



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.

May 20, 2010

Gifts of the Spirit

God of Light, may we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe. May these gifts guide us in all we say and do.
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; and
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)

New vendors! Now available: The Body Shop (\$25 certificates at 8% discount), See's Candies (\$15.60/23%), Omni Hotels (\$100/8%), Journeys (\$25/13%), Quiz-nos (\$10/10%), Bravo! Brio Restaurants (\$25/12%), Six Flags Theme Parks (\$30/8%), Protect My ID (\$100/15%), Rixty Online Gaming (\$10/7%), Costco (new membership only: \$50/20%), H&M (\$25, 5%).

"GRASP" Summer Study Program

Are you interested in summer home-study for your K-8th grader? Info on the 9-week "GRASP" program is available in the school office.

Congratulations, Preschoolers!

By the time we publish our next newsletter, our preschoolers will have finished their year, so we'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you! We're glad you spent this year with us, and hope to see you again in the fall—some of you returning as experienced preschoolers and some of you as Kindergartners!

**As there will be no school
next Thursday (or Friday).
and Wednesday is Field Day:
THERE WILL BE NO
NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.
(Our next newsletter will be
published on June 3.)**

Keeping an Eye on the Calendar...

...next Wednesday, May 26, is
Field Day.

...next Thursday and Friday,
May 27 & 28: NO SCHOOL.

...Monday, May 31: NO
SCHOOL.

...8th grade graduation: 9am,
Friday, June 4.

...Kindergarten promotion:
Monday, June 7.

...Grades 1-7 honors
ceremony: 8:45am, Thursday,
June 10 (LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL!): dismissal
10:30am—NO EAST CHINA
BUSES HOME.

That Unpleasant Topic:

All tuition for 2009-10 should be paid by now. If you were not able to complete your obligation, please contact Mrs. Lund immediately. The school handbook states that report cards are to be withheld and files are not to be sent on if a student's tuition is not paid in full: please don't put us in the position of having to enforce that policy.

Thank You!

...to **Mrs. Heitz** for bringing goodies for everyone last Friday!

...to **the Whetstones** for more wipes for the cafeteria!

...to **Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Sweet, Mr. Fizz and: Cale Chaltron and mom, Grant Sharpe and mom, Owen and Ethan Rogus and mom, Julia and Zachary Schafer and mom, Becky and Hannah Schultz and mom, Annemarie Heitz and mom, Rachelle LaFontaine, Anna Tomlanovich, Brandon Hamilton, Connor Janski, Louis Hackstock, Tyler Smith, Frankie MacKenzie, Nick Patrick and Gabby Wassenberg** (members of the National Junior Honor Society and moms and friends) who spread mulch on the playground last night after school!:



...to **Mrs. Knotts and Mrs. Rittner and the girls in our Brownie troop** who planted marigolds in our front flower bed!



Bartone Scholarship Applications

The Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund is ready to accept your application! Scholarship recipients must be OLR parish members who are attending Holy Cross School, and they must have applied for the Archdiocesan grant (via the PSAS application). **Applications are due May 29**—if you need a copy of the form, please call Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM!

Needed: volunteers to help out at our No Limit Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser. Positions involve handing out and collecting poker chips and paying out winnings. The event will take place at Snookers' Pool & Pub in Utica. The hall is *non-smoking* and the shifts are flexible! Dates are as follows Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27, 12 noon – 2am.

Please call Randy Bryer c/o school if you can help on any of these days (shifts are flexible to your schedule).

Basketball Camp

Richmond School district is sponsoring a basketball camp for boys and girls entering grades 1-9 (grades 1-5, June 14-18; grades 6-9, June 28-July 2). Flyers are available in the school office.

Registration Notes

It is time to determine staffing for next year. In order to make these arrangements, we need to know that you are coming back. **Please fill out and return your registration paperwork.** If you are not able to pay the registration fees at this time, please speak with Mrs. Lund. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership in the education of your children. (Fees for 2010-11 were due at the end of April; the first regular tuition payment is due in about two weeks, at the end of May.)

Summer Nature Club

St. Clair County RESA is sponsoring summer nature programs for students entering grades 1-6 Tuesdays-Thursdays in July and August. Classes will meet at the Pine River Nature Center in Goodells. Contact Sue Hadden at the RESA for more info: 810.364.8990.

