



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 4, 2010

A prayer

God of Light,
As we journey through Lent, may we grow closer to the light of Your Son, Jesus and spread His loving message to all we meet. 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)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

Progress Reports went home yesterday.

(Ask your students for theirs!)

Food Pantry

Tomorrow is the first Friday of March: time for our monthly food drive to restock the St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

Can you help? The pantry still needs breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pastas or 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."

Auction Alert

This week's "Auction Alert" is "The Taste of Marine City." This live auction item will get everyone's taste buds going. Enjoy a cheeseburger and fries from Gar's, pizzas from Hungry Howie's or Broadway Pizza, and savor anything off the menu at the seven other restaurants that donated gift certificates. Those restaurants include Big Boy, Marwood Inn, Anita's, Ron's Roadhouse, The Little Bar, The Oak Room Grille and The Marine City Fish Company. What a great way to fill your stomach and support Holy Cross at the same time by bidding on this item!

Please join us for an evening of many laughs and fun at our 21st Holy Cross Irish Night Dinner/Auction next week--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. For tickets or more info contact Jennifer or Gretchen, 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 hearing and vision screened that day in preparation for Kindergarten entry, call school.

Nacho Lunch

Next Friday, March 12, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll be enjoying Mrs. Heitz's famous (meatless) nachos and cheese. Order slips were given to all students today: please send in your order ASAP 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.)

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

Thank You!

...to **Mr. Barr** for helping with snow removal last Friday.

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: 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.

Eighth Graders' Class Trip

Parents: your statement went home Tuesday 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 camp 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.)

Open House

Our open house will be on Sunday from 1-3pm. Thanks to all who have offered their assistance for this event!

Don't forget the eighth grade is making breakfast that day! Pancakes will be served from 9:30am-12:30pm in the cafeteria. Proceeds will go toward the eighth graders' class trip in May.

Volleyball

On Saturday, Feb. 27, we traveled to IC, and we went to St Mary's on Monday. Congratulations to Holy Cross's girls, who after their first three contests are sporting a 3-0 win-loss record! We host Trinity tonight. Then on Saturday, we visit St. Peter School. Monday, we go to Trinity. We have a "bye" on Thursday, the 11th.

"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 Thursday, March 18. We ask that students each bring the item requested for their class:

Grades K-1: 2 pounds of mini carrots or
3 pounds of big carrots
Grades 2-3: 1 pkg. celery
Grade 4: 3 pounds of onions
Grade 5: 2-3 pounds of carrots
Grade 6: 1 16-oz bottle of ranch salad
dressing
Grades 7-8: 1 box crackers

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

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. There will be NO stations this week due the ecumenical World Day of Prayer service being hosted by Our Lady on the River Parish.



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, Marine City, MI

Donation of \$35 per ticket

The ticket includes Dinner, Open Bar, Silent and Live Auction.
Proceeds benefit Holy Cross.

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



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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