



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.*

March 1, 2012

A WORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus—Mk 9:2-4

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese—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 (810.765.8300) 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.**

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SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!
Peddlers:
Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

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CALENDAR REMINDER:

- Auction this Saturday, March 3.
- Science fair projects due Mar. 7.
- Open House the next Sunday, March 11.
- NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 12.
- Nacho lunch tomorrow (no Chartwell's).

Academic Olympics

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day to spend in Richmond! Our Olympians and their coaches:



Placing for Holy Cross were--

In Problem Solving: the 8th grade team consisting of **Julia Blicharz, Rachelle LaFontaine, Beki Schultz** and **Cami Claeys** came in third place; the 7th grade team of **Alexis Weston, Grace Fielhauer, Cami Claeys, Abbey Guilliat** and **Lilly Wolf** also earned third. Also competing for Holy Cross were our 6th grade team: **Luke Schulte, Joseph Goldenbogen** and **Calvin LaBelle** and 5th graders **Anna Tucker, Lauryn Janski, Calvin Barr, Jacklyn Smith** and **Joseph Cullen**;

In Religion: 6th grade—**Joseph Cullen**, 1st place; **Calvin Barr**, 2nd place; In Math: the fifth grade team of **Calvin Barr, Joseph Cullen** and **Anna Tucker**, 1st place.

We are proud of each of our "Olympians" for spending their Saturday morning in the pursuit of excellence! Way to go, Crusaders!! We'd also like to thank the following Crusader supporters who gave their Saturday morning as judges: **Mr. Knotts, Ms. Bier, Mr. Brian Chadra**, (retired CMC teacher) **Mrs. Jean Downey**. Thank you to coaches: **Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Rock** and **Mrs. Sweet**. Thank you for your help!

Science Fair Display Boards

Display boards for science fair (or other learning fair) projects are still available at the school office for \$4 each.

ART SHOW AT ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

In addition to the areas of competition, each school has a display of student art work. Congratulations to the following students whose art work was chosen for display. **Brendan Dorcsey, Lauren Rosemeck, Matt Zammit, Anna Winne, Bobby Tucker, Kenzie Kleckner, Ava Isrow, Christopher Winne, Molly Tucker, Jolie Trumbull, Cameryn Smith, Hanna Schultz, Rebecca Wend, Alana Laster, Abbey Guilliat, Lilly Wolf, Alexis Weston, Cami Claeys, Grace Fielhauer, Emily Bryer, Roxanne Peters, Rachelle LaFontaine, Nick Basney, Brandon Kireta, Maddie Mueller, Anna Tomlanovich** and **Parker Fox**. A big thank you to **Mr. Bladow** who selected, matted and labeled the artwork displayed. You will get a chance to see this artwork on display during the Open House next week end.

March is Reading Month!

Thank you to Ms. Evans for spearheading our reading month fun! Today was our first day: it was fun to see everyone in (Dr. Seuss-like) stripes!!

Next Wednesday, March 7, will be our "Read-In" day. Students are invited to wear pajamas and spend the day in their sleeping bags, reading. (You may bring a sleeping bag but remember: you have to carry it yourself!)

At random times during the month, Mrs. Pavlov will announce that it's time to "Stop, Drop and Read"—be sure you always have a book with you in March!

Field Day!

Field Day is scheduled for May 24. Got any ideas? Or just interested in helping? Contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com.

Congratulations!

...to Mr. and Mrs. Pavlov on the "Leap Day" birth of their 7th grandchild, Leo. He was born a little after noon yesterday and weighed in at 8 pounds; mom and baby are well.

Auction 2012

Just this week we received the donation of a 5-day (hunting optional) South African safari! This will be the trip of a lifetime for the winning bidder.

We're looking forward to a fun filled evening with both silent and live auctions, dinner, and open bar! There will be many raffles and lots of wonderful items in our three silent auction sections. Our Live auction includes the safari; a week stay at a condo in Orlando, Florida; Tiger tickets with tickets to a couple minor league games for the baseball lover; U of M tickets; dinner with Father Bob; a homemade T-shirt quilt (made with your shirts, which makes it very special!!); Principal for the Day; and a basketball party in the Holy Cross gym. These are just a few of our great items.

