



# 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 31, 2013**

## *A Word*

The word of the LORD came to me,  
saying: Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you... Jeremiah 1:4

### **Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers**

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. The workshop will be held at Holy Cross on February 23 beginning at 8:30am. To register (or to find another session that better fits your schedule): go to [www.virtus.org](http://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)

## **Camp**

We know our campers are having a super time learning about nature and each other in the great outdoors in Wolverine! We're all looking forward to their return, too: the campers are expected to return about 4:30 tomorrow.

## **Picnic Lunch**

Tomorrow we're having a non-campers' picnic (hot dog) lunch! If you're planning to let us cook for you be sure your order form is in the office first thing in the morning.

## **Science Fair Display Boards**

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

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- Feb. 1: grades K-4 picnic lunch
- Feb. 1: campers return about 4:30pm
- Sat. February 9: Auction! (Got your tickets yet?)
- Feb. 10: "My Guy & I" dance in activity center
- Feb. 12: dress down for Valentines' Day in red / pink and/or white
- Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday mass at 9am
- Feb. 15-19: midwinter break: NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 23: Academic Olympics
- Feb. 25: no East China buses home

## **Boys' Basketball**

Congratulations to our team for giving it their best this season! Thank you to their coaches for guiding them along. You don't have to be the top scoring team to be #1!

## **Volleyball**

Girls: practice will start Monday, Feb. 4 (2:30-4pm). Your physical must be completed and the card on file at school before you can start practicing.

Our first volleyball game is Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10am, when we host St. Mary McCormick. All Holy Cross fans are invited!

## **Track!**

Soon it will be track season. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to join—IF we have a coach! Are you—or do you know of someone who might be—interested in coach or helping to coach track? We have one parent who can serve as an assistant coach. We need one head coach and at least one more assistant to round out the coaching team. Please call Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591).

## **Cafeteria**

Campers: Monday's lunch will be "cheeseburger on whole grain bun" or "pancakes & sausage."

## **Archdiocesan Grant Forms**

The application forms for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grants for 2013-14 are available—call the school if you'd like a paper copy send home with your student. (The forms are processed by a company known as PSAS.)

You can also find the form and directions on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org). Go to "Schools," click on "Tuition Assistance and Scholarships," then "Private School Aid" to find the PSAS application and directions.

This year, the applications must be received by PSAS before April 8, and there is a \$20 fee. Do NOT send your application for this award to school—it needs to be mailed to the address for PSAS listed in the information.

## **Academic Olympics**

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders have probably been seeing "interest surveys" and other "permission forms" regarding Academic Olympics. The Olympiad is a collection of competitions among our local Catholic schools. Students can compete in "Forensics," "Problem Solving," "Math," and "Religion Quiz Bowl," pitting themselves against students in their grade at other nearby schools.

The contests will be held on Saturday, February 23 at St. Augustine School in Richmond. A schedule of events will be given to all participating students as the event draws nearer, with the first competitions beginning at 9am and the last, at noon.

The Academic Olympics is a lot of fun, and with some individual and some team events there's room for everyone.

Teachers have been practicing with their students in class. Permission slips have gone home. Now is the time to organize.

## ***Congratulations!!***

...to HC alumna Alexandra MacKenzie (Class of 2008), who was on MSU's dean's list for earning a GPA last term of 4.0 in electrical engineering!

## 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—**make your reservation before the cutoff tomorrow!** (It would be a great Valentines' Day date—for you and your sweetie, or a whole tableful of your friends!) Tickets are \$35 each or two for \$60 and include dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and a host of fun raffles.

The raffles feature the Bead Raffle ("tickets" are the bead necklaces you buy and wear throughout the evening, with chances to win many gift certificates); 50/50; Money Train Raffle (win over \$200 worth of scratch off tickets) and our SCRIP Tree Raffle (with a grand prize of over \$250-\$300 worth of gift cards).

Our Live auction includes Tiger tickets (including the "Tigers' Den") for the baseball lover; dinner with Father Bob; a homemade T-shirt quilt (made with your shirts, which makes it very special!!); Principal for the Day; a tool chest filled with tools; and a basketball party in the Holy Cross gym. These are just a few of our great items.

We have some totally EXCITING vacation getaways in the Live auction! First is a "Pure Michigan" package, which includes two nights at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island (with full breakfast and five-course dinner daily), free golf green fees on the hotel's course, "The Jewel" (cart fee required), special discount on ferry boat tickets and all taxes, gratuities and baggage handling fees at the Hotel. (Many dates available throughout the 2013 season.)

...and we have the African safari again this year!! This will be the trip of a lifetime for the winning bidder. It includes five days' accommodations for 1 hunter (including meals/snacks). (Airfare is not included.) The package includes \$1000 credit toward hunting and arrangements can be made (at additional cost) for a second person to go.

You already know that we will have a used car on the auction block. This burgundy 1999 Buick Century this could be just the second vehicle you've been looking for—or a great starter car for a new young driver. Stop by Precise Auto Parts (9405 Marine City Highway, Fair Haven—586.725.5900) to take a look at the car.

So more people can see it (and, maybe, to tempt our friends at CMC!), we expect the car to be parked in the Holy Cross church parking lot next week—look for it!

Since it's a used vehicle, there may be some sprucing up you'll want to do on the car. The Auction will also be offering gift certificates for auto parts: check them out, too. With or without the gift certificates, this car could prove to be a real bargain for some lucky bidder.

Make your reservation to share in the fun! Contact the parish (810.765.3568) or school office (810.765.3591) before February 1.

## The Bridge is Out!

Our sources say that the bridge over the Belle River behind school will be out beginning next Monday, February 4. If you count on that bridge to get to school and you don't know your way around town—call school for an alternate route.

The detour will probably add a few minutes to your drive in, so you'll need to leave home a few minutes earlier to avoid being late. The bridge is expected to be out for a few months after the reconstruction project begins next Monday.

## Bingo

Thank you to **Marge Nicaise** for co-chairing the Wednesday bingo (at the Marine City K of C hall)! She's finally "retiring" from bingo as of May 1—which means the bingo is looking for new co-chairpersons. If you're interested in learning about the job, please call Marge c/o school for details.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day Drive

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is Thursday, February 7, 2013. To celebrate that day, more than 200 canned goods for the newly opened food pantry were collected last week! The tally on January 24<sup>th</sup> ended up: K-4, 117 items; 5-8 140 items! Way to go Holy Cross families!

The students shot past their goal so fast that we couldn't keep track of which half of the school won a dress down day. That means that the whole school will get a dress down day for reaching their goal during Catholic Schools Week. You can continue to send in non-perishable food items until February 7<sup>th</sup>, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

Here's a picture of a group of our students in the pantry with a message for everyone who sent in food:

