



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 29, 2012

A WORD

"Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

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.**

got scrip?

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)

Volleyball

Our girls' last two games of regular season play were last Thursday at Trinity and Saturday hosting IC. They wrapped up the season with two more wins. Great season, girls!

The tournament began on Tuesday. Our girls won both of their first two matches!! They continue on to the championship game tonight, in which they will take on St. Augustine School for first place in the league. All Crusader fans are welcome to come (game time: about 7:15) to cheer our girls on!

(Thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Krupa** and **Josh and Megan** for helping the volleyball parents with concessions the first night!)

End of Third Quarter

...is today! (That means there's only 1/4 of the school year left!) Report cards will go home with students next Wednesday, April 4.

Congratulations, Gavin!

The Collins family is bringing in cheese pizza for lunch for the whole school tomorrow in celebration of Gavin's state championship! (No Chartwell's that day, and you won't need to bring a lunch unless you want to.) A great big thank you to the Collinses for the party, and congratulations again to Gavin on his big win.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- No Chartwell's tomorrow: thank the Collins family for bringing pizza for the whole school that day to celebrate Gavin's championship!
- No Chartwell's on Wednesday, April 4: pizza lunch that day.
- No East China buses next week, April 2-4.
- Easter break begins April 5 (back to class April 16).

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...sixth grader **Calvin LaBelle** and family on the death last week of his Grandma.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA BARR

Congratulations to Jessica Barr who has mastered all of the fourth grade objectives in Math. Jessica will now begin working on the fifth grade objectives. We are proud of all our students as they increase their academic strength.

Re-Registration Time!

Please send in your re-registration paperwork as soon as possible so we can have everything ready for you in September!! (Fees are due at the end of April.) We're sure you've noticed that (for the second year) tuition and fees **are not going up** next year!

Tuition Grants and other Scholarship Opportunities

Remember to get your "PSAS" application in before the April 9 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.

OLR parishioners are encouraged to apply for the Fr. Bartone scholarship; **you must have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (via the "PSAS" application) if you wish to be considered for any other, local tuition assistance.**

Principal for a Day

Fourth grader **John Templeton** enjoyed his day in the boss's chair! He proclaimed next Wednesday (April 4) a dress down day for everyone--thank you, Mr. Templeton!

Being principal for the day by: John Templeton

Being principal is fun I like it because you get to walk around the school and inspect everybody. And also make lots of choices. Being principal might be a choice of a job when I grow up.

Cardboard Car Show

Our eighth graders are eager to see your entry in their Cardboard Car Show! (Remember--there will be prizes!) They need to hear from you by April 4 (before Easter break) so they can prepare a "bay" for your car. (After Easter, you'll be able to bring your car to school on April 20 for the show that evening.)

Not into building cars—just looking at them? Great! We need spectators—send in your reservation, too!

Pizza Lunch

On April 4 Chartwell's will not be serving: we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza instead. Order slips are going home today with all students.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Our thanks go out to **Randy Bryer** again for chairing the Texas Hold 'Em tournament this past weekend!

There's one last tournament coming up at the end of April. If you're available to help with any of the empty slots (there are a number of them right now!), please contact Randy c/o school. Signed up so far to work are:

School: Saturday, April 28:

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

Sunday, April 29:

5-10pm	Claeys	
10pm-2am	Weston	Weston

Monday, April 30:

5-10pm	Dorcey	Whetstone
10pm-2am	Weston	Weston

Tuesday, May 1:

5-10pm		
10p-2am		

Parish: Saturday, April 28:

11a-5pm	Chadra	Chopp
5-10pm		
10p-2am	Bryer	

Sunday, April 29:

11a-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Monday, April 30:

11a-5pm	Templeton	
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Tuesday, May 1:

11a-5pm		
5-10 pm		
10p-2am		

April 22nd 2012 : EARTH DAY

We plan on celebrating Earth Day in a big way and we need your help. We plan to decorate some paper bags to be handed out on Earth Day to local grocery customers, we will be having a beverage can drive, Holy Cross/Cardinal Mooney outdoor cleanup, Reduce~Reuse~Recycle information, pledges to help you conserve and "R.R.R." and even more plans in the making!

Every student will have the opportunity to lend a hand and have some fun!! This is an opportunity to show the community that Holy Cross is taking steps to GO GREEN (Fr. Bob should like that).

We hope to institute some big recycling plans in our building and will keep you updated as things happen.

Thank You!!

We have amazing people here at Holy Cross! Earlier this month we saw **Mrs. Patty Smith** and **Mrs. Julie Wolf** in action yet again—giving their time at the Book Fair as well as at SCRIP, sports concessions and the rummage sale. This week, our amazing person is **Mrs. Julie Isrow**. She is the daycare provider for our preschoolers before class begins—but she doesn't simply "watch" them. Mrs. Isrow prepares for her little charges, and she ties her activities to the season. For example, one day this month her little Leprechauns hunted for treasure at the end of the rainbow: but they had to find all the colors of the rainbow first (which someone had to hide, ahead of time). Thank you for working so hard to provide a topnotch program!!

A word of thanks, too, to **Mr. Pat LaBelle** and **Mr. Gary Barr**, who have each filled in—often at a moment's notice—when a coach was running late, with lunch supervision, or when a teacher needed an extra hand in her room. They also perform the little-heralded but very important school marketing task of getting the "Open House" signs out and distributed throughout the area, then retrieving them all again, with each half of the project being most of a day's work for both gentlemen. Thanks, Gary and Pat, for your labors on our behalf!

INTRODUCING HOLY CROSS CAR DONATION PROGRAM

The Fr. Al Sadler Memorial Annual Appeal committee is proud to announce the Holy Cross Car Donation Program. We have partnered with Precise Auto Parts Distributors LLC and now have the capability to accept cars for donation. The donor will get the fair market value of the car as a tax deduction. The proceeds from the donation will be used to help us provide scholarships for our students. This program will be up and running in a couple of weeks. Contact information will be available soon.

Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for May 24. This year's theme will be "CAMP." Do you have any cool camping-related ideas? Or just interested in helping? Contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com.

Easter Flower Sale

Thank you to **Kersten Goldenbogen** for spearheading the Easter flower sale again this year! Plants will arrive next Monday and will be ready to pick up between noon-4pm.

Math-A-Thon

Ms. Ward reminds participants to collect and turn in all pledges and donations for St. Jude's by next Monday, April 2. Thank you for participating!

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

St. Mary's in New Baltimore invites you to attend an exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The exhibit will be in the St. Mary parish center building from April 12-22. Normal viewing times will be 5-9pm, M-F, and noon-9pm on the weekend. A free will donation will be accepted as your entrance fee. (To schedule a group tour or for any questions, please contact Brian Yacks at 586.648.6594.)

Easter Egg Hunt

Children 10 and under are invited to join us at Our Lady of the River's annual Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday (rain or shine or snow!), April 7 at 11:30 am at St. Mark's on Harsens Island. Children under 5 will search for plush chicks and lambs. All the children will be searching for eggs and Easter bags with Christian prizes and other Easter goodies!! RSVP to Debbie DeMunnik at 810.748.3297. Please leave the children's names, ages and your phone number. This way, we can make sure there's plenty for the hunt!

Snoozing!

Does your child seem lethargic? You might make the logical connection to insufficient sleep. But sometimes sleep deprivation shows up as crankiness in kids (and sleep needs vary with age). The National Sleep Foundation offers this set of recommendations for sleep:

How Much Sleep Do You Really Need?

Age	Sleep Needs
Newborns (0-2 months)	12-18 hours
Infants (3 to 11 months)	14 to 15 hours
Toddlers (1-3 years)	12 to 14 hours
Preschoolers (3-5 years)	11 to 13 hours
School-age children (5-10 years)	10 to 11 hours
Teens (10-17)	8.5-9.25 hours
Adults	7-9 hours

Source: National Sleep Foundation

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 No East China buses this week	3	4 Report cards go home Pizza lunch No study hall	5 Easter break begins—no school 'til 16 th	6	7
8 Easter Sunday	9 Easter break Calendar raffle drawing	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Back to class!	17 No Kindergarten today Kindergarten & preschool roundup School Committee meets 6:30pm	18 No study hall	19	20 7 th graders visit CMC No study hall Car show entries in Act. Ctr after 4:30 Car Show 5:30-9	21
22	23 3 rd graders go to Lansing "Save Sex" class for 7 th & 8 th grade Corn dog lunch No study hall	24	25 No study hall	26	27	28 First Communion 11am
29	30	MAY 1	MAY 2 No study hall	MAY 3	MAY 4 No study hall	MAY 5 First track meet 9am at track--Ward St.