



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 27, 2013

A WORD FROM THE WORD

fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. John 13:3

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 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:

- (Tomorrow!) March 28-April 7: Easter break
- April 8: back to class
- April 10: end of 3rd quarter
- April 12: no school
- April 18: report cards go home

Re-Registering for 2013-14

Your re-registration paperwork for the 2013-14 school year went home a few weeks ago 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 30th 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

Our girls had a busy beginning to their weekend! They played three full matches on Friday night, then came back for their last game Saturday morning. Competition was stiff, and the games were all exciting! Holy Cross's team finished the season in second place and third place in the tournament. Terrific job, girls!

Track Practice

...will begin after Easter break (but NOT on Monday April 8). All athletes must have had their sports physical before beginning practice.

Welcome to new coach **Ms. Ward** with her assistants, **Ms. Emily Ward**, **Mr. Steve Guilliat** and **Ms. Melissa Krutsch**! Signed up to run for Holy Cross are fifth graders **Jessica Barr**, **Ethan Rogus** and **Alaina Laster**; sixth graders **Calvin Barr**, **Joseph Cullen**, **Spencer Fox**, **Shanna Kowalewski**, **Adonis Mona**, **Jacklyn Smith** and **Thomi Tomlanovich**; seventh graders **Caitlin Downey**, **Joseph Goldenbogen** and **Calvin LaBelle**; and eighth graders **Abbey Guilliat**, **Brooke Pfeiffer**, **Alexis** and **Lilly Wolf**.

Please note that there is an error the April calendar as published last week: **the second track meet will be on Friday, May 3.**

Principal for a Day

Mr. John Templeton was our school principal on Monday (having won the honor at this year's Auction). He wanted to let you know something about the job:

WHY I LIKE TO BE PRINCIPAL

By John Templeton

I like to be principal for the day because I can give everyone a dress down pass, go out to lunch with the principal, go to the Sweet Tooth with the principal, be out of the class room all day, and I get to choose a friend to go to lunch. All the things I get to do are really fun so being principal for the day is something you really want to do.

(We were all grateful for the dress down passes—thank you, Mr. Templeton!)

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. 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 or the school office (810.765.3591). Thanks!

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.)

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.

Dress Down Day March 22

...brought in a total of \$60 for the Archdiocesan Vocations Department's Camino de Santiago walk. Thanks, everyone!

EIGHTH GRADE CLASS TRIP

The eighth grade will be traveling to Cedar Point and Kalahari May 16 & 17th. They will need to raise money to help defray the cost of the trip. A couple of fundraisers that will be coming up are:

- Popcorn Wednesdays \$.50 a bag beginning April 10th
- Coin contest where the person with the most money in their jar will get a pie in the face- one teacher and one eighth grader
- A Little Caesars' Pizza Kit sale

More Hands-On Science

The 6th and 7th graders found themselves dissecting eyes and brains this week in science class:



This is a retina!

Mrs. Wade was able to show the students just where to find everything using her new classroom document camera:



Michigan CSI

On Wednesday, April 10, Michigan CSI (“Cyber Safety Initiative”) will be holding a cyber safety presentation here at Holy Cross on internet safety and cyber bullying for all students in grades K-8. Attached is a “Parent Notification and Opt-Out” form: if you do NOT want your child to participate, please complete and sign the form and send in to your child's teacher on Monday after Easter break.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

supporting
Holy Cross Catholic School

Friday, April 19, 10am-10pm

Barnes & Noble Fort Gratiot

4325 24th Ave.

Bookfair ID #11061579

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

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WHAT DOES ICE CREAM HAVE TO DO WITH SOCIAL STUDIES?

Last week, Mrs. Sweet's 8th grade Social Studies class made vanilla ice cream. The girls wrote essays about what ice cream has to do with Social Studies:

Mrs. Sweet's eighth grade class has just finished learning about our country's first four presidents. They studied the choices made by George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. They learned about how all of the presidents contributed to the building of America. Now, to celebrate the end of their chapter, the eighth graders made a traditional vanilla ice cream recipe in honor of Thomas Jefferson, who “supposedly” brought the first vanilla beans to America from France when he was the ambassador. Jefferson, although, never having cooked, always took an interest in foods, vanilla ice cream being one of his favorites! by Abigail Guiliat

In our eighth grade class we are making Thomas Jefferson's recipe for vanilla ice cream. The recipe fits right in with what we are learning about. We are learning about America's presidents.

Every month grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 cook a recipe from the place and time period they are learning about. When we learned about Africa in 7th grade, we cooked banana piteres, for Greece we cooked lamb.

Cooking helps us understand the culture or time period a little bit more. It helps us understand what things were like back then, also it is really fun! by Cami Claeys

(Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative)

Parent Notification & Opt-Out

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Michigan Attorney General's office will be conducting Internet safety presentations for Holy Cross students in grades K - 8 on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

The kindergarten through first-grade and second through third-grade presentations include a video of the acclaimed book *Faux Paw's Adventures in the Internet*. The primary focus is to emphasize students should: keep safe by not sharing any personal information, keep away from Internet strangers, and keep telling parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. The second through third-grade presentation includes a second Faux Paw video about cyber bullying.

In addition to the keep safe, keep away, and keep telling messages, students in fourth grade and above also learn about common tricks Internet predators use and appropriate responses to cyber harassment. Fourth through fifth-grade students watch a realistic fiction video entitled "Predator" provided compliments of the nonprofit group I-SAFE Inc.

Sixth through eighth-grade students see two videos based on the stories of actual teenage Internet predator victims and are cautioned about revealing personal information on social networking sites. Additionally, sixth through eighth-grade students learn the consequences of sexting and bullying and are advised to think before sending pictures or text messages, know the consequences, and protect their reputation and their future. These students also see a video that features cyber bullying suicide victims.

Additional information and follow up lesson plans or other learning resources are available at the Michigan CSI website by clicking on the "Teacher Resources" handout link.

Information on the CSI presentation and handouts used during our presentations can be accessed at the Attorney General's website, www.michigan.gov/csi.

If you do NOT want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to your student's teacher NO LATER THAN Monday, April 8, 2013.

Sincerely,

I, _____, do NOT want my child, _____
(parent/guardian's name print) (Child's name print)

to participate in the Michigan CSI Internet Safety Presentation.

(parent/guardian's signature)

Date