Clair.

Mrs. Love taught at Holy Cross for over 30 years. Graduated "Crusaders" often return to visit their old teachers—Mrs. Love was one of the first most ask to see.

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)

Congratulations to our awesome SCRIP crew! They made 2012 a banner year, with sales in excess of **\$1,220,000!!** In their words:

"The total sales for the year of 2012 were another record setting total of \$1,222,841.53. The following are some of the places that have earned the benefits of this program: Holy Cross families received \$19,158.15 towards their tuition; Cardinal Mooney families received \$10,601.34; Religious Education families, \$4,528.5. We also give Holy Cross School an automatic \$15,000 [every year], and when we do the final balancing in June we hope to be able to contribute more..."

"Other groups that utilize the program and receive money are as follows: Marine City Knights of Columbus, Ladies' Auxiliary of Algonac, and St. Vincent de Paul Algonac. We appreciate all the support this program receives from the school and parish community.

"Remember: you only need to buy gift cards from this program to support any of the organizations that have been mentioned above. Doing this costs you nothing but the money you spend is priceless in the benefits it gives.

"Thank you from all the SCRIP ladies, Julie, Jessica, Kim, Kelly, Leslie and Patty"

Camp 2013!

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

The list of recommended camp supplies was included in your camp paperwork packet earlier this week.

Thank You!!

...to **Luke and Ron Schulte** and family for the Christmas gifts they gave to the latchkey program!

Doing Our Part

January statements have probably already arrived in your mailbox. 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).

Thank you to everyone who has honored the commitments they have made to Holy Cross!

Boys' Basketball

On Monday, January 7, we were on the road to St. Peter School (where we play again tonight. Next 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. Our first game will be against St. Augustine School at 7pm on Thursday, the 24th. All Crusader fans are welcome to attend!

Volleyball!

We have a coach! Practices will begin after boys' basketball is over (just after camp).

Girls: if you haven't had your physical yet, be sure to get it done ASAP because there won't be much time between the first practice and the first game.

Texas Hold 'Em

A reminder to anyone who had planned to work at "Texas Hold 'Em" that Snookers (the hall our tournaments were to be held in) has been closed.

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!

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, art work, tools and toys: you're sure to find something interesting!

Attached to this newsletter is a request to reserve a table at the Auction. Please turn in your request and ticket payment by Feb. 1 so the caterer can plan for you and your guests.

What child wouldn't love to have a bounce house party this summer? The Auction will feature a "Bounce House Party" package, which will include a bounce house delivered to, set up on and picked up from your property. The package will also include the trimmings for a great party: paper goods, invitations, balloons and pizza. This ought to be a hot item for auction attendees to bid on!

Were you planning to work your service credits at the Texas Hold 'Ems? 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 c/o the school office (810.765.3591).

"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.

~Art Class News~

Weren't those Christmas tiles beautiful? The art room is 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!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation retreat is this Sunday at Holy Cross for all Confirmation candidates. Meet at 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross.

Student Highlights

...for the month of December are:

Preschooler **Nikolai Wilson** is an energetic 3-year-old who enjoys playing with his classmates. He has a new found love—puzzles! His favorite thing to do here at school is playing with the truck, cars and race track.

Olivia Ogden's favorite color is pink and she loves Barbie books. She said her second favorite books are horse books. The best part about school for Olivia is painting. It's great having you in kindergarten Olivia!

First grader **Isaac Zammit** is an excellent student. Isaac loves the color silver. He enjoys history and learning about things long ago. Isaac has a great memory and is ready to assist others when needed. He is a very helpful young man who always follows directions. Isaac is excited about learning and sharing what he knows. Way to go Isaac!

Anna Winne is a hard worker who respects her classmates during quiet work time. She likes Spanish class best with math as her second favorite. When Anna is not in school she likes to teach her little sister Angie her letters and play "The Littlest Pet Shop" on the computer. When Anna grows up she wants to be a doctor and a nurse.

Spencer Fox loves to read. If he finishes an assignment you know there is going to be an open book on his desk. He is strong in math and history. He likes camping and anything to do with computers. Spencer is a fantastic sixth grader.

Seventh grader **Luke Schulte** loves airplanes. I'm sure he would love to live at the airport and have a pilot's license. If anyone needs a helping hand Luke is the "go to guy." He will do whatever is necessary to assist not only his classmates but anyone.

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, have been 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.

VICARIATE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE

Next 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week news will be published in Next week's newsletter. Holy Cross' Catholic Schools Week begins Friday, January 18th.

VOCATIONS WEEK

This Sunday marks the beginning of Vocations Week. The children will learn about vocations and will be writing letters to seminarians at the Archdiocese of Detroit. Brother Mike O'Brady S.J. will be speaking about his vocation to the students on Monday. This is a good time to talk to your child about your vocation and, possibly your child's vocation. Where is God calling your child?

Flu!

Influenza is big in the news these days. We have had no confirmed cases here at school but thought it wise to pass on the CDC's advice on protecting your family against flu:

"Get a seasonal flu vaccine. Take every-day steps to prevent the spread of viruses: cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw all tissues in the trash after being used. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. (If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth: germs spread this way. Teach your children to take three actions, too. Try to keep your child from having close contact (about 6 feet) with sick people, including anyone in the household who is sick. Disinfect household surfaces according to the directions on the disinfectant's label."