



# 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.*

**March 11, 2010**

## *A Prayer for Priorities*

God of time and energy,  
During this busy time of year, help us to remember our priorities. May we always make time for our families, helping when we are needed and always loving and caring. Amen

## **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.**

## **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) 810.499.7844

Sue Sharpe (Marine City) 810.459.2662

Kelly Zichi (East China) 810.874.1803

## **Open House**

Wow! Thank you to everyone who made this year's open house a success. Our students and teachers did a great job in making our school a real showcase of excellence. Our tour guides were wonderful, and able to answer many visiting families' questions! Our pancake breakfast provided a great meal with excellent service. Our video showed that Holy Cross is a great place to learn and have fun! Also, our parents stepped right in and met our visiting families, making our visitors feel right at home. Thank you to everyone for making this a great event!

## **Auction**

Ticket sales have been running a little behind last year's—which means there will be even better chances to find bargains! It's not too late to get your ticket—we hope you'll join us for an evening of many laughs and fun at our 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Cross Irish Night Dinner/Auction! The Auction will be held this Saturday, March 13, 2010—at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Banquet Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 which includes dinner and open bar.

Not sure yet what you'll be doing Saturday night? Of course, you're sure of a seat if you buy a ticket tomorrow—but stop by the Hall Saturday if you decide at the last minute to come: we may be able to accommodate you.

There is always something fun going on at the auction! Will your table 'win' the plate of Twinkies for dessert? Will your child be "Principal for a Day," or will Mr. Lund finally succeed in buying it this year?

For tickets or more info contact Jennifer Laster, Gretchen Rogus or the school office (810.765.3591).

## **Will Your Little One Start Kindergarten This Fall?:**

If so, you may want to take advantage of the opportunity to have free vision and hearing screening done right here at Holy Cross! The county will be here on Wednesday, March 24 during our preschool hours. If you're interested in having your four-year-old's screenings done that day in preparation for Kindergarten entry, call school.

## **Nacho Lunch**

Tomorrow, we'll be enjoying Mrs. Heitz's famous (meatless) nachos and cheese (instead of Chartwell's offerings). Please be sure your order is in the office tomorrow morning so we have enough ready for you. (As always, if you call your student in sick in the morning of a special lunch day, his order will be pulled and your money returned to you.)

## *Thank You!*

...to **Mr. Barr** and **Mr. LaBelle** for putting up open house signs and retrieving them for us!

...to **the Butros family** for donating books to our library!

...to **Joe Goldenbogen** for a toy he donated to latchkey!

## **"Hunger Meal"**

Every year Holy Cross, in conjunction with Cardinal Mooney High School, puts on a Lenten lunch we call the "Hunger Meal." It consists of a hearty chicken soup, Jello, crackers and raw vegetables: a simple but nourishing meal. Holy Cross students provide a good deal of the ingredients for the meal, and Cardinal Mooney students (with their teacher, Mrs. Jean Downey) prepare the meal. The cost for the meal is the same as for a Chartwell's lunch, and the proceeds are divided between the two schools, each of which donates its share to its favorite hunger relief charity. (Holy Cross typically donates its half to the Marine City St. Vincent de Paul conference.)

***This year's "Hunger Meal" is scheduled for next Thursday, March 18.*** We ask that students each bring the item requested for their class:

**Grades K-1:** each student--please bring 2 pounds of mini carrots or 3 pounds of big carrots

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** 1 pkg. celery

**4<sup>th</sup> graders:** 3 pounds of onions

**5<sup>th</sup> graders:** 2-3 pounds of carrots

**6<sup>th</sup> graders:** 1 16-oz bottle of ranch salad dressing

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** 1 box crackers

Please bring your item in next Monday or Tuesday, March 15 or 16, so we know we have enough on the day the food is prepared. Thank you!!

**No "study hall"  
on Friday or Monday,  
March 12 or 15.**

**"Spring Ahead" this weekend--  
remember to reset your clocks!**

### Financial Aid for 2010-11

...will begin with your PSAS application for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition grant. You can find the application at [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org): choose "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance." (Copies are also available in the school office.) This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2010; there is a fee to apply. (You'll also need a copy of your 2009 US 1040 tax return.) **DON'T FORGET TO KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING!**

**Even if you don't think you'll receive the award, all Catholic families are urged to apply—all other financial aid opportunities will require that you have applied for the Archdiocesan grant** (although you won't necessarily have to have received the grant to qualify for other awards).

Non-Catholic families and families with Kindergartners only: save the grant form (even though those students aren't eligible for the grant)—you may need to complete it (without submitting it to PSAS) in order to apply for any other assistance.

*Next Wednesday, March 17  
Dress down in honor of St. Patrick—  
wear white & green*

### Eighth Graders' Class Trip

Parents: your statement went home last week with your eighth grader. Please let Mrs. Steinmetz know if you expect to have SCRIP credit after the March 31 reckoning to apply to your trip bill. (Remember that all other obligations—such as tuition and service credits—must be taken care of to be eligible to participate in the class trip, and that no credit will be allowed for cancellations made after March 19.)

### Volleyball

We hosted Trinity last Thursday, and suffered our first loss of the season. On Saturday, we visited St. Peter's and scored another win. Monday saw us traveling to Port Huron, where we again lost to Trinity.

There's no game tonight, but we play at St. Augustine's on Saturday. Next week we have two home games: against IC on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, and St. Mary St. Clair on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you in the stands!

### Please Keep in Your Prayers--

..Mrs. Lund's husband as he recovers from gall bladder surgery earlier this week.

### PTO is accepting nominations for officers through March.

Please contact any of the current officers (or the school office) if you're interested.

### Calendar Raffle Winners

...for March were: Kim Busuttill of St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Senkmajer of Algonac and Larry & Mary Dubrul of Santa Margarita, California. Congratulations—and thank you for supporting Holy Cross!

### Fish Fry—tomorrow 4-8pm -at St. Catherine's

### Stations of the Cross

Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, beginning at 1:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

### Boosters meet Next Tuesday, March 16 6:30pm at the Riviera



A Little Leprechaun  
told me .....  
"The Auction is coming!!"

Holy Cross 21st Annual Irish  
Night Dinner & Auction  
Saturday, March 13, 2010  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

K of C Banquet & Conference Center  
6385 King Road, Monroe City, MI

Donation of \$35 per ticket

For more information, please contact:  
Presentor tickets only

Tickets may be purchased through:  
Gretchen Rogers (810) 329-9649  
Jennifer Laster (810) 765-3510 or  
Holy Cross School (810) 765-3591

Our Lady on the River Parish  
presents



Lenten

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

This year we will feature  
Baked or Fried  
COD



Baked Potato or Fries  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Cole Slaw

EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adults \$7 • Seniors \$6 Children \$5 (5-10 yrs) • Under 5 FREE  
Carry outs available  
Benefits to Our Lady on the River Parish & Holy Cross School

#### Location

St. Catherine Activity Center  
1103 Washington Street / Algonac, MI 48001

For more information call...  
810-794-9516 or 810-794-4296