



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.

November 13, 2008

A Prayer for Growth

Grant us a vision, Lord,
To see what we can achieve
To reach out beyond ourselves
To share our lives with others
To stretch our capabilities
To increase our sense of purpose
To be aware of where we can help
To be sensitive to your Presence
To give heed to your constant call.

Amen.

—Dr. Louise Manning

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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)

There are only five school weeks before Christmas! Be sure to place your orders early—this is the time of year that backorders are most likely.

Do you ever give store gift certificates as gifts? Did you know that our **SCRIP = stores' gift certificates**? If you buy them at one of our SCRIP centers, you'll earn tuition credit—while avoiding traffic and line(s) at the store(s)! Using SCRIP as gifts (or for your own purchases), your Christmas shopping can help pay your tuition!

Vision and Hearing Rescreening

...will be Tuesday, Nov. 18. Remember to bring your glasses / contacts!

Raffle Calendar Winners...

...for this month are Jackie Ponessa, John Niebieszczanski and Patti Farley, all of Algonac. Thank you for your support! (There's still time to get in on the December drawing—for \$1000!)

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Until Nov. 21 we will be holding a food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Our turkey in the hallway is getting warmer as our students "dress" him with feathers for food donations.

At this time of year, "holiday" food is especially welcome—dressing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce,... Thank you for caring for our hungry neighbors!



Donations for Veterans

Students in grades K-3 are collecting donations for veterans. Following is a list of things needed. If you'd like to support this effort, you may place your donations in the box outside the 2nd grade classroom. This drive will continue throughout the month of November. Items will be distributed to veteran hospitals in Ann Arbor, Saginaw and Detroit. Let's help those who preserved our freedom!!!

Items needed include:

slippers

toothpaste

writing paper

word search books

trial & travel size comfort items

new baseball caps

hand & body lotion

crossword puzzles

new playing cards

magic slates

large combs

shampoo

lap robes

shaving bag

hairbrushes

shaving cream

shaving mirrors

liquid soap

Special Persons' Day

Thank you to everyone who worked on our beautiful "Special Person Day." Our parents and grandparents as well as our maintenance department and our staff working together made it a day to remember. The children loved having their special people with them for Mass and lunch. This year was our biggest turnout ever.

A big thank you goes, also, to all the parents who helped serve our pizza lunch: Mrs. Melanie Heitz, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Kari Schafer, Mrs. Julie Wolf, Mrs. MaryAnn May and Mrs. Lisa Bryer.

Thank you again for all of your support.

—Special Person Day Committee

Report Cards / Conferences

...will go home tomorrow. Each student (K-8) received a letter today with parent-teacher conference information. Please respond ASAP if you wish to request a conference.

If you are interested in seeing one of the East China "shared time" teachers, their schedule for conferences at Holy Cross is as follows:

Mrs. Burnett (Art) will be here

Monday, Nov. 24, from 5:30-7:30pm;

Mr. Kent (PE): Tues., 25th, 12:45-3pm;

Mr. Oberski (Media): Tues., 25th, 12:00-3pm and 4:30-7:30pm;

Mrs. Stager (Spanish): Tues. 25th, 5:30-7:30pm; and

Ms. White (Music): Mon., 24th, 5:30-7:30pm.

Citrus Sale

Orders and payment need to be in by next Friday, Nov. 21, for delivery the week of December 8.

Spelling Bee

The district spelling bee was at the St. Clair K of C Hall on Sunday. Congratulations to **Ruthie** who took first place in the Level I (grades 4-6) competition, and to **Annika**, who took first place, **Veronica**, who took third, and **Rachael**, who took fourth, in the Level II (grades 7-8) competition. These students will go on to the regional competition.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Friday, November 21, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our annual, school-wide feast. Students and staff share the meal all together in the gym as our lunch that day, and each student is asked to help provide the meal's ingredients. Some preparation of food will actually take place in some classrooms under the teachers' supervision. (Room parents will coordinate the turkeys.)

We wish we could invite everyone to join us—but, of course, there's only so much space (and we know you'll have your own family celebration). However, we do need some adults to help. If you are interested, please contact either Jennifer Laster or Leslie Schuh, who are co-chairing the event.

