



# 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 8, 2012**

## *A Word*

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Mark 12:41

### **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 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)

The SCRIP department invites you to their first ever "SCRIP SOCIAL" next Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6:30-8pm in the Activity Center. Prizes & refreshments: bring your friends!

### **Nacho Lunch**

A reminder that tomorrow we'll have nachos with cheese and beef, served up by Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Isrow! All orders need to be in the school office FIRST THING tomorrow morning. Thank you to Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton for volunteering to prepare this meal for us! (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.)

### **Report Cards**

...will go home with students tomorrow!

## **Conferences**

Attached to your newsletter today was a conference request form. If you want to request a conference with any of your children's teachers, please mark your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time slot preferences and return the form to school. A confirmation of your conference time(s) will be sent to you by next Friday.

Please note that, with their varying schedules and buildings, not all of our East China teachers are able to be here during our conferences. However, they will be happy to contact you if you have any concerns. Please mark the teacher, write your contact info on the form, and return the form, and we'll forward your request to that teacher.

## **Winter Sports**

Coaches Govier, Chadra and LaBelle introduce the Holy Cross boys' basketball team: 6<sup>th</sup> graders **Calvin Barr, Joseph Cullen, Joshua Doan, Spencer Fox, Ricky Goulette** and **Adonis Mona** and 7<sup>th</sup> graders **Joseph Goldenbogen** and **Calvin LaBelle**. Encouraging them will be our cheer team: 5<sup>th</sup> graders **Jessica Kistuline, Hannah Schultz** and **Rebecca Wend**, 6<sup>th</sup> graders **Shanna Kowalewski** and **Jacklyn Smith**, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders **Cami Claeys** and **Brooke Pfeiffer**, under the direction of Coach Duncan.

They're all looking forward to a great season—which begins on Monday, with their first game against St. Augustine School. (Remember: St. Augustine's home games are played at Holy Family parish center in Memphis--about 5 miles north of Richmond on M19.) Their first home game is next Wednesday, as they take on St. Mary McCormick. Games begin at 6:30 and all Crusader fans are welcome--go, Crusaders!

Families—a signup sheet will be available at the home game so you can select your game to work at. Thanks to **Mrs. Julie Wolf** for chairing concessions again this season, and to awesome eighth graders **Lilly Wolf** and **Abbey Guilliat** for helping her with set up and clean up!

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

- NO STUDY HALL today or tomorrow
- Nacho lunch tomorrow: Nov. 9
- Next 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, Nov. 16.
- Monday, Nov. 19: no East China buses home
- Conferences Tuesday, Nov. 20 (no school)
- Wednesday, Nov 21 through Monday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving break—no school
- Back to class Tuesday, Nov. 27

## **SUPER SPELLERS!**

The classroom level of our 2012 spelling bee was last week. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade champion was **Abbey Guilliat**, with **Lilly Wolf** as runner-up; in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **Calvin LaBelle** was the champ with **Luke Schulte** as runner-up; **Calvin Barr** was tops in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, with **Anna Tucker** next; **Jessica Barr** was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade champ, and **Alaina Laster** the runner-up; and in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, **Chris Winne** was the champ with **Molly Tucker** the runner-up. Congratulations to all!

These students advance, now, to the district level in St. Clair this Sunday: the competition will be at 1pm in the St. Clair K of C hall. Good luck!

## **"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 tomorrow morning.

## **Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

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

## Camp 2013!

Families of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders: if you indicated to us that your student would be attending camp, your camp bill was included in this month's statement envelope (and should be in your hands already).

Camp bills must be paid in full by January 18. If you participated in the cookie dough sale, your credit for the sale will show up on your December bill.

Please follow the suggested payment schedule written on the bill.

Within the next few weeks, we'll publish a list of recommended camp supplies—with Christmas coming up, you may find some hints in that list for your camper!

## Food Drive

The bad economy has hit the needy especially hard. Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pasta/macaroni and cheese; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as canned or dried fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

## 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!)

The service plan signed by **every school family** when they register includes their agreeing to **donate an item of at least \$80 value** to the auction **by the end of November** (that's this month!). The more items we receive and the more varied they are, the more interesting and fun the Auction becomes! You may drop your item(s) off at the school office any time during school hours.

