

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 4, 2010

A Word from Jesus

"...he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Lk 20:27-38

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)

Report Cards

Report cards will go home with students tomorrow. Attached is a form to request a conference appointment—please fill in times that are good for you and return the form to school asap. A confirmation of your appointment(s) will be returned to you by Nov. 18.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

Next Tuesday, November 9, we will have a full day of school but there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME that day.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

...are next Tuesday. Students who wear them: remember your glasses!

Basketball

Holy Cross met MCA in our first game of the JV tournament. That well-fought game ended in a score of Holy Cross 17, MCA 25. **Alexis** scored 11 points and **Abbey**, 6. We moved on to St. Mary's next. Our girls were able to score 15 points to St. Mary's 29. **Alexis** scored 7 points, **Abbey** added 6 and **Megan**, 2. Congratulations to Holy Cross's JV girls' basketball team for all they've learned and accomplished this season!

The Varsity tournament begins tonight at the St. Edward on the Lake gym. Our first game is at 7:00 tonight. All fans welcome—go, Crusaders!!

PTO PIE SALE

Just a reminder to turn in all orders and payment by next Tuesday, November 9. Pies will be here, ready to pick up, on Friday, Nov. 19, after school in the Activity Center.

Pizza Lunch

We'll be ordering pizza again next Friday, Nov. 12; order slips went home with all students today. The \$1.75 meal includes a slice (1/8 of a large) of pizza, chips and a drink; extra slices are \$1 each. Please turn your order in asap so we're sure to order enough pizza for everyone.

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS THIS WEEKEND!

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.

Booster Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 10 6pm at the Riviera Restaurant

All interested parents invited. We'll be looking for a coach for girls' volleyball in early spring 2011.

JV Boys' Basketball

We will be starting practice soon. We do have 3 coaches, two are confirmed and one isn't, so we will announce their names in next week's newsletter. Physicals should be in by Monday, November 8th. Athletes may not practice until their physicals are completed and turned in. Remember that we need a doctor's signature on the physical.

PTO meets Wednesday, Nov. 10 6pm in the cafeteria

All are welcome!

Honoring Veterans

You're invited to our Veterans' Day prayer service. It will be held in the church at 8:15am next Thursday, Nov. 11.

Auction 2010

A reminder that <u>auction donations</u> <u>are due at the end of this month</u>. 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.

Holiday Expo 2010

The Expo is this weekend! Thank you to Mrs. Whetstone who has been busy organizing all the vendors and volunteers.

She says she still has jobs for a couple more helpers during the Expo...do you need service credits? Contact Mrs. Whetstone (c/o school) if you can give her an hour or so of your day this Sunday.

Veterans' Day Collection

Until Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), we are collecting donations for our veterans. Boxes will be located in the school hallways for items which will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. We hope you can help! The following is a list of things they need:

slippers large combs
shampoo writing paper
lap robes word search books
shaving bags crossword puzzles
hairbrushes new baseball caps
shaving cream new playing cards
liquid soap shaving mirrors
trial- or travel-sized comfort items

Let's help those who preserved our freedom! Thank you for supporting this project.

Thanksgiving Feast

On Friday, Nov. 19, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Classes will be asked to help provide side dishes for the meal, which they, their teachers, and other helpers will share together. Staff members are cooking turkeys; room parents will be calling to let you know what "ingredients" your child's class is being asked to provide. Classes will spend some time "in the kitchen" helping with food preparation!

Back By Popular Demand— The Thrift Sale!

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

In anticipation of this bonus sale, we'll be delighted to accept donations through next Tuesday. For details or more info please contact Kersten Goldenbogen or Carrie Dorcey c/o school.

PTO Notes-Meeting of October 20, 2010

- 1. Correspondence: thank you from teachers for sponsoring teacher appreciation spaghetti dinner.
- Principal's report: Mrs. Pavlov reviewed the school's revised philosophy and mission statement. She noted that lowa testing was completed. and that Hallowe'en will be celebrated in classes on Oct. 29 (no makeup or hair products). She reported that Archbishop Vigneron will say Mass here with CMC Oct. 27. Mrs. Pavlov reported that some of our maintenance staff have already gone to asbestos training and the others will attend in November. 7th grade visited Sacred Heart seminary for vocations day. Jim Phillips (son of former HC teacher Robert Phillips) will be in school on Thursdays observing HC classes as part of requirements for teaching degree. Retired teachers Sisters Mary Ann Letzgus and Elaine Mackey will be offering lower el teaching support twice a week. Engrade logins should have been received by families and postings are available. School website has had some changes; suggestions for further updates. Last day of marking period Oct. 29; report cards will go home the next week. Noted dates of basketball tournaments.
- 3. Teacher Appreciation Dinner—fun and easy; \$1431 profit.
- 4. Macy's Shop for a Cause—made only about \$50.
- 5. Trunk or Treat: orange DPW fencing will be set up to keep everyone aware of and away from water. Still need help—contact any officer or school.
- 6. Achatz pies—going well; families are reminded to pick up their customers' orders on Nov. 19.
- 7. Holiday expo—help still needed: contact T Whetstone or school.
- 8. Christmas parade—Dec. 1. PTO plans to prepare a float with students, possible themes include manger scene and/or carolers (have flatbed already).
- 9. Fr. Bob is requesting committees submit schedule of all fundraising events to be sure they don't conflict or overwhelm.
- 10. Candy Cane Shop—looks interesting; tabled to future meeting.

- 11. CVS "Minute Clinic" info distributed: in-store nurses check non-life-threatening ailments.
- 12. Next meeting: Wed. Nov. 10, 6pm.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Melissa Kleckner, Secretary

That Unpleasant Topic...

Statements are in the mail. Just a reminder: preschool families should have 50% of their tuition paid by Nov. 28 and school families are scheduled to be making their 7th (10%) payment at the end of the month. You'll notice that SCRIP credits through September have been posted to your account. Thank you to all who are faithfully honoring their commitment to Holy Cross!

CARDINAL MOONEY

Just a reminder to the parents of 7th graders: next year you will be making a decision about high school. Consider continuing your child's Catholic school education at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, our vicariate high school. You will be glad you did.

Christmas Card Contest

Students: you have until tomorrow to design the parish's Christmas card! Entries need to be turned in by Nov. 5 (to either the church or school office)—be sure your name is attached, so they can let you know you've won!

Chartwell Lunch on Nov. 11

As Chartwell's will be serving only Holy Cross students that day, they advise us that there will be only pizza on the menu as an entrée on Nov. 11.

Hospice Volunteers Sought

Mercy Hospice of Port Huron is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to provide companionship to clients in their final stage of life and support to their families and caregivers. In addition, volunteers are needed for administrative support, fundraising/community outreach and bereavement support. Contact Pamela at 800.832.1155.



NNUAL HOLIDAY EXPO

Holy Cross Catholic School would like to invite you!

FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, November 7, 2010 Holy Cross Gymnasium 618 South Water Street, Marine City 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY GIFTS & MUCH MORE!!!





A fun fundraiser to support the local economy by shopping with our local vendors. Bring a friend and get a jump start on Christmas!

> 50/50 & Chinese Raffles Jeweler on site to buy your used gold Toys, Clothes, Food, Jewelry, Bake Sale etc......

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!