



# 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 17, 2011**

## *A Word*

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' MT 25:40

## **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](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 or lunchroom 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:

Patty Smith (St. Clair)

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

**Please note that orders must be made and paid for by Dec. 14 to guarantee Christmas delivery!**

## **Next Week's News**

As there is only one student day next week there will be **NO** newsletter next week.

## **School Picture Retake Day**

...is tomorrow! You may dress up for your photo (or wear your school clothes). Don't forget your old photos to exchange (or your money, if you were absent on picture day and are planning to purchase a packet).

## *Conferences*

.....will be held next Tuesday, Nov. 22. You will receive a confirmation of your conference appointment(s) by tomorrow in care of your oldest "Crusader": please let us know if you can't make your time(s).

Please note that our East China teachers will be available that day, also: Mr. Bladow (art) and Mr. Oberski (media & PE) will be here in the afternoon from 1-3:45 and Mrs. Malburg (Spanish), Ms. White (music) and Mr. Oberski will be here in the evening from 5:15-7:30pm. No appointments: just drop in.

## **TOILETRIES FOR TROOPS**



Here's part of the crew packing up a few of the 16-18 boxes-ful of goodies they collected! We are imagining all the soldier-smiles those care packages are going to produce! Thank you to everyone who donated, from Shirley Farley and the organizers of the drive:

*"Thank You So Much for Helping Us."*

"Since we can't bring the troops home, thank you for bringing a little home to them. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Your donation means so very, very much! Thank you!!" —from Shirley, April and Janice

## **Calendar Raffle**

...winners for the month of November are **Casmere Jagielo** of Cottrellville Township, **Lucille Arnold** of East China and **Anne Culling** of Port Huron. Congratulations to all three and thank you for supporting our raffle! (Next month there will be one lucky winner of \$1000!)

## **Middle School Science Classes**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been dissecting fish in science class. They learned to identify the fishes' muscles, bones and organs. It was so cool to see all their insides! Here's Mrs. Wade showing the group the next step:



## **BREAKFAST WITH FR. BOB**

Students: remember to turn in a "breakfast with Father Bob" entry when you go to Sunday (or Saturday night) mass! We hear he has quite a spread planned for the lucky winner(s)!!

## *Altar Servers*

...scheduled for this weekend: at Holy Cross Sat. Nov 19 6 pm—**Beki & Hannah Schultz** and **Grace Fielhauer**; at St. Catherine Sat. Nov 19 4 pm—**Jessica & Calvin Barr**; Sunday, Nov. 20 11:30am—**Cameryn Smith**.

Scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend: at Holy Cross Saturday, November 26 6pm—**Megan & Alexis Weston**; Sun. Nov 27 8am—**Luke Schulte**; 9:30am—**Lilly Wolf** and **Rachelle LaFontaine**; at St. Catherine Sat. Nov 26—**Joe Goldenbogen**; Sun. Nov. 27 11:30am—**Anna Tucker**.

## **Sweatshirt For Sale:**

Overstock: one new, size adult medium, embroidered Holy Cross sweatshirt with "Cheer" appliqué on the front: \$15. Contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.

## Auction 2012

A reminder that all auction donations are due at the end of this month—thank you! (If you choose to make your donation by cash/check, payments made before Dec. 1 get a \$20 discount: \$60 instead of the \$80 they'll be after November 30.)

## Pizza Lunch

Friday, December 2, Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Lunch is \$2 includes a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large pie), fruit and a drink; extra slices may be ordered for \$1 each. Dec. 2 is a long way off—but since we'll be off so much of next week we're sending the order slips home today.

## Basketball

Our boys will have their first game on Monday, November 28. It's a home game, and we'll be hosting St. Mary McCormick. All are welcome to come out and cheer—along with our cheer team—our team on!

## K of C SPELLING BEE

Competing for Holy Cross:

**Jacklyn Smith, Calvin Barr, Jessica Barr, Alaina Laster, Anna Tucker, Larry Blicharz, Luke Schulte, Julia Blicharz, Annemarie Heitz, Rachelle LaFontaine, Maddie Mueller and Beki Schultz.** These students represented Holy Cross well. Maddie was the runner up in the grade 7-9 division. We are proud of these students!

## *"The Turkeys Who Came For Dinner"*

On Monday, our Kindergartners helped their eighth grade friends make decorations for Thanksgiving. Their theme was "the turkeys who came for dinner" (not "...came AS dinner!"). They came up with some terrific costumes for their fowl (paper-feathered) friends:



## Catholic Schools Week

This year we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 21-26, 2012. For the weekend Masses on January 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Pavlov is looking for parents who would be willing to talk after one Mass about why they chose Holy Cross (and Cardinal Mooney) for their child. She already has the 8:00 Mass on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> covered. Please contact her to volunteer.

## Still Got Too Much Candy?

Do you have leftover Halloween candy you'd like gone from your house? The people who are sending our "Toiletries for Troops" overseas would be delighted to send on those goodies, too. (In fact, they're even collecting home-made cookies through Dec. 16, also to send to the troops.) Pickups can be arranged: call Shirley at 810.765.5218 or email her at kreiape@hotmail.com.

## "SNOW DAYS!"

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school.

Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.

The Detroit TV stations all announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website, too: [www.ecsd.us](http://www.ecsd.us).

## Spring Sports--Volleyball

We will be looking for a coach for girls' volleyball beginning mid-February: please contact the school office if you are interested (or know of someone who might be).

## CYO TACKLE FOOTBALL

The Blue Water Catholic Schools are currently working with the athletic department from Cardinal Mooney in exploring the possibility of offering CYO tackle football as a fall sport for boys in grades 4-8 in this vicariate beginning fall 2012. If we offered CYO tackle football, it would take the place of Blue Water flag football. If you have any comments about the possibility of Holy Cross moving in this direction, please email Mrs. Pavlov at [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)

## Stuffed Animal Drive

While you are shopping after-Thanksgiving sales, think about looking for a new stuffed animal for a child who might have to spend the holidays in the hospital. The stuffed animal drive is running now through December 2. All the stuffed animal friends that are collected will be given to children at Port Huron Hospital. Please tie a little note to the animal with your name and that you are from Holy Cross School. Donation boxes are located in the hallways. **Please note that all stuffed animals must be new.** Thank you for your help!

## Koeze Nuts

Orders for the Boosters' Koeze products fundraiser are due **Tuesday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29)**. Items are expected to arrive Dec. 9. This is the Booster Club's biggest fundraiser for the year, and makes possible Holy Cross's sports program. Koeze products are elegant and delicious, and are perfect gifts from either your home or business.

## Eighth Grade Chefs

"Eighth grade yesterday got first hand experience at being the next 'Food Network' chefs while cleaning and cooking turkeys for tomorrow's Thanksgiving Day Feast. Rachael Ray better watch out—those turkeys turned out fabulous! Who knows: maybe next the eighth graders can create some new cookware, go on HSN and become giant celebrities: and to think it all started here at Holy Cross...." (submitted by Master Chef Sweet) Here are a few of our future chefs at work:



Three 8<sup>th</sup> graders making sure this bird has that crispy skin everyone loves!

## NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME NEXT MONDAY, NOV. 21--

please be sure you have travel-home arrangements. Also:

## NO SCHOOL NOV. 22-28

(Back to class Tues. Nov. 29!)

Enjoy your week away from school!

### **"I . . . . Love a Parade!"**

Marine City's annual Christmas parade is being held on Wednesday, November 30. Our PTO is planning an entry, consisting of a glittery, sparkly, lighted float with the holy family and as many participants as would like to come!

Can you help?—The float will come together after school is dismissed on the 30<sup>th</sup>; gathering for the parade will begin at 6:00 in front of school/church.

We need you for whatever you'd like to do! Do you have a couple strings of lights or glittery garland we could borrow? Maybe a lighted star to "spotlight" our Holy Family? Can you stay after school on the 30<sup>th</sup> to help decorate the float? (Last year it took only an hour.)

Closer to parade time, we'll need a little help with costuming and lining up students in school. We'll have candy to pass out—would you (and your student!) walk with our parade entry and hand candy to bystanders? To offer your help (or get more info) contact Gary (810.388.7148)/Teresa (810.794.7445).

### ***Thanksgiving***

Tomorrow is our Thanksgiving feast! Thanks to our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, school smells terrific, with the aromas of roasting turkey and deviled eggs floating around. We know everything's going to be delish!

### **HC Alumni Earn Honors at CMC**

Congratulations to former Crusaders who are earning first quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney: on the Principal's List (All As): Hollis Glowniak, Alyssa Khalifa, Alexandra MacKenzie, Annika Peterson, Kourtney Rogus, Staci Shackett, Libby Shepherd, Kelsey Simon, Erik Sykes and Natalie Sykes; First Honors (at least 3 As and no grade lower than B): Cale Chaltron, Caroline Glowski, Veronica Heitz, Marissa Khalifa, Elijah Nicaise, Ben Rickel, Mariah Rickerman, Torie Ruemenapp, Kylie Schuh and David Sharpe; and Second Honors (All As and Bs): Julie Schafer and Jeremy Todd.