

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 23, 2014

A Word from The Word

"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 4:17

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 a session 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 to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski(Algonac)

Mark Your Calendar...

- Today, Jan. 23: end of second quarter of school!
- Fri. Jan 24: no school—teacher inservice
- Jan. 27-31: camp week for students in grades 4-8!
- Th. Jan. 30: mass with CMC
- Fri. Jan. 31: no mass

End of Second Quarter

Report cards will be ready to go home on Wednesday, January 29. Students in grades K-3 will take them home that day; campers' parents may come to pick them up from the school office OR they may allow them to go home with the campers after their return from camp.

Thank You!

...to **Mr. Dennis Fracassi, Mr. Gary Barr, Mr. Ken Kowalewski and Mr. Maynard LaParl** who clear the snow (so we can get into school) after (and often, during) every snowfall--of which we've seen a few this year! It's a huge job, as you can imagine, knowing how much work your own home snow removal is; we are REALLY glad these four men are here!

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW,
JAN. 24**

Catholic Schools Week

On Friday we enjoyed our movies and popcorn, as well as the ice cream sundaes provided by PTO and Mrs. Patty Smith. (Thank you to Mrs. Smith and to Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Vandebossche from PTO for dishing up those cold treats!)

On Monday, students and teachers enjoyed wearing their favorite sports teams' jerseys.

Tuesday was "buddy day." Our students made new friends in younger or older grades, and spent time with them at lunch and recess, as well as at the craft project in the afternoon:

Crafting:



Lunch buddies:



Yesterday we time traveled to the closets of the 1950s, '60s, '70s and

'80s, as we dressed in clothing from those decades:

"Stayin' alive" in seventh grade.



These sixth graders chose to recall earlier years.



Today was "crazy hair / mismatch / twin" day—we had lots of fun with weird hairstyles, mismatching our own clothes or creating twin-ships! Here are some zany second and third graders:



Camp

Campers: the bus will be here to take you to camp on Monday about 7:30am! Make sure your things are all labeled and packed in soft sided bags (even just a big garbage bag with your name on masking tape works well). We're praying for lots of snow in Wolverine so you can have a real winter camp experience!

Parents: campers are expected to return about 4:30 on Friday. The phone number (for emergencies only, please) is 231.525.8211. If you'd like to write a letter to your favorite camper, mail early (allow 3 days for letter to arrive):

(camper's name) / Holy Cross
Wolverine Outdoor Educational
Center
P O Box 217
Wolverine MI 49799

Doing Our Part

Just a reminder that 90% of tuition should be paid by the end of January, with the final payment due at the end of February.

School families: service credits are due to be completed by the end of April. If you still need to schedule credits, please contact the office: the Auction is coming up—and bingo still needs workers!

Girls' Basketball

Our girls played their first game on Tuesday, hosting St. Mary St. Clair. If you were there, you witnessed a touching tribute to our longtime and dedicated Athletic Director (who has also acted as our League President for ages), Mr. Jim Bellow. Last night, the team traveled to IC. They're back home tonight to take on St. Augustine School.

No games next week, of course, as our girls will be away! After the campers return, the team plays at St. Mary St. Clair on Wed. Feb. 5.

Thank you to Mrs. Stacy Goulette for continuing to coordinate workers for home games! All team members' parents are expected to work a shift—when Stacy calls, please be gracious in accepting an assignment.

Auction 2014

....is scheduled for Saturday, February 8. See the attached flyer for directions on reserving your seat--or a whole table!

The evening will feature a great meal, open bar, raffles, bargains, and fun for all! Among the items in the live auction is a "Stay and Play" golf package! The package includes a foursome/18 holes of golf with cart at Tullymore Golf Club in Stanwood, Michigan, a foursome/18 with cart at St. Ives Golf Club, and one night stay at the Inn at St. Ives in Stanwood. Sounds like a duffer's dream getaway! If you're more the "homebody" type, you might choose to bid on a custom hand-made "T-shirt" quilt. Give her any combination of 20-35 T-shirts, sweatshirts, sports shirts or jerseys and enjoy the work of art Patty Smith will create for you. (Approximate size of quilt with 20 t-shirts is 65"x78".) These and many more exciting items are waiting for you at this year's Auction!

