

# 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.*

**May 24, 2012**

## *A Word*

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth. John 16:13

### **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 or lunchroom volunteering!

Our Lady on the River parish is hosting the workshop on June 23 from 9am-noon here in our Activity Center. You may contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information on registering.

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

## **got scrip?**

**SCRIP summer office hours**  
(beginning June 11):  
**Mondays and Fridays 8-10am;**  
Mondays 5-7pm; and  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm

**CLOSED on Memorial Day**

**"Peddlers:"**

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

### **CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

- May 25-28: Memorial Day weekend: NO SCHOOL!
- May 29: back to class.
- June 1: 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.
- June 4: Kindergarten graduation.
- June 7: last day of school!

## **School Office Summer Hours**

Since this is the last newsletter before summer for some of you, we thought we should get our summer hours published! (You can expect newsletters in the mail in early-to-mid July and August.)

From June 8 through the end of June (and for the month of August before school starts), the school office will be open from 8am until noon every day.

The office will be closed for the month of July (but we will check email and phone messages regularly: [school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net) or 810.765.3591).

## *Jesus is Alive!*

Here are the sixth and seventh graders' responses to the question, "Where do you see Jesus alive at Holy Cross?"

"I see Jesus alive..."

- "...at Holy Cross in the small classes, where you get a lot of attention."
- "...in the halls."
- "...inside the children in the first grade room."
- "...at mass and in the paintings in our rooms."
- "...in Fr. Bob when we go to mass on Fridays."
- "...when I walk through the door and am comforted by the warm embrace radiated by the students, teachers and everyone else."
- "...when Mrs. Pavlov says good morning to us every morning."
- "...in all of the students when they are kind to each other."
- "...when I walk through the hallways on the signs."
- "...in all the classrooms, because there are crosses in all the rooms."

## **Re-Registration Time!**

Current school and preschool families: please send in your re-registration paperwork as soon as possible so we can have everything ready for you in September!! Fees were due April 30.

## **Track**

Thank you to Coaches McDonald, Guilliat, Schafer and Dorcey for guiding our runners this season! Thanks, too, to everyone who helped at the meets. Compared with basketball, track is a quick season—but it's always amazing to see how the students improve in such a short time. Coaches and team members: job well done!!

(Track team members: remember to turn in your jersey, if you haven't already done so.)

## **Sports Awards**

The Booster Club held its annual awards ceremony and dinner on Tuesday. Thank you to **Mrs. Julie Wolf** and **Mrs. Julie Schultz** for organizing the evening! Special thanks go to **Mr. Steve Guilliat** (and to our unofficial school photojournalist, **Mrs. Judy Krutsch**) for putting together the awesome slideshow—everyone enjoyed seeing snaps from the athletes' year! To get copies of the pictures from Mr. Guilliat, email him at [guilliat@gmail.com](mailto:guilliat@gmail.com)

The Boosters are looking for coach(es) for the JV team for girls' basketball and for assistant(s) to Coach Govier (for Varsity) for the 2012-13 school year. If you're interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for more information. (Coaches may be, but don't necessarily have to be, parents of HC students.)

## *Thank You!!*

...to **Mrs. Knotts** and **Mrs. Rittner** and **our Girl Scouts** who planted flowers in the front garden last week. Beautiful!

...to 6<sup>th</sup> grader Calvin LaBelle's grandma, **Mrs. Wieske**, for a book and DVD on "The Journey to the Moon" (as well as cards and paper) she gave us!

...to the dedicated volunteers who have been watching our children all year at lunch! Thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Schafer**, **Mrs. Laster**, **Mrs. Winne**, **Mrs. Wolf**, **Mr. Cullen**, **Mrs. Rogus**, **Mrs. Templeton**, **Mr. LaBelle**, **Mrs. Krutsch**, **Ms. Smith**, **Mrs. Krupa**, and **Mr. and Mrs. McConnell**.

## UNIFORM CHANGES

Over the next three years our school uniform will be transitioning from what we currently are wearing to a uniform of plaid jumpers/skirts for girls and tan khaki slacks/shorts for boys and girls. The plan is to sharpen our image all the way around. You noticed that this year the improvements in the school office area, that was part of the plan to sharpen our image. You may have noticed the improved landscaping in front of the building. That is part of the plan to sharpen our image. If you are purchasing new uniforms for your children, you may purchase the plaid jumpers and shirts at Connie's Children's Shop in St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe.

[www.conniesclothing.com](http://www.conniesclothing.com). The two uniform styles that we will use are pictured below; the plaid is called "Cornerstone." The jumper with the V top is currently on 30% discount.



## Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Thank you to all of the volunteers for the many hours they invested in this year's Texas Hold 'Em fundraisers: to **Judy Beauvais, Steve & Ann Beauvais, Randy Bryer, Mary Terhune, David Heitz, Pat LaBelle, Chris & Jennifer Claey's, Chris Woelkers, Carry Dorsey, Brian Chadra, Ralph Knotts, Pat Chopp, Jerry Basilico, Mike & Annette Kireta, Mark & Kim Weston, Sandy McNeely, Sue Tomlanovich, Dan LaVere, Bob & Kersten Goldenbogen, Aldertons, Matt Whetstone, Julie Schultz, Matt McDonald, Achatzes, Yorks, Therese Kirkpatrick, Pat Dunn, Stacy & Rick Goulette, Gary Gilbert, Denny York, Terry Wallis, Tom & Bev Cyr, Eileen & Jim Tesch, Teresa Templeton, Linda Abraam, Jim & Kari Schafer, Wendy LaFontaine and Amy Kistuline.** Most of these people worked simply out of the goodness of their hearts--they did not get or need school service credits. The words seem puny, but we are so grateful: THANK YOU! Through your efforts Holy Cross School & Our Lady on the River parish earned **over \$41,000** in this year's Texas Hold 'Em events!! (Not bad, as Chairperson Randy Bryer says, for 16 days of work!)