"Food assignments" are as follows (per student):

K: 3 cans of corn

1: 2 packages cubed cheese

2: 3 boxes cornbread stuffing mix

3: gallon bag of clean and trimmed celery sticks

4: 2 bags of baby carrots

5: 2 dozen dinner rolls

6: 1 pumpkin and 1 apple pie (baked, please)

7: deviled eggs (teacher will assign ingredients)

8: setup and cleanup; cherry jello, milk or black olives as assigned by teacher.

If your teacher did not specify a date, please bring your items on Wednesday or Thursday next week. Thank you!

Holiday Expo

"Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Holiday Expo a great success! We appreciated all the volunteers who helped before, during and after the event. Thanks, also, to the shoppers and vendors who we hope had a successful and fun day!"

--Janine and Pieter Winne, chairpersons

Koeze Nuts

Don't forget to place your orders for your business, family and friends--Koeze products are delicious and elegant for holiday giving! Extra catalogs and order forms are in the school office, and orders and payment must be in by Dec. 1.

Contact Julie Schultz c/o school with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Holy Cross athletic program!

Monday, Nov. 24 is a full day of school—however, there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME that day;

Tuesday, Nov. 25 will be a half day of school with dismissal at 10:35 am.

East China buses will run as usual both mornings, and will transport students home on Tuesday, the 25th, at 10:35 am.

NO SCHOOL WED. NOV. 26

Latchkey

Just a heads-up that there will be NO latchkey on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

**Fall Athletes:
If you haven't already—
please turn in your
uniforms ASAP!**

Tuition Reminder

All tuition for the 2008-09 year should be at least 50% paid by tomorrow. (Families up-to-date on the monthly payment just brought their total paid to 60% with October's payment.) Please be sure your tuition agreement is up-to-date so that we aren't put in the awkward position of having to withhold your child's report card.

Market Day

Don't forget: orders must be in the school office by next Wednesday, Nov. 19, for the Monday, Dec. 1 delivery.

Auction 2009

Your item (or early discount: \$60) donation is due November 30 (after that day, only monetary donations--\$80--will be accepted). Please attach a "donation record" form to your item (keeping the pink copy as your receipt) when you send it in to school. Please note: if you send a monetary donation instead of an item, you do NOT need to fill out the donation record form.

Please call Gretchen Rogus or Jennifer Laster c/o school if you have any questions. Thank you!

Thank You!!

...to **Lisa and Paul Schulte** and **Pam and Pat Semaan** for their labors with the teacher appreciation fish fry!

...to **Janine and Pieter Winne** for chairing the Holiday Expo!

...to **the Laster family** for books donated to the library!

Eighth Graders Planning to Go to a Catholic High School:

Don't forget about the High School Placement Test--Saturday, Nov. 15. Contact CMC (810.765.8825).

**Boosters Meet Next Tuesday,
Nov. 18 2008 -- 6:30 pm
Riviera Restaurant**

All interested persons—especially all parents of athletes—are invited to attend!

**PTO Meets Tuesday
Nov. 18 2008 -- 7:45 am
Cafeteria**

**"Subsidy" Committee meets
Wed. Nov. 19 -- 8am—porch**

Teacher Appreciation Fish Fry

"Everything was really wonderful for our Teacher Appreciation Fish Fry ~ Saturday, November 1st.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support and time they worked during the fish fry. It was really nice to see all of our children even as young as 5yrs volunteering and working very hard. As parents we should be very proud that we are instilling such values in our children.

"A special thank you to Paul Schulte, Pat Semaan, and Lisa Bryer for all of their extra time and effort that they put into this fish fry. Paul and Pat went back the next day to finish all of the clean up and the inventory. Lisa helped with the set up, donations for the placemats and worked very hard during the fish fry.

"Thank you & God Bless--Lisa Schulte"

"Books Are Fun"

The traveling book display is here—orders and payment need to be in by Thursday morning, the 20th, for items to go home on Friday the 21st.

NJHS Dress Down Day

National Junior Honor Society is holding a dress down day on November 20 for \$1 or pajamas, socks, underwear, etc. for teenage boys. You may bring more than \$1. We are holding this for "Safe Horizons" which is a domestic abuse shelter. --Secretary Amy McGillis

Christmas Program News

Our annual Christmas program will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 at 6:30PM at the East China Performing Arts Center.