It's not too late for you join us for a night filled with many laughs and fun all in support of your parish and school children at Holy Cross Catholic elementary! Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 a couple--if you are interested, please call Jennifer, Gretchen or the school at 810.765.3591. We would love to see you—and a table full of your friends--there!!

..and Auction Help Needed

Will you have a little time while the kids are in school tomorrow? We'd be delighted to have your help setting up the Auction items. (You'd get to have a sneak preview of all the goodies that will be auctioned!) How about the evening of the Auction (this Saturday)?—we could still use a person or two to help. If you're available and interested in helping, please contact Gretchen, Jennifer or the school office: 810.765.3591. The Auction is lots of fun: and you'll be helping your child's school while sharing in that fun!

Book Fair

We are in need of a few special people to help with our annual book fair on Friday, March 9 from 11:30am-1:30pm and / or on Sunday, March 11 from 12:30-3pm. Please contact Mrs. Smith—810.765.8300. Thank you!

Tuition Grants

Don't forget to get your "PSAS" application in before the deadline! (Please note that no school label is required for AoD grant applications, and that only one application is required per family.) Holy Cross families must have applied for this grant to be eligible for other, local scholarship opportunities.

Volleyball

Our girls' first game was canceled as a result of last Friday's "snow day." It will be rescheduled. Their new first game is tonight at St. Augustine's in Richmond. Go, Crusader ladies!

Our next game will be on Saturday, March 3, as we host St. Mary St. Clair. Then on Monday, the 5th, we go to St. Peter's, and turn around to host Trinity on Tuesday, the 6th.

Kindergarten 2012-13

Do you have a little one who will be in Kindergarten in the fall? Vision and hearing screenings are required for Kindergarten entry. We are pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for you to have the screenings done here!

On March 21, the St. Clair County Health Department will be sending a vision and hearing screening technician to Holy Cross. Your 3-5 year old is eligible to receive the free testing: come in to pick up a "history" form any time before then. Your little one will need to have the completed form in hand to receive the screenings on the 21st.

GROWING OUR SCHOOL

This year, we were fortunate to open our doors with 20 more students than we started with last year. Our current enrollment is 85 students grades PK-8. It is no surprise to any of us that Holy Cross is a good school, one that we want to share with many more people. One way you could help grow our school is to offer to help share your satisfaction at the Open House, March 11th from 10:30-3:00. If you would come for an hour or two and be available to share your joy with prospective parents, it could help. Another way to help grow the school is to bring friends to the Open House. This is a no obligation way to check out Holy Cross for parents and children. The school committee has been working on ways to grow our school this year. One way they are looking at is by "Polishing our Image" so as to make Holy Cross more attractive to families. If you have any suggestions or would like to help increase enrollment, feel free to contact a school committee member or come to the next meeting, March 13th at 6:30pm in the faculty room. One area being looked at by the school committee is the school uniform. Perhaps by changing the uniform it would change our look and make us more polished. What do you see? Do you think that the school uniform needs changing? If so, what do you envision? The school committee would like to hear input from you. If you

would like to email your thoughts, feel free to send them to Mrs. Pavlov at principal@holycrossonline.net and she will forward them to the school committee.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Thank you to everyone who worked last weekend's tournament! Special thanks go to Randy Bryer for once again taking on the responsibility of chairing the Hold 'Em tourneys. They are such an easy way to earn lots of money for the school—please consider taking a shift for the next one!

Randy already has a roster of workers begun: can you fill one of the empty slots?

SCHOOL: Friday, March 23:

1-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Saturday, March 24:

1-5pm		
5-10pm	Kireta	Claeys
10pm-2am	Kireta	Kireta

Sunday, March 25:

1-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Monday, March 26:

1-5pm		
5-10pm	Kireta	Tomlanovich
10pm-2am		

DO YOU LIKE RUNNING?

If you do, you may be just the person we are looking for. We are getting desperate for someone to coach the track team. Track practice will begin after Easter vacation, and meets are May 5, 12 & 19th. Call the office at 810-765-3591 for more information.

We DO have someone to help you! This person doesn't feel qualified to coach, but is eager to back up "someone who knows what they're doing." Could that be you??? Our students want to compete: but they need a coach!

Food Pantry

Next week, Holy Cross School students and families will have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass on the second Friday of each month; the food will be donated to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our hungry neighbors thank you!