



# 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 21, 2013**

## A WORD FROM THE WORD

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. Luke 22:19-20

### 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 a session that fits your schedule goes 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 or lunchroom volunteering. Contact Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

**Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.**

## got scrip?

### SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;  
Mondays 5-7pm; and  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm.

### "Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair)  
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

The SCRIP office will be open with no change in their schedule (above) during Easter break to take care of your SCRIP needs.

### Mark Your Calendar:

- (Next Thursday,) March 28-
- April 7: Easter break
- April 8: back to class
- April 10: end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- April 12: no school
- April 18: report cards go home

## EIGHTH GRADE CLASS TRIP

Class meeting Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. All parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are strongly encouraged to be in attendance.

## Re-Registering for 2013-14

Your re-registration paperwork for the 2013-14 school year went home last week with your oldest (in '13-14) student. We have begun accepting registrations for next year! (All current and past due obligations to the school must be completed before your registration for next year can be finalized.)

## Doing Our Part

SCRIP credits from purchases made January-March will be calculated after the 30<sup>th</sup> and will be posted to your account as soon as they're figured.

School families should have all their tuition paid by now; preschool families will finish up by the end of April.

## Volleyball

Last Thursday our girls took on St. Peter School and earned a victory; Saturday brought another win over St. Mary St. Clair. On Monday our team went to Trinity for a nail-biter win (which moved them into second place in the league!). Their last game of regular season play was at IC on Tuesday. This afternoon is their last practice before tournaments begin tomorrow night.

Bracketing for the tournament hasn't been announced as of this writing. The first matches will begin at 5:30 tomorrow evening. Team members should be at the gym by 4:45pm. All Holy Cross fans are encouraged to come to cheer our girls on!

## Thank You!!

...to Ms. Ward, Mr. Guiliat, Ms. Melissa Krutsch and Ms. Emily Ward for stepping forward to become our track coaches!

## "Read In" Day

Pictures from "Read In" day:

Sixth and seventh graders made tents!



Ms. Bier reading to her Kindergarten class.

## Archdiocesan Grants

The application forms for the Archdiocese of Detroit's tuition grants for 2013-14 are available—call the school if you'd like a paper copy sent home with your child. (The forms are processed by a company known as PSAS.)

You can also find the form and directions on the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit: [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org). Go to "Schools," click on "Tuition Assistance and Scholarships," then "Private School Aid" to find the PSAS application and directions.

This year, the applications must be received by PSAS before April 8, and there is a \$20 fee to apply. Do NOT send your application for this award to school—it needs to be mailed to the address for PSAS listed in the information.

Remember to save a copy of your application—you must have applied for this Archdiocesan aid to be considered for any other assistance.

## Other Financial Aid

Applications for Fr. Bartone grants are now available in the school office—call if you'd like one sent home.

## TRY US OUT

We would like your child to invite a friend to spend the afternoon with us on days when East China has a half day of school. What better way to get to know what Holy Cross is about than to experience it first hand? The next East China half day is scheduled for April 11. If your child has a friend he/she would like to bring to Holy Cross, please make arrangements with the parents to drop their child off here and they can spend the afternoon with us. Since East China lets out after our lunch is over, the child must have been fed. Please contact the school by Tuesday, April 9, so we can prepare to welcome your child's friend.

## Lunch, Aides

We're still a little short on help at lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays—is there anyone who might be available on either of those days, 10:40-11:30am? Quality time with your child and his/her friends! Please call Stacy Goulette (586.855.9349) or the school office (810.765.3591). Thanks!

## The Drama Club



The Drama Club has begun meeting after school to create and practice for their upcoming performance of their original script, "A Class Act." (The members of the club wrote their own play!) They will put on their show for the whole school on May 28, just before the school Talent Show. Parents will be welcome to come, too! Thank you to **Mrs. Rock** for mentoring this group!

## Dissections in Science Class

Our sixth and seventh graders got to dissect sheep "plucks" (heart-lung organ systems) this week in their science classes:



Mrs. Wade, their teacher, walked the students through each incision and explained how the parts of the organs work together.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

In the past couple years, students who ordered a picture package from the school photographer automatically received a school yearbook. That is no longer the case. Starting this year, **only families who specifically order yearbooks will receive yearbooks.** As of last week, only 16 students had placed orders. If you would like your child to get a yearbook at the end of the school year, please fill out the form included with this newsletter and send in a check made out to OLR for \$15.00 for each book. **Your order must be in the school office before the start of Easter break, next Wednesday.**

## Uniforms for Next Year

As you know, next year is the final year of our transitioning to khaki and plaid—during the 2013-14 school year, both our traditional "navy blues" and the new colors are acceptable. (As your child outgrows or wears out the blues, please replace with the new colors.)

Right now is a great time to start, as our plaid is on sale! Connie's Children's Shop, our exclusive plaid supplier (23200 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores), is currently offering the plaids for 15% off. They also have a khaki skirt on clearance: 50% off. (You can call them at 586.777.8020 or visit their website: [www.shopconnies.com](http://www.shopconnies.com).)

## *Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...sixth grader Jacklyn Smith and her family on the recent death of her great-grandma.

## Today's Dress Down Day

...brought in \$40 for the Archdiocesan Vocations Department's Camino de Santiago walk. Thanks, everyone!

## A Special Visitor!

Yesterday, our Kindergarten class hosted a special visitor:



Mr. Bunny brought a little treat for each of the Kindergartners and they got to show him their classroom. Then Mr. Bunny stopped in to wave "hello" to all the other classes, too. (Thank you to the Ogden family for arranging his visit!)

## Next Week's Newsletter

...will go home on Wednesday (as there's no school on Thursday).

## Under the Weather?

We're still fighting that "flu" bug. Please--when your child doesn't feel well: remember that **school policy states students must be fever-free (without medication) for 24 hours before they are to be in school.** When they come to school sick, they aren't in a proper mindset to learn—and they're exposing their friends to whatever bug they're fighting.

**Happy Spring!!  
(any day now!)**



## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

We didn't explain this well last week!--In the past few years, yearbooks were included as part of some of the school picture packages. However, this year they **ARE NOT**—the only way to get one of these precious mementos of your child's 2012-13 school year is to order one now.

The cost will be \$15 per book—all orders must be in the school office **before Easter break** (by March 27).

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Student purchasing yearbook

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grade

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 / yearbook = \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (cash or check to "OLR")  
# of books ordered

**--Return this order form and payment to the school office before next Wednesday, March 27, 2013--**

*(Below are a few pictures representative of what you'll see in your yearbook:)*



Learning by dissecting



**Don't miss out on  
your only  
chance! Get your  
yearbook order in  
TODAY!**

# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> Spring break all week	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Back to class! Calendar raffle drawing First track practice	<b>9</b> School Committee meets 6:30pm	<b>10</b> End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	<b>11</b> Did you invite a friend to school this afternoon?	<b>12</b> No school: teachers' inservice and conferences	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Confirmation 9:30am at Holy Cross	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> First Communion practice 5:30pm	<b>18</b> Report cards go home	<b>19</b> Barnes & Noble book fair: HC focus time 5:30-7:30	<b>20</b> First Communion 11am at Holy Cross
<b>21</b> First Communion 11:30 at St. Catherine	<b>22</b> 1:30 tree planting in memory of Mrs. Love	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Grades K-5 "Flat Stanley" field trip	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> First track meet: Ward Cottrell field by Marine City High School (field events 8:45am)
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> graders visit CMC	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>MAY 2</b>	<b>MAY 3</b> Pizza lunch	<b>MAY 4</b> Track meet—Ward Cottrell field—field events 8:45am

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