# 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 6, 2010**

### *A Prayer for OUr Nation*

Creator God,

As we celebrate this National Day of Prayer, may those elected to serve our country be guided by the example of your Son. May we all come together, as one family, under God, to make our school, community, nation, and world, a better place to live. 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)

Did you know that Land's End cards can be used at Sears or Kmart? "For anything (except charge balances); no questions asked!" says Mrs. Sharpe. $25 and $100 cards are available (and usually in stock)—at a whopping 18% discount!

### *Thank You!*

…to **Mr. LaBelle** for the donation of a landscaping rake for field events at our track meets!

### Why I Appreciate Our Holy Cross Teachers by Mrs. Lund

This week, we recognize our teachers as a part of Teacher Appreciation Week. As principal, I would like to share with our families why I appreciate our teachers.

1. Our teachers are dedicated to education of the children entrusted to their care.
2. Our teachers have stayed through good times and hard times because they are dedicated to the students and families of Holy Cross Catholic School.
3. Our teachers take on many 'extras,' including study hall, drama club, and Academic Olympics, without being compensated.
4. Our teachers are open and honest with our students, parents, and each other.
5. Our teachers have always made me feel welcome.

I hope that you will all join me in offering prayers of thanksgiving for the teachers of Holy Cross.

### 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.

**Eighth graders' families: your final payment for the class trip is due next Friday, May 14.**

### FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be an important fundraising meeting next Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00PM in the cafeteria. Your input and ideas are greatly appreciated. Please plan on attending.

### Pizza Lunch

Chartwell's will not be serving next Friday, May 14; we'll have our last Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza lunch of the year instead. Order slips were given to all students today.

### 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.

### FIELD DAY

Thank you to Mrs. Sharpe for organizing field day again this year!! Info and permission packets went home with all K-8 students on Monday and are due back tomorrow. (It takes a little while to get the t-shirts printed—we can't guarantee you'll get a shirt if you haven't responded by tomorrow.)

If you're interested in helping with field day, please contact Mrs. Sharpe c/o the school office.

### Surveys

Please send your surveys in by tomorrow so we can tabulate and address your concerns before summer vacation.

### Track Meet

Our first track meet was canceled due to bad weather last Saturday. We're hoping Mother Nature is kinder this weekend! Our next meet is scheduled for this Saturday, May 8, and the last meet for next Saturday, the 15th. All Holy Cross fans are welcome!! (Meets will go on if it rains, but lightning will cancel.)

### "GRASP" Summr 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.

## Thrift Sale Thank You

"Thanks so much to our "bag sale buddies" **Greg** and **Roy Miodonski**! Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped the sale. We will be cleaning out for the next few weeks, and then we'll be ready for your donations again." --Julie and Wendy

## First Friday Food Drive

Just a reminder that tomorrow is the first Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

If you can you help--the pantry is in special need of pastas and sauces, and macaroni and cheese; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Thank you for any help you can offer our down-on-their-luck neighbors.

## Sports Banquet

…is in a week and a half: Tuesday, May 18! Athletes and their parents and siblings are invited: just show up at 6:30 (in the gym) that night—the Boosters will have everything covered. (Thank you to the Booster Club for sponsoring this event and, especially, to Mrs. Chaltron, who's doing all the legwork!)

## No "Pay to Play" at Holy Cross!

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 be staffed.

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.

## Free Movie Madness!

Riverside Cinemas presents free movies "every Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 12pm." This weekend they're featuring "Planet 51."

## BOOKS ARE FUN

The traveling book display is here again (for the last time this school year)! "Books are Fun" always has a nice selection of high-quality items at reasonable prices, and we earn a book for every 10 items sold. Orders and payments must be in the school office by next Tuesday, May 11; items will go home with your student on Wednesday, the 12th (or they can be held for you to pick up at the office).

## Two Sets of Scientists

The 4th and 5th graders did a little "hands on" activity last week in science class. Both teams built and demonstrated "tiltmeters." A tiltmeter measures changes in the slope of a volcano. The idea of the project was to figure out how scientists can tell when a volcano will erupt. Perhaps one or two of these students will have a career in volcanology:

The girls plan their meter.

The boys at work.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

"Hello everyone! Positions for the 2010-2011 Holy Cross School Committee are available. If you are interested in the planning and future of our school, please stop by the office and pick up a form. If you have any questions, the current school members are Bob Goldenbogen, Al Chaltron, Jacqui MacKenzie, Carrie Dorcey, Julie Schultz, and Amanda Lund."

–Jacqui MacKenzie

**East China's "Cinco de Mayo"** celebration (scheduled for May 10) has been canceled.

## "Circle of Grace"

Each year we are instructed by the Archdiocese of Detroit to present a "Safe Environment" program to the students in all parishes. A letter went home yesterday with all students explaining the program. Holy Cross will present the "Circle of Grace" program to grades K-4 Mon. May 10 at 7:40am in the library; Mrs. Smith will be the presenter. On Tues., May 11, Father Matt will hold the program for grades 5-8. If any parent would like to attend this 30 minute session with their child, you are welcome; or if you would like to preview the material before the program please call Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300.

## PTO Notes-Meeting of April 19, 2010

1. Principal's report: request for donation to yearbook; approved.
2. Teachers' report: none.
3. Spring Thrift Sale: made about $1100. Great job, Julie and Wendy!
4. March is Reading Month: activities were enjoyed and all went well.
5. Open House: went well; many new families visited and took information.
6. Nominations for 2010-11 Officers: Teresa Templeton, Julie Schultz, Traci Whetstone, Kari Schafer, Gary Barr and Melissa Kleckner all nominated. Elections will take place at the next meeting.
7. Teacher Appreciation Week: first week of May; PTO to sponsor "Cinco de Mayo" themed luncheon.
8. Fall teacher start-up: motion made and tabled.
9. Science department: received request to underwrite $100 cost of dissection organs; approved.
10. Attendance award: won by 2nd grade.
11. Next meeting: May 12, 2010, 6:30pm at school.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

## 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. Fliers are available in the school office detailing costs, dates and times and registration info—please call if you'd like us to send you one. (Or contact Sue Hadden at the RESA: 810.364.8990.