



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 3, 2011

Prayer

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."
Mt 7:24

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays & Tuesdays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!
Peddlers:
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

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 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.

National Junior Honor Society

At tomorrow's mass, three sixth graders will join the Holy Cross Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations to **Grace Fielhauer, Abbey Guiliat** and **Lilly Wolf** for having met the criteria of acceptance into this prestigious group! All are welcome to witness their induction at 9am tomorrow.

Open House-- Sunday, March 6

Bring your friends for waffles after the 9:30 mass (free will offerings accepted), and show them around Holy Cross—or send them for the Open House from 1-3pm.

Auction Alert!

Our final Auction Alert: calling all U of M or State fans!! This year we are featuring "Michigan" and "Michigan State" packages in our Live auction. The packages include tickets to 2011 football season games, sweatshirt, hat & other collegiate items. Which college is going to get the higher bid??? If you are a true fan and would love one of these Live auction items come and join us for the 22nd Annual Irish Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at 5:30 pm. The event will be held at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Hall on King Road.

We will have many other wonderful silent and live auction items. The night will also include many raffles: 50-50, bead raffle (for gift certificates), Money Train (\$200 worth of scratch off lottery tickets), over \$200 worth of scrip in the Tree O'SCRIP raffle, and we are also raffling off an iPad.

This year we are honoring Dianne Lovett for her many years of dedicated service to our children and to Holy Cross School. After 18 years as principal at Holy Cross, Mrs. Lovett continues to support our school and parish families. Come and be a part of this celebration!

Please come join us for a night filled with lots of fun, laughs and excitement while supporting your Holy Cross Catholic School. Tickets are \$30 single and \$50 a couple. Call the school office at 810.765.3591 or Jennifer Laster or Gretchen Rogus for tickets or questions

Pizza Lunch

A reminder that Gavin Collins's parents are treating the entire school to a pizza lunch with dessert tomorrow.

Congratulations, again, to Gavin on his state championship—and thank you to his parents for providing this celebration!

Lunch Help

Thank you to Mr. Patrick Cullen for volunteering to help supervise lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Academic Olympics

Last Saturday some of our students participated in the Blue Water Vicariate schools' Academic Olympics competition! We're proud of EACH of you!

Registration for the 2011-12 School Year

Registration materials are going home today with your oldest child! You'll be pleased to learn that our tuition and fee charges **WILL NOT BE GOING UP** for next year (what other commodity can say that these days?).

Volleyball

Our girls played St. Augustine on Thursday and won one of their five sets. IC visited Holy Cross Monday and squeaked out a 3-2 win: our girls are improving by the game!

Tonight our girls travel to St. Clair to take on St. Mary's team. On Saturday, Trinity visits; on Monday we're on the road again, this time to St. Peter School in Richmond.

All Crusader fans are welcome!—game time is 6:30pm for weekday games and 10am on Saturdays. Go, Crusaders!

**Next Tuesday, March 8:
full day of school
but no East China
buses home**

Read In Day!

As part of our "March is Reading Month" activities, on Tuesday, March 8, we'll enjoy our annual "Read In Day." Students may wear comfy clothing (including pajamas appropriate for school and bedroom slippers) and bring a sleeping bag along with their favorite books, and we'll all spend the day reading! (Doesn't that sound like fun?!!) Roomparents may call you to ask to help provide healthy snacks for your child's class.

Students: when you're deciding what to bring, remember that **YOU'LL HAVE TO CARRY WHATEVER YOU BRING!!** We all look forward to another fun Read In Day!

Cafeteria Menus

There are two changes to the March's lunch menus. On Friday, March 11, the featured entrée will be Bosco sticks. On Friday, the 25th, the featured entrée will include the availability of meatless sauce and shredded cheese.

PARENT LIAISON FOUND

Mrs. Melissa Kleckner will be the parent liaison for Holy Cross Catholic School. I want to thank her for offering her services to help new families come into full membership in the wonderful Holy Cross Catholic School Community.

Attention: Bakers!

Homemade cookies needed! To keep costs down for the parish Fish Frys, we are asking all wonderful bakers out there to get out your favorite cookie recipe, double it and drop off your fabulous cookies on the Thursdays and Fridays of the Lenten Fish Frys. (Note: no Fish Fry on Good Friday.) You may drop your goodies off at school on Thursdays during school hours, or at St. Catherine's activity center on Thursdays 10am-1pm or Fridays 10am-5pm. **COOKIES ONLY, PLEASE!**

Thank you in advance for your commitment to your parish. Any questions: contact Linda or Lisa c/o the church office.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

Fr. Bob is offering a \$250.00 tuition credit to any family recruiting a new family. The credit will be applied after the new family is registered and has completed at least one quarter of the school year at Holy Cross. Attached to the newsletter students are taking home today is a card for you to give to your friends who might be looking for a school like Holy Cross. You can get more cards from the school office if you want to invite more than one family to join the Holy Cross family.

