



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.

November 11, 2010

Honoring those who served our country

A Word from Jesus

"...for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." [Lk 21:5-19](#)

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;

Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

Conferences

Don't forget to send in your conference request form tomorrow if you'd like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher for Nov. 23.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

No school on Tuesday, Nov. 23: conferences all day.

No school the day before and the day after Thanksgiving.

There WILL be school on Monday, Nov. 29, but there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES that day.

Pizza Lunch

We're having pizza tomorrow. Please have your order in the school office first thing tomorrow morning so we order enough pizza for everyone.

Basketball

Although our Holy Cross varsity girls team did not win first, second or third place in the tournament, they won the respect of each of the teams they played. Our girls are tough and spunky and young. They played St. Mary's twice and almost beat them both times: the first game ended 12-13 (with **Beki** scoring 8 points and **Lilly**, 4), and the second game, 16-21 (with **Beki** scoring 13 points and **Lilly**, 3). They did beat St. A's 23-22: **Beki** earned 13 points, **Lilly**, 8 and **Rachelle**, the final 2. A great big CONGRATULATIONS to both of our girls' basketball teams and to Coach Wolf on a superb season!

Girls on both teams: **don't forget to turn in your uniforms!** Coach is expecting them to be in the school office by tomorrow morning.

Boys' Basketball

This season we will be fielding a JV boys' basketball team composed of boys in grades 3, 4 and 5, led by our co-coaching staff: **Mr. Kleckner**, **Mr. Schafer** and **Mr. LaBelle**. (Thank you to these gentlemen for stepping up to make sure our boys have a chance to compete!)

If your son has turned in his (fully completed) physical form to the school office, he may begin to practice. If he hasn't, he won't be able to practice until the physical is turned in. The first game is Monday, Nov. 29th against St. A's.

Holiday Expo 2010

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Whetstone for chairing this event and to the wonderful parents and grandparents who, once again, generously donated their time. It was a FABULOUS event.

PARENT MEETING FOR ATHLETICS

Next Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 7:00pm in the faculty room, there will be a meeting for any parent whose child is playing on a sports team for Holy Cross for the first time. This will include not only parents whose son is currently on the basketball team but also parents whose daughter will be playing volleyball or whose child will be running track next spring. This is an information meeting about the Blue Water Parochial League rules and expectations. Make every effort to attend this meeting, so that you know what is expected of you and your child when playing on a Holy Cross team.

Thanksgiving Feast

Next Friday, Nov. 19, is our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Classes provide side dishes for the meal, and they, their teachers, and other helpers will sit at table all together and enjoy. Students and their teachers will spend some time "in the kitchen" preparing their part of the meal. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Jennifer Laster for coordinating this year's feast!

Below is the list of items that students are each being asked to provide (by next Tuesday, please, unless you have different instructions from your teacher):

Kindergarten: 1 lb. of butter

Grade 1: 3(16oz.) cans of corn

Grade 2: 2 dozen rolls

Grade 3: 2 small Jello boxes, one RED and one YELLOW

Grade 4: 2 boxes of STOVE TOP turkey/chicken stuffing mix

Grade 5: eggs

Grade 6: eggs

Grade 7: 1 gallon of 2% milk. 7th graders will also be making pies (ingredients donated).

Turkeys are being taken care of by faculty and parents.

A few parent helpers are still needed--if you would like to come, please contact Mrs. Laster c/o school.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER

Food collection for this month will take place on Friday, November 19th at the school Thanksgiving Liturgy. Since it is near Thanksgiving, we are collecting to help our local St. Vincent de Paul conference fill food baskets they will be giving away to families in need. Please donate "holiday" food items such as jars of gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruits or vegetables, or cake or cookie mixes. Donations that come in early will be held until that Mass.

Thrift Sale: The Sequel

We received so many great donations that Mrs. Wolf's helpers are staffing a bonus sale! The "Deer Camp Widows" sale will be open tomorrow and Saturday, Nov. 12&13, from 9am-3pm. (Saturday will be "bag day"—everything you can fit into a grocery bag for \$2.)

How is your "Crusader's" school clothing supply?—all school clothes at the sale are free to school families: first come, first served.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that it is getting colder outside, make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Last week, we had some cold and windy days and some of the children had only a thin sweater or sweatshirt to keep them warm on the playground. Needless to say, they wanted to be inside to keep warm rather than stay outside where they get fresh air. The playground supervisors are instructed to keep the children outside during their lunch recess. Please make sure that your child enjoys his/her time outside by being dressed in warm clothes.

