



# 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 7, 2009**

## *A Prayer for Mothers*

Gracious God,  
We thank you for our mothers.  
They have cared for us when we were helpless.  
They have comforted us when we were hurt.

May we never take them for granted.  
Amen

*Happy Mothers'  
Day to all our mothers!*

## **Protecting God's Children Workshops**

Visit [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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith 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;  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays 1-3pm; and  
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during  
RE classes

### **"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!**

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)  
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)  
Kelly Zichi (East China)

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find an information paper regarding Kroger's new "community rewards" program. Earning Kroger SCRIP credit is easier than ever: ask your Kroger cashier to do a one-time scan one of the barcodes on the paper (along with your "Kroger Cares" card)—and you're done! No recharging required ever again! SCRIP credits will continue to be credited to your account quarterly.

## **Progress Reports**

...went home with students yesterday.

## **Registration!**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their re-registration paperwork! Knowing your plans helps us make ours! (Please remember that fees are due at registration, and the first regular monthly payment is due at the end of May.)

If you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children, encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment. *Remember, YOU are one of the best marketing tools our school has!*

## **National Junior Honor Society**

On Monday our chapter of NJHS welcomed 15 new members! Congratulations to this year's inductees—we're expecting great things from you!

Thank you to Mrs. Wade for serving as chapter adviser and for organizing the induction ceremony.

## **School Calendar**

We are working on finalizing the school calendar. With Labor Day being so late this year, following the after Labor Day start will have our last day of school as June 18. Both East China and Cardinal Mooney are starting on September 8. As a Catholic school, we have the option to start earlier. Starting on September 1 would give the teachers three days without interruptions, which will allow us to be sure that the students understand the policies and procedures, and develop an even stronger routine before elective classes begin. If you have an opinion about this topic, I would welcome your call or email by Tuesday, May 12. I would like to get the calendar out when we come back from Memorial Day. Thank you! Mrs. Lund

## **FLOWERS FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

During the month of May, we remember our Blessed Mother. We have a beautiful alcove, painted by Mrs. Marge Nicaise. During this month, if you have extra flowers in your gardens, we would love to surround her with them. We have vases and water waiting for you!

## **National Day of Prayer**

Today is the National Day of Prayer. We will be celebrating this day with both prayer and participation in a school-wide project. You should be able to see the fruits of our labors tomorrow!

## **SPRING HAS SPRUNG**

Spring is here and the church is warming up. We are back to skirts for the girls on Mass days. We will also NOT wear hoodies or jackets to Mass on Fridays. Your child may wear a uniform sweater.

## **Nacho Lunches**

Tomorrow we'll be serving Mrs. Heitz's famous nachos and cheese (with ground beef and other toppings). Please have your order in the office by 8am tomorrow so we prepare enough for you! Bake sale goodies will be available for 25¢ each: this week's sale is sponsored by NJHS.

Please send your special lunch orders in early, so we prepare enough food—as always, if you need to call in sick on the day of a special lunch we'll pull your order and return your payment.

## **End of Year Notes**

A reminder to all families that all tuition, service credits, lost books, and all other obligations must be taken care of before students receive final report cards.

## **Sports Banquet**

All athletes and their families are invited to this year's awards ceremony, which will be held next Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium.

## *Please Keep In Your Prayers*

...the Sharpe family on the recent death of their grandpa Garnet Meyers.

...Mrs. Lund's mom and mother-in-law who have both undergone surgeries in the past week.

## **MARKET DAY**

Orders will be here and ready to pick up next Monday, May 11.

## TRACK

From Coach Derisley:

"Our first meet (on Saturday, May 2) was a great success. Everyone gave it their best and had an incredibly positive attitude. We won't have all the times in until the next met, but here are just a few highlights....**Jeremy Todd** threw a 31.7' shot put; **Alex Kazal** ran a 6 min 39 sec mile, with **Zachary Cadena** right behind him at 6 min 41 sec; **Jonny Moreton** ran a 15.91 second 100 m dash. A bid thanks to Mr. Heitz for helping with long jump!"

We have two more meets this Saturday and next, May 9 and 16, at the Ward-Cottrell track on Ward Street. Our team could use more adult volunteers to keep times—please call coach or school if you can help. We hope the weather is as nice as last week—please come out and cheer us on!

