



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.

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A Word from The Word

"Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord." Psalm 98:5-6

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 a session 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 to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

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SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Trick or treating is behind us, Thanksgiving is just around the corner: you know that means Christmas isn't far off. As you begin your holiday planning, keep SCRIP in mind! For your extra household purchasing: use SCRIP! When gift shopping: use SCRIP! In fact, you can even use SCRIP as gifts: SCRIP certificates and cards are what the retailers use as their gift certificates and gift cards, so they can be given whenever you would give gift cards (and you don't even have to drive to the different stores to get them!). Let your holiday shopping take a bite out of your tuition bill: use SCRIP!

(Don't forget those "Labels for Education by tomorrow, for the contest!)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 26. If you'd like to make an appointment to see any of your child's teachers, please return the conference request form before next Tuesday with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd time slot choices marked.

Since they travel among many schools, our East China teachers will not be able to be here that day. However, they will still make time to talk to you if you wish: please mark which teacher(s) you'd like to speak with, as well as the best way(s) for them to contact you. The school office will see that they receive your request.

Last Week in Social Studies...

The fifth graders learned about Native American spirituality last week. Like the Hopi Indians they were studying, the students made "kachinas," which looked like dolls and represented such spirits as "honor," "bravery" and "peace." Also like the Indians, the students used many things from nature—such as feathers and twigs—in their work:



Adding the finishing touches to his creation.

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for November are H. Neal Stoneback of Harsens Island, Walter Breiling of Fair Haven and Duane & Marianne Mullica of Marine City. Congratulations! (Next month brings the big drawing: 1 lucky ticket holder will win \$1000!)

Boys' Basketball

Our boys' basketball team played at St. Joseph on Monday and is looking forward to hosting them on Dec. 9!

One more game this week: on Saturday, Nov. 16. That game will be at 1:15 in the afternoon at St Mary McCormick (which plays at St. Edward-on-the-Lake in Lakeport). On Monday (Nov. 18) we're on the road to St. Mary St. Clair; then, beginning Wed. Nov. 20 we're at home for the rest of the season.

Worker schedule for next Wednesday's game:

Nov. 20	Beginning at 5:30 pm:
Admission	Rogus
Concessions	Goulette
Concessions	Winne

Thanks to all who answered Mrs. Goulette's call to work!

Spelling Bee

Wow! Holy Cross students can spell! Congratulations to **Calvin Barr** and **Lauren Isrow**, who both finished in first place in their divisions at the K of C regional spelling bee on Sunday! More hurrahs go to **Adonis Mona**, who came in 2nd, **Calvin LaBelle**, who came in 4th, and to **Spencer Fox**, who came in 5th place, in their divisions. Bravo to **Christopher Winne**, **Alaina Laster** and **Gabriel Rowland Renaud** for rounding out Holy Cross's spelling squad. Thank you to all these students and their parents who attended the bee. There were probably other things you could have been doing on a Sunday afternoon: thanks for proving that education has a top priority in your household.

Join us for the spectacular
performance of



December 6th 12:00 Matinee
\$2 tickets
December 6th 7 pm Performance
\$5 tickets
Algonquin Middle School
9185 Marsh Rd.
Algonac, MI 48001

Camp

Your camp bill was mailed with your November statement earlier this week.

Mrs. Wade and her students have been working on their "Survival Bracelets" and dog collars, and they will be available for purchase during conferences on November 26.

Mrs. Wade also sent home a letter to all eligible campers to ask who was interested in fundraising candy. She needs your response **by tomorrow** if you want to participate.

Also, we expect to have Hungry Howie's fundraiser cards soon (just in time for Christmas gift-giving!) to help families pay for camp. Watch this space for information.

Don't forget that list of suggested items to pack for camp as you begin your Christmas shopping!

Henry Ford Museum

Mrs. Sweet and Mr. Hayes took the 8th graders to the Henry Ford Museum this week. Some of the awesome sights viewed were the Kennedy limousine, the Lincoln chair and Edison's "last breath".