## End of the School Year

This past quarter has whizzed past! Our eighth graders will soon move on: after the fun of their class trip last week and their final exams, their graduation will take place during next Friday's 9am mass. (All are welcome--there will be a short reception after in the activity center.)

The following Monday (June 4), our Kindergartners will graduate. Their grandparents and special friends are invited.

Students in grades 1-7 get to stay until Thursday, June 7 (DRESS DOWN!). Their awards ceremony will be at about noon in the gym, after the "mat ball" game and picnic (see the attached letter). All are welcome to attend!

## From the School Committee

The School Committee is a group of parents and other interested persons who advise the principal and pastor of a Catholic school. Holy Cross's School Committee is now accepting applications from people interested in becoming members. If you're interested in learning more about the Committee, please contact Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591 or via email: [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)) with your question(s) or to let her know what you think you might bring to the Committee.

## SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

In April, the school committee adopted an enrollment enhancement plan that has been implemented by a couple of our Catholic school neighbors. In an effort to make a Holy Cross education for parish families enrolled in the C.C.D. program more accessible, these families were invited to enroll their child at Holy Cross at a low introductory rate for 2012-2013. You already know that Holy Cross is an exceptionally healthy environment for a child's education. Currently, Our Lady on the River parish pays over \$7,000.00 per child to educate each the children currently enrolled at Holy Cross. Knowing that, it is easy to see that each school family currently gets a deep discount from the parish. We have a wonderful school and want to share it with as many families as possible. It would be great if you could help bring your parish friends to the school for next year.

## Doing Our Part

All school tuition for 2011-12 was due to have been paid before the end of March. If you still have a balance you are seriously in arrears--please take care of any old balances today. Remember: this year's accounts need to be clear to re-register for next year!

## "SUMMER STUDY GUIDES"

On the last day of school your oldest (2012-13) student will take home a packet of goodies for next year. In it you'll find next year's supply lists, dress code information, and "summer study" tips prepared just for your family to keep your children's brains in tip-top shape during the summer. Look for your family's "summer study guide" on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Needed: YOU!

We are looking for persons interested in helping to plan next year's Auction. We are also seeking fun-loving and people-loving folks to join the Holy Cross PTO. It is an organization meant to help build our community through support, communication, helpful speakers and activities. We have some good experienced people with whom you will work. If this sounds like you, please contact Mrs. Pavlov.

## PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Next year you will see the teachers teaching in different grades. We will let you know more as it comes about.

## A Recess Note:

As you all know, we have limited play area away from the playground structures. There's just not room to safely play baseball. Therefore, students are not allowed to have bats and hard balls at recess. (They may still play catch with soft balls.)

## ...and one from the Lunch Moms:

"Lunches that need to be heated are a big problem. We have only a couple microwaves, which means the children wait; we don't have plates or bowls to heat food in; and, most critically, food preparation takes us away from the most important reason we're there--watching the children.

"Please don't send lunches that need preparation. At the very least, remember to provide your own plates/bowls when things will need heating. Or--as we always need help--VOLUNTEER to join us!"



### Preschool Commencement

...was yesterday--congratulations to this year's class: **John Bailey, Gavin Isrow, Tucker Kleckner, Megan Krupa, Olivia Ogden, Lylah Schaening, Ian Tetler, Erin Wilson** and **Angela Winne**. Some of you will be returning for another year of preschool in the fall, and others will be moving up to Kindergarten. We are glad you chose to be Crusaders this year! We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

## 3 in 1 Concert

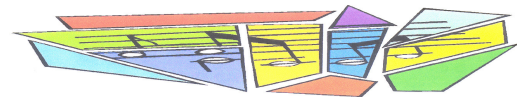


The East China Community Band  
The St. Clair Community Singers  
The Marine City Interfaith Choir

**Tuesday, May 29th  
7:30 p.m.**

at the  
**East China Performing Arts Center  
On Meisner Road**

Donations accepted at the door



### Accelerated Reader / Library Note:

All checked-out books were due on Monday. **Any book not returned by tomorrow will be presumed to be lost, and you will receive a bill for its replacement.**

### "Sky" VBS

OLR parish will host Vacation Bible School July 16-20 (9am-noon). You may pick up a registration form at either the church or school office.

### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR STRINGS

"School for Strings" in downtown Port Huron is offering various summer classes in beginning guitar, violin, and strings for students ages 5-17. An informational flyer is available in the school office—or call "School for Strings" at 810.987.9219 for more info ([www.schoolforstrings.net](http://www.schoolforstrings.net)).



May 24, 2012

Dear Families,

May is quickly coming to a close and before you know it, the last school day will be here. The NJHS would like to invite you to an end of the year hot dog picnic, on the last day, June 7<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate as a family. We will begin with an all-school mat ball/basketball game in the gym at 10:30, followed by the picnic lunch outside (or inside, depending on the weather) and finishing with our awards assembly in the gym at 12:00. Students will then report back to class for final good-byes, at which time they will leave for the summer. If you would like to join us, please complete and detach the form below and return it to school by Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> so we can complete our preparations.

Thank you,

NJHS

Each lunch includes: a grilled hot dog, chips, lemonade and cookies.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending (including students) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

Extra hot dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ X 50¢ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_