



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 1, 2012

A Word

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

--Mk 12: 29-30

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 or lunchroom volunteering. Contact Mrs. Smith at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

"Doing Our Part"

Your November statement will be in your mailbox soon. Preschool families should see that 40% of their tuition has already been paid (and the payment they make at the end of November will bring them up to 50%); the tuition of school families should be 60% paid as of the end of October.

If your tuition account is not up to date, you are considered to "...be asking the school to withhold (your) child's report card and to exclude (your child) from class" (see page 31 of your School Handbook). Please don't put us in the position of having to enforce that policy.

Report Cards

Tomorrow is the last day of the first quarter; report cards will go home with students on Friday, November 9.

Girls' Basketball:

Congratulations to our spunky little team on a well-fought season! Special thanks to Coach Dennis York for taking on the shaping of our team: it takes a very generous soul to invest so much time and effort in someone else's children. We do appreciate you, Coach!

Gallowe'en

The weather did not cooperate with our parading around town: but we still got to march around campus. (Thanks to the kind folks at the rectory and at Cardinal Mooney for welcoming us!) We had lots of fun, too, at our class parties:



DETROIT TIGERS SPIRIT DAY

...along with the dance last week, made \$65 to donate to the Michigan Cancer Society!

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

...next meets next Monday, November 5th, 6:30 in the faculty room.

National Junior Honor Society

...with its new members (inducted last Friday):



Congratulations to each of these fine young people—we're proud of you all!

MAKING CHOICES FOR FAITH AND COUNTRY Nov. 6th

With so many political races and ballot proposals to focus on this election season, voters face difficult moral choices. To help, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has again released its election document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which reinforces the importance of reflecting upon and applying Catholic social teaching to the candidates and the issues before voting. The document does not endorse specific candidates or parties but instead seeks to provide guidelines for thoughtful voting.

For a multitude of election resources go to the Archdiocesan website: www.aod.org

Winter Sports

Joining Samantha Duncan (our new cheer coach) are Brian Chadra, Mike Govier (a veteran HC coach) and Pat LaBelle (also returning) to coach our boys' basketball team.

Students wanting to participate in boys' basketball or girls' cheer-leading: be sure to get your physical done, and turn the completed & signed form in at the school office. Practices began this week.

All athletes' families are expected to help work admissions or concessions at home games at least once during the season—a signup sheet will be available at the first home game (which will be Wed. Nov. 14).

Mark Your Calendar:

- Tuesday, Nov. 6; Thursday, Nov. 8; Monday, Nov. 19: no East China buses home
- Nacho lunch Friday, Nov. 9
- Thursday, Nov. 15: Chartwell's WILL be serving after all. Lunch that day will be roast turkey, mashed potatoes / gravy, warm breadstick, salad, baked apple slices, asst'd fresh fruits and fruit & vegetable bar.
- Thanksgiving feast Friday, November. 16
- Conferences Tuesday, Nov. 20 (no school)
- Wednesday, Nov 21 through Monday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving break—no school
- Back to class Tuesday, Nov. 27

Nacho Lunch

Next Friday, Nov. 9, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have nachos with cheese and beef, served up by Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Isrow! Order slips were given to all students today. Please send your order in ASAP so we know how much food to prepare. As always, if you have to call your student in sick on the day of a "special" lunch, we'll pull your order and return your money.

Camp Wolverine Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please plan to pick up your order on Friday, Nov. 16, between 2:30-3:30 in the activity center. Thank you for your support!

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013**. The Auction is always a lot of fun—**mark your calendar** now so the day doesn't get away from you! (It would be a great Valentines' Day date!)

Every school family is required to donate an item of at least \$80 value to the auction, and your donations are due by the end of this month! You may drop your item(s) off at the school office any time.

The auction committee is especially looking for vacation accommodations. Do you have (or have access to) a cottage or other vacation home? A week's stay would be a major donation. (Last year we were lucky enough to get an African safari!!) Please contact Melissa Kleckner (810.531.0812).