Sports Banquet

Congratulations to all the athletes and their coaches who were honored at Tuesday's Sports Banquet! We are thankful for both our good sports and our good sports program: thank you to the Booster Club for putting them together. Special thanks to the Chaltron family for taking care of all the details involved in putting on dinner for 100(!), to everyone who stayed to clean up after the banquet, and to the Booster Club board for working all year to keep our sports program running.

Athletes' Families:

We are blessed to have an active Booster Club! They make it possible for every eligible student who wishes to participate in a sport to be able to do so at no cost to his family. The Boosters run fundraisers throughout the year to subsidize the cost of our athletics program. Of course, those events must have workers.

The Boosters' biggest one-day fund raising event will occur during Marine City's Maritime Days; they are sponsoring the annual chicken dinner on Sunday, August 15. **Every athlete's family will be required to work at least one shift at this event**—however, you'll earn one of your school service credits at the same time. Sign up for your shift(s) in the black service credit book in the school office.

Notes from Booster Club May 12, 2010 meeting

1. Track: first meet was canceled due to weather; the league will have a credit with the starter to begin the 2010-11 track season.
2. Fundraising: reminder that workers will be needed for the August 15 Maritime Days chicken dinner. Jeff May researched pricing for 40x60 outdoor tents. Booster Club will distribute letters to families at Sports Banquet regarding chicken dinner.
3. Officers for 2010-11 year: Jeff May, President; Julie Schultz, Treasurer; Julie Wolf, Secretary. Thank you to all! (Still need Vice President.)
4. Sports Banquet: 6:30pm May 18 in the gym.
5. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14 2010, 7pm at Riviera Restaurant.
--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

Open Gym for JV & V Girls

Coach Wolf has arranged for a few open gym Thursdays for girls interested in playing JV or Varsity basketball next year: one is this afternoon, 4:30-6:30pm. The other times will be next week, May 27, from 3-5pm; and June 3 from 3-5pm. Girls: come for a little practice and a lot of fun!

Holy Cross 200² Club

You might have noticed the large blue cross outside of the school office. The school has just started a stewardship drive, known as the Holy Cross 200² Club. The goal of this drive is to find 200 people or groups that are willing to donate \$200 to Holy Cross. The money will be used to support the various needs of school, such as technology upgrades, building needs, and the continuation of the quality programs we provide at Holy Cross. If you or someone you know might be interested in contributing to this stewardship drive, please contact Mrs. Lund, Mr. Bob Goldenbogen, or Mrs. Dianne Lovett.

PTO Notes--May 12, 2010

1. Correspondence: thank you note received for teacher appreciation luncheon.
2. Principal's report: none.
3. Teachers' report: none.
4. Nominations: two nominees declined.
5. Teacher appreciation week: went well!
6. Fall teacher start up: motion made and carried.
7. New business: motion to fund new writing program for students in grades K-6 for 2010-11 year; tabled.
8. New officers elected: President, Gary Barr; Vice President, Traci Whetstone; Secretary, Melissa Kleckner; Treasurer, Teresa Templeton.
9. Discussed fundraising.
10. Attendance award: won by 2nd grade.
11. Next meeting TBA.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

CMC Equestrian Team

...meets Tuesday, May 25, at 3pm in CMC's room 204.

Sports Physicals for Next Year

As you probably know, student athletes (grades 5-8) must have both their parent's and doctor's OK to participate in school sports. We have not been able to find a doctor to do those sports physicals here at school this year. However, there are other avenues to pursue. Your own doctor may do a low-cost sports physical; call his office to ask.

Also, St. Clair County Health Department's "Teen Health Center" offers sports physicals on a sliding fee scale (from \$35-45), depending on family income, if it is not covered by your insurance. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20th Street, behind Port Huron High School between the tennis courts and pool).

(Call the school office first to get a sports physical form—or download from the school website: holycrossonline.net; click on "school," "grades PK-8," then—on the right hand side of the page—"athletics.")

**Drama Club Presents
The Lesson this after-
noon at 2:45pm in the
gym. All are invited!**