



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 3, 2012

A WORD

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you –John 15:3-4

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 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 office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;

Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm

Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Patty Smith (St. Clair)

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

One family had over \$300.00 applied to their tuition on April 2nd from scrip. That could be you!

First Communion

Congratulations to all our second graders who received their First Communion on Saturday!

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.

CALENDAR REMINDERS!

- Tomorrow: no study hall.
- Tomorrow (May 4): 6-8th grade dance.
- May 5: first track meet.
- May 11: Talent Show.
- May 11: pizza lunch.
- May 17-18: 8th graders' class trip.
- May 22: sports awards.
- May 23: grades 3-8 go to Greenfield Village.
- May 23: preschool graduation!
- May 24: all-school field day

Jesus is Alive!

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

"I see Jesus..."

- "...in religion class."
- "...in the church."
- "...in computer class with Mr. O."
- "...when we get the body of Christ at church."
- "...when we go to Reconciliation."
- "...when we pray together as a class."
- "...all the time in my heart."
- "...when the children show compassion for one another."

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...Grandma Cullen, who is ill.

...retired Holy Cross principal Dianne Lovett on the recent death of her mom, Frances Zech. Mrs. Zech will lie in state at 10:30 am Saturday May 5, 2012 with Mass at 11am in the Our Lady on the River Parish St. Catherine Catholic Church, Algonac. Visitation will be from 1-4 and 6-9 pm with a scripture service at 7pm Friday in the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac.

Field Day

Field Day money and t-shirt orders were due on Tuesday. If we haven't yet received yours, your teacher is sending you a new form today. **Your order must be in by tomorrow to get a t-shirt!**

Track

Track practices will be Tuesdays through Fridays after school 'til 4:30.

Meets will be held the first three Saturdays of May, with the **first meet this Saturday (May 5). Athletes: be there by 8:45am.** Parents (and other interested folks): your help will be needed! Jobs that will need staffing include timing and measuring events, running the concession stand when it's our turn, and the awards table (keeping track of results and preparing ribbons for the winners). Please search out the coach and his helpers Saturday to offer your help--thanks!

Sports Awards

The Booster Club is pleased to announce its annual awards ceremony and dinner! It will take place on Tuesday, May 22 (6pm) in the cafeteria. Students who were on any Holy Cross sports team this year and their parents and siblings are invited to attend. The Boosters will provide everything: come to enjoy your moment in the spotlight!

The Boosters are looking for a coach (or coaches) for girls' basketball 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.)

BLUE WATER SCIENCE FAIR

The first Blue Water Vicariate Schools Science Fair was held last Saturday at Cardinal Mooney. Holy Cross fifth graders **Anna Tucker** and **Adonis Mona** and sixth grader **Calvin LaBelle** were among the Vicariate elementary school students showing their science fair projects in this show. Congratulations to **Calvin**, who placed **first place** in the sixth grade division!

Accelerated Reader

Last day for Accelerated Reader testing will be May 21: all books need to be returned by that date.

NO Accelerated Reader next week, on May 7.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

A million thanks to **Randy Bryer** for chairing this year's school and parish Texas Hold 'Em events! Thanks, also, to everyone who worked. These tournaments make a lot of money for our school!

Oops--the last round of Texas Hold 'Em play for this school year wasn't last month: it is coming up at the end of this month. If you're available to help with any of the empty slots (there are a number of them right now!), please contact Randy c/o school. Signed up so far to work are:

School: Friday, May 18:

5-10pm	Company	
10pm-2am	Company	Claeys

Saturday, May 19:

5-10pm	Company	Claeys
10pm-2am		Claeys

Sunday, May 20:

5-10pm	Company	Claeys
10pm-2am		

Monday, May 21:

5-10pm	Company	
10p-2am		

Parish: Friday, May 18:

11a-5pm		
5-10pm		
10p-2am		

Saturday, May 19:

11a-5pm		
5-10pm		
10pm-2am		

Sunday, May 20:

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5-10 pm		
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Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Madonna Knotts**, whose ongoing labors in our gardens are paying off now in beautiful flowers! ...to everyone who saves VG's "Community Share" receipts, Campbell labels, empty inkjet and laser cartridges and "Box Tops for Education." We just received a check for \$350 for our latest submission of "Box Tops"—pretty good return for "junk"!

CYO Football

Students in grades 5-7 interested in playing tackle football in the fall may pick up a registration packet in the school office.

"Books Are Fun!"

The traveling book display is making its last visit of the school year to this week. As always, there's a nice assortment of good quality items to order, and at reasonable prices. Holy Cross earns a book for every 10 sold. Orders and payments need to be in by Tuesday, May 8; items will go home with your oldest student (or can be held in the office) by Thursday, May 10.

Doing Our Part

All school tuition for 2011-12 was due to have been paid before the end of March, and preschool tuition by April 30. If you still have a balance you are late, and your reminder statement should have arrived earlier this week. Please take care of any old balance today. Remember: this year's accounts need to be clear to re-register for next year!

Upcoming Field Trips

Our eighth graders are busily preparing for their class trip, May 17&18. They will hit both Cedar Point and Kalahari water park—we hope they have lots of fun!

The next Wednesday, May 23, the students in grades 3-8 will be heading to Greenfield Village. Permission slips have gone home are due back to the teacher no later than May 7th.

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.

Holy Cross Car Donation Program

The Holy Cross Car Donation Program is now up and running! If you are interested in donating a car, please contact the donation center below. We are having yard signs made up for the community. If you or someone you know can place one in your yard, please let the school office know and we will get the sign to you as soon as it is ready. Donation Center location: Precise Auto Parts Distributors, LLC 9405 Marine City Hwy. Fair Haven, MI 48023 Phone 586.725.5900 Fax 586.725.5938 Email: preciseautoparts@comcast.net

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, May 11, we're having our last "special" lunch of the year. Lunch will consist of 1/8 of a large Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza with fruit and a drink. Order slips went home with students today. (The 8th grade will be offering goodies for 25¢, too!)

TALENT SHOW!

Our talent show will be after lunch next Friday, May 11! We're eager to see your special talents. Parents are invited to attend—the show will begin in the gym at 12:45pm.

Drivers' Training

East China School District is planning its summer driver instruction course. Students who are 14 years 8 months old by the first day of class (June 14). You may pick up a registration packet at the school office.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to **Annemarie Heitz** and **Rebecca Schultz** who earned scholarship awards from Cardinal Mooney for good grades and high scores on the High School Placement Test. We are proud of you!

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE

...is tomorrow night from 6:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria. The cost of admission is \$1 plus a canned food item, or \$2. Students may wear jeans and an appropriate tee shirt or other appropriate casual clothes to the dance. Students can get their dance tickets from Maddie. There will be drawings for prizes at the dance for those attending.

Food Pantry

Once a month, Holy Cross School students and families have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass on the second Friday of each month; the food will be donated to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next week will be the second Friday.

Can you help? The pantry still needs breakfast foods, jellies and pasta/macaroni and cheese; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as canned or dried fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."