The Holy Cross Car Donation Program is hoping to be able to give a car again this year: do you know of someone with a running vehicle they'd be interested in donating? Call school or the Donation Program: 586.725.5900.

Wear Your Uniform to Church

Students: let your Crusader pride shine! If you wear your uniform to 4:00 mass at St. Catherine's on Saturday, Feb. 1, you'll earn a dress down pass.

"Jump Rope for Hearts"

Holy Cross PE classes will be supporting the American Heart Association by participating in the AHA "Jump Rope for Hearts" fundraiser. They'll be jumping during their scheduled PE classes the week of Feb. 24-28. They'll be taking home information and collection envelopes after their next PE classes.

You can help your child by asking family and friends to support these efforts. Your child can go online to join our school team and send out emails to family and friends for support: sign up today at www.heart.org/jump.

All donation should be made payable to the American Heart Association. **All envelopes are due Thursday, February 13: turn in to Mr. O during your PE class the week of Feb. 10-13.**

Thank you for helping us fight heart disease and stroke!

Science Fair Display boards

...are available in the school office: \$4 each.

Getting into the spirit of the next holiday:



Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display is here! Books Are Fun always has a nice selection of good quality items at reasonable prices, and Holy Cross earns a book for every ten sold.

Your order and payment need to be in the office by next Thursday, Jan. 30; your items can go home with your student on Friday, Jan. 31 (or held at the office).

Mass on Jan. 30

Next Thursday, Jan. 30 (while the big kids are away at camp), we will be going to mass with the students at CMC. No mass on Friday, Jan. 31.

BUILDING MATH SKILLS

Use Numbers All Day Long

12345

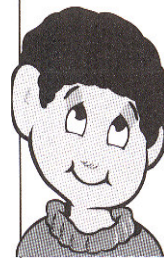
The best way to teach about math is to show that numbers are part of everyday life. *These activities will help:*

- **Count.** Set the table with four of everything. Or see how many stuffed animals your child has.
- **Shop.** Show your child coins and talk about their names. Let him pay for something at the store.
- **Search.** How many numbers can she find as you take a walk?

Source: *Becoming Your Child's First Teacher*, 1995, Snyder Communications L.P.

BUILDING RESPONSIBILITY

Encourage Your Child's Independence



Parents love their children so much that sometimes they protect them from taking risks or failing. But these experiences are an important part of life. Parents help most when they keep kids safe but also let them explore

and learn. *Here are some ways to do this:*

- **Support independent play.** When your child wants to play alone or lead a game, let him.
- **Create a safe environment.** The safer your home is, the better you'll feel about letting your child investigate on his own. (You should supervise, of course.)
- **Teach new skills.** The more things your child knows how to do, the more self-reliant he'll be.
- **Encourage separation.** It's scary to be apart from your child. But scheduling an occasional play time at a friend's house will build your child's independence.

Source: Vanessa L. Ochs, *Safe and Sound: Protecting Your Child in an Unpredictable World*, Penguin Books USA Inc., 1995



Holy Cross Catholic School Invites YOU to its 25th Annual Dinner Auction



"Winter Wonderland"

Saturday February 8, 2014

at the Marine City K of C Banquet and Conference Center
at 6385 King Road in Marine City, Michigan

Doors open 5:30pm for beginning of silent auction and raffles
Live auction to follow dinner

Tickets \$35 per person / \$60 per couple (by reservation only)



How about a little golf,
and a stay in a resort??



Or perhaps you'd prefer to
stay closer to home,
wrapped up in a cozy quilt
crafted just for you??

The Auction will have BOTH!

Other items of interest:



sports memorabilia & tickets—jewelry—designer purses
travel—in-your-home wine tasting party



To make your reservation:



Please list the names & addresses of the people who are
reserving seats (\$35 each or 2 for \$60, payable to "OLR")
and return to Holy Cross School, 618 South Water Street,
Marine City, MI 48039:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

**Must be 18 years of age or older to attend/bid*