TUITION RATES FOR 2011-12

Fr. Bob has decided that as an incentive to all of our hard-working school families, the cost of tuition for one year, 2011-2012, will remain the same as it was for 2010-2011. We are hoping that by making this decision, you, the school parents, will feel a little financial relief and that it will help you bring new families into our school. If you see Fr. Bob, thank him for this generous decision.

AUCTION HELP!!!

What are you doing March 11 or 12? The Auction is our single largest fundraiser of the school year—yet only two people are signed up to help. We need your help. If you are available on March 11th, we are asking for you to come and help decorate at the K of C Hall. If you are available on March 12th, you can help during the auction itself. There are lots of "little" jobs that, when shared by many people, add up to a "big" successful event! Call Gretchen or Jennifer c/o school—and say yes! You will be glad you did.

Archdiocesan Grants

Eligible students in grades 1-8 will receive \$800 next year (the grant was only \$600 for 2010-11) so it's even more worth your time to apply this year. Be sure your application is in the mail before the April 11 deadline.

The application can be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aodonline.org: go to "Catholic Schools," then "Tuition Assistance" and scroll down to the middle of the page--you should see an English and Spanish version of the application.

On the front page of the application there is a box for a "school label." You may **DISREGARD** this box: there IS NO school label for Holy Cross.

A reminder to save copies of your PSAS form: you'll need it to apply for all other Holy Cross tuition assistance.

Texas Hold 'Em

Thank you to Randy Bryer for organizing the "Hold 'Em" tournament this past weekend! Due to the efforts of Mr. Bryer and his workers, the school profited \$4714! Thanks, also, go out to his workers:

Pat and Carrie Dorsey, Jim Schafer, Jennifer Claeys, Becky Robbins, Amanda Lund, Kathy Sweet, David Heitz, Mike Kireta, Pat LaBelle, Matt and Traci Whetstone and Mary Terhune.

The next "Hold 'Em" weekend is March 24-27. Please contact Randy c/o school if you can help (or would like more info). (There is a sign-up sheet on the school bulletin board, too, if that's easier for you.) Remember: you can earn service credits working at the Texas Hold 'Em events.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. This month's food drive to help restock the pantry will be early: please bring nonperishable food items tomorrow.

Can you help? The pantry's special need this month is still breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pasta/macaroni and cheese; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

Thank You!

Thank you to Mrs. Jean Downey and her Ecology Club students from Cardinal Mooney—they visited our younger students Tuesday for a lesson on nature. Mrs. Downey and students are shown playing a game with our students helping to keep the baby animals warm and take them to their mommy:



POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class is still making and selling popcorn on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Money raised from this project will help fund the bus for the Lansing trip.

Thank You from the Boosters!

"...to Mr. LaBelle and Calvin, Mr. Barr and Calvin and Jessica, and Mr. Cullen and Joe and Abbie for stepping up to help with concessions during the girls' volleyball games! You knew someone else helped during the boys' season; we parents of this season's players appreciate your help now so we can watch the games!"

Ice Show

Annemarie Heitz (7th) and sister **Veronica** (CMC 10th) will be busy this weekend, as they skate in the Port Huron Figure Skating Club's annual Ice Show. The theme this year is Ice Tunes, and the skaters have been busy preparing. Shows are at McMorran Arena in downtown Port Huron this Saturday, March 5th. Showtimes are 10:00, 2:00 and 7:00. You are invited to come watch. Advance sale tickets available before Friday are \$8 adult, \$5 student/senior. Call Melanie Heitz if you have questions.

Best wishes for a GR8 SK8, girls!

Clarification

In our eagerness to announce the "bring-in-a-new-family" incentive, we accidentally left this statement off some cards: "Credit is \$250 per new family."

Also, the credit will be \$125 if the new family is coming only for preschool. We apologize for any confusion.

"StandStrength" Assembly



Yesterday "Stand Strength Team" visited. Their message was about strength in saying "No" to bullying/violence and peer pressure and saying "Yes" to making right choices, achieving academic excellence and respecting others. In the picture above, one of the Stand Strength Team members have lifted Alaina and Luke on a re-rod bar that later was bent into a "U" by another member of the team.

Ash Wednesday

...is next Wednesday, March 9. Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney students will attend mass together that day (instead of on Friday). Please observe the church day dress code on Wednesday next week.

LENT STARTS NEXT WEEK

Lent starts next Wednesday. Now would be a good time to talk with your children and make plans for how you as a family will observe the season of Lent. Think of Lent as a time of spiritual "spring cleaning". Use this time to decide how you want to grow your spiritual life and that of your children. Remember, your children want to grow up to be just like you.

michigan reads

Parents, your child can earn tickets to Pistons' or Red Wings' home games by reading five books by April 1. Go to www.michiganreads.com to register.