Our turn to provide concessions will be for the last meet (May 16): please call school if you're interested in helping. (Please note that you don't have to do the whole day!—we can take shifts of an hour or so each, so you'll still be able to watch your favorite runner!)

## *Books Are Fun!*

The traveling book display is here with samples you can order—very nice items at good prices, and the school earns a book for every 10 sold. Orders and payment need to be in by Tuesday, May 12, and items will be here to go home with your student on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Calling ALL Crusader Athletes:**

Ms. Ward is organizing a group of athletes to walk in the Marine City Memorial Day parade. Students who participated in a school sport this year are invited to be a part of the parade! It will be on Monday, May 25 at 10am.

This is a chance for Holy Cross to show we are a part of the Marine City community and, most importantly, to show respect and support for the US veterans and troops who have served at home and abroad!

Please let Ms. Ward know if you are able to participate by tomorrow. Also, please list what team you will be representing in the parade, so that your jersey will be ready to be worn in the parade!

## **School Committee Elections**

Elections are set for May voting. HCSC open seats will be **voted on by the school families.** We have 4 seats open next year. The position is a 2 year term. If you are interested in serving your school in an **advisory** position to the administration, please pick up a nomination form in the office and complete and return it ASAP. Your bio and any short statement you wish to make will be published.

The School Committee meets monthly on a Monday evening. If you have any questions regarding the function and duties of the School Committee please contact a current member: Bob Goldenbogen, Jacqui MacKenzie, Vicki Ruemenapp, Carrie Dorsey, Al Chaltron, Pat Semaan, Jim DeKoninck, Mrs. Lund, and Fr. Jim. You may also request to review the School Committee By-Laws and Constitution which will be available in the school office.

## *Kindergarten Announcement:*

A reminder that there will NOT be class for Kindergartners next Monday, May 11. Ms Ward will be hosting "A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner" for next year's class. (If you know of anyone interested in coming, please give them our number—810.765.3591—and ask them to call school!—reservations are required.)

## **Time to Spring Clean!**

Clean those closets, garages and basements—we would LOVE to have your donations for our White Elephant sale! Drop-offs will be accepted at the back door of the Activity Center (by the playground) on Wednesday, May 20, from 2-5pm, and on Thursday, May 21, from 10am-7pm. (For other dropoff or pickup arrangements, or for other questions, please contact Julie Schultz c/o school.)

Then—come find some new treasures for yourself at the White Elephant sale: in the gym during Maritime Days, Memorial Day weekend!

## *Thank You!*

..."to everyone who helped make this year's NJHS induction ceremony a success, especially Mr. Susan, Fr. Jim, Fr. Matt, Mrs. Lund, Miss Robinson and all the parents and students who helped at the reception. Your kindness and effort are greatly appreciated!"

—Mrs. Wade

## **Field Day!**

Thank you to Mrs. Sharpe for the planning she's already begun for Field Day! It will be held at East China Park on our last regular school day: Wednesday, June 10. Students may arrive at school at the regular time in the morning, or they can sleep in and you may deliver them to the park at 8:45 am. **Please note that there will be NO afternoon buses, and you will be responsible for their transportation home at 1pm.**

Attached to today's newsletter are a sheet with more information and two permission slips (for the convenience of families with more than one student, as each student needs his/her own). Cost for the event is \$5/person and includes food, games and a t-shirt. Permission slips (one per student) need to be in by next Friday, May 15.

On your permission slips, please indicate if your students will be coming to school at the usual time on Field Day, or if they'll just meet us at the park at 8:45. Also, please indicate on the form who will be picking up your student from the park at the end of Field Day.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Sharpe or leave a message at the school office for her. Field Day is always a fun way to finish the school year!

## *Alumni Association Brunch*

The Holy Cross Alumni Association's annual brunch is at the Marine City K of C Hall on Sunday, May 17 after Holy Cross's 9:30 mass. All Holy Cross alumni are invited to attend; honored guests are the members of this year's Class of 2009! (Eighth graders: I encourage you to attend.)

For more information or to make a reservation contact the office of Bruce Beaton at 810.765.3333.

## **Summer Camp Opportunities**

Brochures on CYO camps are available in the school office. Also, as you may know, St. Vincent de Paul operates a summer camp near Lexington. Their goal is to provide camp for students who would otherwise be unable to have such an experience. SVdP is accepting applications for this summer's programs from students 8-12 years old. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office for more information.