PIE SALE

Thank you to Mrs. Kleckner for organizing the PTO's recent Achatz pie fundraiser. A total of \$4000 worth of pies were ordered (of which, Kindergarten gets credit for \$1000!): thank you to all who sold and/or ordered!

A reminder that the pies will be here, ready to pick up, after school next Friday (Nov. 19): please DON'T send your individual customers to pick up their own pies—it gets really confusing. Orders will be collated by student seller for pickup.

Honoring Veterans

Students honored veterans this morning at a ceremony in church. We all thank them for the sacrifices they made for the security of our country.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

.....the Reifert family on the loss of their son, Shane (HC Class of 2001), this past week. Shane was on active military duty, serving our country in Afghanistan.

HOT LUNCH NEWS

Did you know that when your child gets hot lunch, he/she may not be taking the whole meal that is part of that hot lunch? I know this may surprise you but it is true. Please talk to your child about what he/she takes when getting hot lunch. Do they take and eat the fruit and vegetable offering of the day or do they just take the stuff they like to eat? If you want your child to take and eat the fruit and vegetable offering, tell them. If you want to know if your child is following through, call the school and we will check with the lunchroom supervisors and let you know. We adults have to stick together.

Auction 2010

A reminder that auction donations are due at the end of this month. Looking for ideas?—think of things you'd bid on! Watch clearance sales—a wheelbarrow, gardening tools, or "yard care" basket might be just the thing our bidders will be looking for! Do you have a special skill?—crafting, woodworking, stained glass, metalwork, ... are all great possibilities.

Stuffed Animal Drive

Kindergarten is sponsoring a stuffed animal drive throughout the month of November to benefit children at Port Huron Hospital. Donation boxes will be placed in the hallways. Please be sure the stuffed animal is new and tie a little note to the animal with your name and that you are from Holy Cross School. Thank you for your help!

Cardinal Mooney Choir News

On December 16, 2010, the Cardinal Mooney Choir will be singing as part of the Kenny Rogers Concert in Detroit. If you are a Kenny Rogers fan, you may want to watch for tickets. By going to his concert, you will get two for one—the CMC Choir and Kenny.

Spiritwear

Thank you to Mrs. Dorcey for coordinating our families' spiritwear orders! She says that you'll be able to continue to order items all year—Busuttill's (in the Kmart plaza in Marine City) has all the information.

6th and 7th Graders "Travel" Across Michigan

Our sixth and seventh graders have just finished a semester of reading across Michigan. For every 300 pages (or a complete novel) read, these students got to "travel" 30 miles to a new destination...on the "Michigan" map in their classroom, that is. After their "arrival," they send Mrs. Sweet a lovely "postcard" from their destination. This, in turn, allows them to claim a *wonderful treasure* from Mrs. Sweet's junk souvenir box. The top travelers were: greatest total distance "traveled:" **Maddie** (5686 miles) and **Annemarie** (4875 miles); and longest single trip: **Beki** (158 miles, to Grand Rapids) and **Julia** (138 miles, to Ann Arbor). The girls' reward was a "Michigan Products" lunch: yum!

(If you get a chance, check out all the wonderful postcards Mrs. Sweet received! They're on the wall outside her classroom.)

Thank You!!

...from the Booster Club to **Mr. Guiliat!** He answered the call to put together a slide presentation showcasing our athletes for next spring's athletic awards ceremony.

"Nuts to You!"

Time for the Booster Club's annual Koeze nut sale! A brochure and order information are going home today along with this newsletter. These (delicious!) nuts make elegant gifts for friends, relatives or business associates (and awesome snacking). Orders need to be in by Monday after Thanksgiving. Proceeds benefit our school athletic program.

Thanks for Your Patience

We've been having computer trouble lately, and we've had no Internet all week. If you've been trying to access your Engrade account, or have had no reply to email his teacher this week, that's why. We THINK that all the repairs have been made, and we're back online this morning, so we hope all is well again!

Raffle Calendar Winners

...this month were: Henry Solgot and Jeanne LaCombe of Marine City and LeeAnn Newlin of Algonac. Congratulations to all—and thank you for your support.