



# 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 25, 2010**

## *A Prayer for Patience*

God of time and understanding,  
As we near the end of this Lenten  
season, help us to find patience. May  
we remember that we are all Your  
children and that your Son lives in each  
of our hearts. 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](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 (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)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Kelly Zichi (East China)  
Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

Announcing: new vendor,  
[restaurants.com](http://restaurants.com)! You order a \$20 card  
and pay our SCRIP program \$20 for it  
(at 50% discount=\$10 SCRIP profit).  
Then go online to [www.restaurant.com](http://www.restaurant.com)  
to choose the restaurant(s) you want  
to redeem your card at. Be sure to check  
the restrictions imposed by each restau-  
rant; print the gift certificate for each. It  
sounds confusing—but you'll end up  
with \$50 to spend at the restaurant(s)  
you redeem your card at, having spent  
only \$20—and you'll recoup part of that  
\$20 as SCRIP credit!

Re-enroll in Kroger's "Community  
Rewards" program after April 1 at:  
[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com),  
click on "Michigan" and then on "Enroll."

## **End of 3rd Quarter**

...is today! Report cards will go home  
with students on Wednesday, March 31.

**All school tuition and fees are due  
to have been paid in full by today.**

School policy states that report cards  
may be withheld when payments are in  
arrears. Please don't put us in the  
awkward position of having to withhold  
your student's report card—make sure  
your tuition account is up-to-date.

## **PARKING PROBLEMS**

Please remember that if you need to  
park your vehicle (for school drop-  
off/pick up, sports practices and games):  
please do so in the big lot across from  
school. The lot behind school is a  
service lot only, and the horseshoe lot is  
for handicapped parking. The office has  
been notified that some families have  
received warnings from the local police  
department and we want to make  
everyone aware that the police are  
enforcing this policy.

## **REGISTRATION**

**will begin after Easter vacation!**

## **"Hunger Meal"**

Thank you to everyone who  
remembered to bring ingredients for last  
week's "Hunger Meal," and to everyone  
who shared the meal. Mrs. Downey's  
chicken soup was wonderful, and it filled  
hungry tummies at a soup kitchen at St.  
Margaret Church (St. Clair Shores) after  
we had had our fill. (The extra crackers  
and other food, also, went to St.  
Margaret's—Mrs. Downey's home  
parish).

Holy Cross School's share of the  
proceeds from the meal was \$120. That  
sum was donated to the Holy Cross  
Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul  
Society (our local food pantry).

## *Thank You!*

...to the **Templeton** family for  
computer games they donated to  
latchkey.

**No "study hall"  
on Wed., March 31.**

## **Patience Please**

Please be patient during drop-off and  
pick-up. Children move at various  
speeds and we never know when a bus  
might pull in. Please give the people in  
front of you a chance to pull out so our  
line keeps moving. If you need a little  
extra time, please pull up past the  
sidewalk. Also, please have your child  
wait to be picked up behind the yellow  
line. This is for their safety!

## **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 it's  
possible you won't 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  
fill it out (without submitting it to PSAS)  
in order to apply for any other  
assistance.

**Applications are available for the  
2010-11 Fr. Bartone Scholarship  
award—call the school office.**

**New students (including students  
entering Kindergarten) are  
encouraged to apply for the (one-  
time) Fr. Sadler grant—applications  
are at the school office.**

## Volleyball

We hosted St. Mary St. Clair last Thursday and earned another victory. On Saturday, we had a double-header and won both matches. Our last regular game of the season was Monday against St. Peter School, and we suffered a loss.

The league's volleyball tournament begins tomorrow night, here at Holy Cross. As other teams are still playing regular season games, we won't know our first gametime until tomorrow morning, but team members will need to be at the gym no later than 5:15pm tomorrow evening. Hope to see you in the stands!

## Nacho Dinner

Tomorrow evening, our eighth grade is sponsoring a nacho meal in conjunction with the girls' volleyball tournament.

## "BOOKS ARE FUN"

The "Books are Fun" traveling display is here, with a great selection of reasonably-priced items to order. Orders and payments must be in the school office by Monday afternoon to go home with your student on Wednesday next week—the school earns a book for every 10 sold. Stop by and check it out!

## PTO is accepting nominations for officers through March.

Please contact any of the current officers (Mrs. Laster, Ms. Ward, Mrs. Templeton or Mrs. Rogus) or the school office if you're interested.

## MARKET DAY

Orders need to be in the school office by next Wednesday, March 31 or placed online (at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com)) by April 6; delivery will be the day we return after Easter break (Monday, April 12).

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

## Service Credits for 2010-11

The black book is now in the outer office, ready for you to sign up. Please come to check it out—if your name is not on the event you wish to work, write it in on an available line.

Because we don't know what your service credit choices will be for next year, we don't automatically transfer your name from events you worked this year. Please let us know your plans by marking your selections in the book.

## Pizza lunch

Next Wednesday, March 31 (our last day of school before Easter break) we will be having Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza for lunch. Order slips were distributed to all students today. Please turn in your order ASAP so we know how much yummy pizza to order!

## 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.

## SK8

"For Your Enjoyment," a skating program which will feature a variety of music from TV shows, movies and popular music groups. **Annemarie and Veronica Heitz** are in six numbers in the show, and Veronica has a solo. Shows are at McMorran Arena in Port Huron at 10am and 2 and 6pm Sat. March 27<sup>th</sup>. Discount tickets (\$8 adults / \$5 students) are available from Mrs. Heitz (or \$10/\$6 at door).

## From the Library

All books are due tomorrow. We will resume checking out books after Easter break. Thank you. —Mrs. Smith

## Young Leadership Conference

"Just wanted to say thank you to all the teaches, mentors and my peers for all the encouragement on my recent trip to the National Youth Leadership State Conference. I had a great time and learned a lot."--8<sup>th</sup> grader **Cale Chaltron**

## PTO Notes-Meeting of March 1, 2010

1. "Subsidy" committee wonders if PTO would like to hold White Elephant sale during August Maritime Days festival.
2. Principal's and teachers' reports: none.
3. Old business: PTO paid library yearly subscription. Catholic Schools' week activities and Daddy-Daughter Dance went well.
4. New business: noted spring thrift sale coming up; March is reading month activities scheduled by school; Open House March 7.
5. Nominations for 2010-11 school year officers: will accept nominations through March.
6. Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3-7.
7. Attendance award: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
8. Next meeting: to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

## Michigan Studies Class!



Holy Cross is so lucky to have a social studies class like this right outside its front door! Our third, fourth and fifth graders experienced a bit of Michigan's unique geography and economy as they greeted the first freighter of the year when the James R. Barker went by early Tuesday afternoon!