



# 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.*

**June 11, 2009**

## Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit [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 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

### "Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Kelly Zichi (East China)

An updated vendor list is included in your "summer study" packet. Don't forget your SCRIP this summer!!

## Applause! Applause!

The Drama Club presented two "Fractured Fairy Tales" last week. The audiences seemed to enjoy them as much as the actors did performing them! Two Pigs, a Wolf, and a Mud Pie and Once Upon a Hundred-Years' Nap were performed for the students, parents and friends of the cast. Members worked very hard in memorizing their lines and delivering them with expression and "pizzazz."

The cast of the two plays would like to thank everyone for their support and are eager for the new season to begin. Thanks again!—Lilly, Alexis, Grace, Joey, C.J., Michael, Rachelle, Gabby, Rachel, Angelica, Ruthie, Larry, Caitlin, Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Rock and Ms Morelli.

## Field Day

We were blessed with good weather, good food, good fun, and great company. It was a fun way to finish the school year—thank you to Mrs. Sharpe and all the parents who made it happen!

## From the Science Department:

### Testing Airplane Designs and Loads

Our sixth graders recently participated in a class aviation project. They designed paper airplanes and took them outside for test flights. Then they changed the loads on their planes and re-tested them. The students were by turns pleased and surprised by how the difference in loads changed the flight patterns of their models!

## Middle Schoolers Cook With the Sun

In their last week of school before summer vacation, our seventh graders got ready to help with family cookouts by making solar cookers. Students enjoyed their steaming hot sandwiches, hot dogs, and pizza snacks that were heated by their "sun ovens."



Their first incision into the heart ...

### Seventh Graders Dissect Plucks

In their last science classes, our seventh graders had the opportunity to perform dissections of sheep "plucks" (heart and lung units), brains, and eyes. Students saw first hand how the lungs' alveoli fill with and expel air and discovered the path of blood through the heart. They also found the various parts of the eyeball and brain during the dissections led by their science teacher, Mrs. Wade.

## Calendar Raffle Winners

...for this month were: Iva Guyor of Marine City, Donald Horn of East China and Cora Plummer of Pearl Beach. Congratulations!

## Science Expo

Mrs. Wade says the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending the Michigan Tech Math/Science YES Expo on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Ford Field. Parents: if you want to join them, mark your calendar now! More information will be going home in September.

## Thank You!

...to Mrs. Schultz for bringing in popsicles for everyone last week!

## Altar Server Meeting

There will be an important altar server meeting for all servers (Holy Cross and St. Catherine) at Holy Cross church on Saturday, June 13 at 10 am. The changes in how mass is to be served will be discussed. If you have any questions please call Mr. Don Smith, director of altar servers, c/o the church office.

## DESPERATELY NEEDED: FOOTBALL COACH

We're looking for someone to coach Holy Cross's 2009-10 football team..... please ask any interested person(s) to call school! (810.765.3591) (We have an assistant, but will not be able to field a team without a coach.)

## Service Credits

Help is needed in many areas! The (nonsmoking) Marine City K of C bingo needs a concessions chair and workers to keep open the snack stand on Wednesday nights. We're also looking for someone to chair the Holiday Expo in early November. If you'd like more information about either of these functions (or if you have any other questions about your service credits for 2009-10) please call Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300.

A reminder that you need to sign up for your service credits (in the black book in the school office) by September 15: after that date, families who haven't completed their signups will be placed on "Plan A" (payment plan).

## **Are You Proud to Be a Crusader?**

Word of mouth is the most effective form of marketing for our school. I am looking for parents or families to tell our parish community why they chose Holy Cross as their partner in education. I would like to publish your support in the parish bulletin during the summer months when many people are still considering where they will send their children. If you would email or send in your article, I would be very grateful to share your support with our parish community. (Please email me—[principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)--or send in a hard copy and I will retype it.) Thank you for your support. Mrs. Lund

## **Thank you, Lunch Moms and Dads!**

We would like to thank this year's lunch parents for their assistance in our lunchroom and on our playground this year. Being a lunch parent is definitely not easy, but the dedication and sacrifices made are greatly appreciated.

Are you interested in joining our lunch parent crew? We need YOUR help. Please contact the school office if you are interested. This is a paid position. A training session will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Registration**

You may hear, during the summer, that someone you know or meet is thinking about a Catholic education for their children. Please encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment. *Remember, YOU are THE BEST marketing tool Holy Cross has!*

## **Girls' Basketball**

Coach Wolf has reserved open gym time tomorrow from 2:30-4:30pm. Girls in this year's third, fourth and fifth grades who may be interested in joining next fall's JV team are invited to come to have some fun together. Varsity players are also welcome!

## **"Crusaders Against Cancer"**

With this newsletter is a window cling from this group. Local folks (cancer survivors or family/friends of survivors) united in support of cancer research, these "Crusaders" will be sponsoring a booth in the 24 hour cancer walk at East China stadium later this month. (The event is open to all.)

## **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:**

Cardinal Mooney (810.765.8825) is sponsoring a variety of clinics (including basketball, running, golf, cheer, football, bowling, soccer and volleyball) June 15-18 and June 22-25. Call for a flyer or more information.

St. Mary's in St. Clair is also offering a summer basketball camp—June 29-July 3, for students in grades 1-8. For more info call Mark at 810.326.0898.

## **Summer Study Packets**

Lots of information is included in your family's "summer study packet" (going home with your oldest Crusader today). It contains things like next year's lists of supplies needed for school and dress code information, as well as suggestions for activities to keep your student's skills sharp and ready for the next school year.

## **Vacation Bible School**

...will be held at Holy Cross July 27-31 (9am-noon each day). The week will be filled with crafts, songs, games and treats as the kids learn to shine God's light! Cost is \$20 for the first child in the family, \$15 for the second and \$10 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Visit our website to register or volunteer: <https://groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/ourladyontheriver>. Registration will also be available following mass starting July 11, 2009. For more info, call Stacy or Cathy c/o Holy Cross church office. We hope to see you there!

## **Summer Office Hours**

This is the last newsletter of this school year--thank you for being part of the Holy Cross family this year! You can expect another newsletter in mid-July, and then again in early August.

After today (through the end of June), the school office will be open from 9am-noon. We will be closed for the month of July—but we will check messages regularly, so feel free to call or email ([school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)). We will re-open at the beginning of August—you can count on someone being here from at least 9am-noon, then, until school begins.

If you need help outside those hours, please leave a message (with a few days' warning) or contact the church office (810.765.3568): they know where to find us!

We wish you all a wonderful and rest-filled summer, and look forward to seeing all again in September!