But the boys' favorite part was lunch at Lamy's Diner: and the adults were amazed at their eating prowess:



Auction 2014

Just a reminder that school families' Auction donations are due at the end of this month!

At last year's Auction, one lucky family went home with a new (used) car! That made for some exciting bidding! This year, we're hoping to be able to offer another vehicle: a car, truck, RV, camper, boat, motorcycle...just about anything with wheels! Do you have, or know of someone else who might have, a vehicle you're (they're) considering donating to a charity? Holy Cross has a car donation program in place that can take care of all the paperwork to help make that donation happen. Please call the car donation center (Precise Auto Parts: 586.725.5900) with any questions.

Pies

Achatz pies will be in next Monday Nov. 18, just in time to pick up along with your Crusader(s) at the end of the school day. (They'll be in the activity center.) A reminder: we don't have freezer space—so please be sure to get yours before you leave campus on Monday if it's important to you that they remain frozen.

Koeze Products

Our sports Booster Club offers Koeze products at Christmas time every year—profits support our sports program, and Koeze products make delicious and elegant gifts for friends and family, and customers and employees.

If you wish to order anything from the Koeze catalog, please send your order and payment (made out to "Holy Cross Booster Club") **before** Thanksgiving. Items are expected to arrive at school about December 10.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Mon. Nov. 18: pie delivery
- Tue. Nov. 19: grades 5-8 go to Harsens Island
- Fri. Nov. 22: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- Nov. 26: conferences
- Nov. 26-Dec. 2: no school (back to class Tue. Dec. 3)
- Dec. 4: PTO meets 11:30am
- Dec. 6: grades 5-8 go to CMC's "Grease"
- Dec. 6: Marine City's Christmas parade
- Dec. 11: "Candy Cane Shop"
- Dec. 16-18: boys' basketball tournament in St. Clair
- Dec. 19: Christmas caroling at River Bend (K-3)
- Dec. 19: PTO fundraiser at Stevi B's
- Dec. 20: last day of classes before Christmas

Eighth Graders Considering Cardinal Mooney (or any other Catholic High School) for Next Year:

You can take the High School Placement Test at CMC this month. Testing will be on Saturday, Nov. 23 with a preparatory workshop the week before. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) to make your reservation for the test, workshop or both.

"Thanksgiving Feast"

Every year the Holy Cross student body gathers with the teachers and staff for a Thanksgiving dinner. (Thank you to Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Jennifer Laster for coordinating this year's meal.) This year, that event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22. The students all attend; they are asked to bring a part of the feast and will help put it all together, from rolls to turkeys to dessert. You've no doubt already heard from your child's teacher: here's the list of food students are asked to bring (by the date your teacher said): Kindergartners—1 pound of butter; 1st graders—3 (16oz) cans whole corn; 2nd and 3rd graders—1 baked pumpkin pie; 4th graders—1 gallon whole milk; 5th graders—2 dozen whole cooked & peeled hard-boiled eggs; 6th & 7th graders—dessert ingredients assigned by teacher; 8th graders—2 pkgs of (12) frozen bread dough balls.

Everyone will help, somehow, in the preparation of the food. The younger students will take care of the vegetables and breads, and the big kids will be cooking the turkey--and even some desserts! We are blessed to be able to gather as one to give thanks and to help one another. Thank you for helping make this a memorable learning event for your children!

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Pavlov** who donated a book to the library.

...to all our lunchroom and playground supervisors, who show up (rain or shine) to keep our kids safe at lunch!

"Snow Days"

...words that bring happy smiles to students' lips! It's the time of year to start thinking about nasty weather. When the weather seems "iffy" to you in the morning, please tune in to local radio stations WPHM, WJR. WHLS or Detroit TV channel 4 or 7: **whenever East China School District closes its schools due to bad weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.**

(More "emergency school closing" information is on page 29 of this year's School Handbook. Be prepared!)