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual school Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 16. The feast is a long-standing Holy Cross custom: all the classes help to prepare the meal in some way, and then we all sit down together to share in the feast.

We ask that each student bring the part of the feast assigned to his class:
Kindergartners: 1 pound of butter each
1st grade: 2 dozen rolls each
2nd grade: 3 cans of corn each
3rd grade: 2 small boxes of Jello (one red, one yellow) each
4th grade: 2 boxes of Stove Top turkey or chicken stuffing mix each
5th grade: will be making deviled eggs: Mrs. Wade will let you each know what to bring
6th & 7th grades: 1 gallon of milk each; set up & clean up
8th grade: 2 pumpkin pies each; set up and & clean up our "dining room"

(If your teacher doesn't specify the date, the food items should come to school on Thursday, Nov. 15.)

We are also looking for donations of 12-15# turkeys (cooked and carved at home and sent to school on the 16th—with drippings, please!): if you can help, please call school: 810.765.3591.

We will also need a few parents to help supervise and serve the meal—please contact school if you're available and willing. (Lunch is included!!)

Design the Parish Christmas Card

Contest is open to all students of the parish in grades PK-8. Use an 8-1/2"x 11" size paper folded in half for your design. Design just the front cover of the card. Use lots of color! Submit your card to the parish office by next Tuesday, November 6.

Booster Club "Koeze" Products

Going home with your newsletter-bearer today is a catalog from the Koeze company. Our sports Booster Club offers Koeze products every Christmas time—profits support our sports program, and Koeze products make elegant gifts for friends, family and business.

If you wish to order anything from the Koeze catalog, please send your order and payment (checks can be made out to 'Holy Cross Booster Club') by Tuesday, November 27. Items are expected to arrive at school on Friday, December 7. Thank you for your support of athletics and Holy Cross!

"Navigating in a Chaotic Culture" "Practical Tools for Catholic Parents to Steer the Course"

You are invited to the above seminar presented in Farmington by Dr. Timothy F. Hogan, director of Grace Counseling Center in Detroit. The program will be on November 9 from 6:30-8:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows (23815 Power Road): RSVP by Nov. 2 to Marilyn Trumper-Samra (248.536.1188 or msamra@olsorrows.com) or Sandy Rigsby (srigsby@rcibenziger.com or 248.360.4186).

"Supplies for Soldiers"

The boxes are filling—on behalf of our troops: thank you for your generosity. It's not too late to add your items: boxes will be out until Nov. 8.

Thank You!!

PTO would like to thank all who came out for "Trunk or Treat." Even though it was cold and windy we had a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs. Wolf and Lilly, Jessica Smith, Abbey Guiliat, Alexis and Megan Weston, Emily Bryer, Brooke Pfeiffer and Mr. Templeton!

American Association of University Women's Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show Saturday, Nov. 10, noon
Port Huron Golf Club
Tickets: \$30
call Suzanne 810.364.5422

Progress Charts Can Encourage Your Kids

If your child needs an extra incentive to reach a goal, this idea can help. Have her make a colorful progress chart. She can mark completed tasks with fun stickers or stars. Plan to celebrate when she reaches her goal!

Source: "Chart Your Progress," *Quality Time Activities*, Family Education Network, <http://familyeducation.com> (7/00).

DIRECT FROM PARENTS

Show That School is Important to You

Many parents *tell* children that school is important. But *showing* them can work even better. *Here are some things you can do:*

- **Meet and talk with** your child's teachers.
- **Tell your child** why you value education.
- **Show interest** in what your child is learning.
- **Ask to see your child's assignments** and grades.
- **Attend school events.**
- **Post schoolwork** on the refrigerator.
- **Provide your child** with helpful school supplies.
- **Volunteer at school.**

The Parent Institute (a division of NIS, Inc.)