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 the school office (810.765.3591).

## Food for Thought

Do you know what "cultural landscape" is? You will after reading these two articles by Holy Cross students.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade class made pirogis because we are learning about cultural landscape. The pirogis that we made were delicious. We made three different kinds: 1. Cheese and potato, 2. meat with bbq and 3. meat with ketchup. Personally the bbq was my favorite. Making the pirogis was a lot of fun. It really taught us something new. Since we had made so many, we passed out 2 to each teacher. Everyone liked them. I hope we cook in History class again because it's so fun cooking and learning about other cultures. By Thomi

In our History class with Mrs. Sweet we made pirogis. We did not just make them for fun. The reason to make pirogis was because it represents cultures and cultural landscapes. You can put whatever food you want in dough. Different cultures will have different foods.

We were separated into two groups with a third group doing dishes. One group made cheese and potato pirogis and the other group made pirogis with meat. We ate the pirogis and most of us agreed that the meat pirogis are a tasty quick dinner decision. Now if you forget to make dinner, instead of ordering a pizza you take leftovers and some dough and in 5 minutes you have pirogis. By Calvin #12



Team 3, the clean up team.

## Thank You!!

...to everyone who has been filling our "Supplies for Soldiers" boxes: thank you for your generosity!



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## Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual school Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for next 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.

Students: please remember to bring your part of the meal:

Kindergartners: 1 pound of butter each

1<sup>st</sup> grade: 2 dozen rolls each

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 3 cans of corn each

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 2 small boxes of Jello (one red, one yellow) each

4<sup>th</sup> grade: 2 boxes of Stove Top turkey or chicken stuffing mix each

5<sup>th</sup> grade: will be making deviled eggs:

Mrs. Wade will let you each know what to bring

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades: 1 gallon of milk each; set up & clean up

8<sup>th</sup> 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 next Thursday, Nov. 15.**)

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

Are any parents available to help in the kitchen and dining room?—please contact school if you're available and willing. (Lunch is included!!)

## Volleyball

Looking ahead a few months....we will be looking for a volleyball coach for the varsity girls' team. Practices will begin after boys' basketball is over (just after camp). We have two volunteers already to help!—now we just need a head coach to plan practices. If you're interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mrs. Pavlov (810.765.3591).

## Booster Club "Koeze" Products

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 we sent you last week, 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 at Holy Cross!

## SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING

The 8th grade Language Arts class recently read the Diary of Anne Frank, and had a writing project in making their own diary as a reading response journal. The 8th grade girls were able to make connections with the text as Anne was their own age when she and her family went into hiding in the secret annex. The eighth graders were able to learn first-hand from a Holocaust survivor, as she spoke about being a toddler in hiding and being separated from her parents. Visiting The Holocaust Memorial in Farmington Hills helped to expand their knowledge of the events leading up to and during The Holocaust, and the impact this had on the whole world.

Two brief essays were chosen to explain their personal experiences at the Memorial Center:

Holocaust Memorial Center by Lilly

My reaction to the Holocaust Memorial Center was disbelief. I could not get it through my brain that people actually had to go through this terrible time. This makes me realize how lucky I am to not only be alive, but also just to be happy.

I think when people visit the Holocaust Memorial they leave with more respect for life. They learn that in life, there really are no second chances.

Overall, I enjoyed going to the Memorial Center because I liked learning more about the Holocaust, and I found it very interesting.

Holocaust Memorial Center by Abbey

On Monday, October 29th, our class visited the Holocaust Memorial Center. I thought that the overall experience was sad, disturbing, moving, and reflective. We took a journey back in time to World War II and faced the evils of Hitler, the desperation of the Jews, and empathy of everyone else. The Holocaust was a very sad time for our world, but today we can learn so much from it.

My favorite part of the tour was in the beginning; we looked at the estimates of the deaths. Although it was very sad, I thought it was cool how they had a continuously lit fire to remember and recognize all the people that died. The videos, although disturbing, were very informative. Finally, I also like looking at the quilt patches that were made by children whose family members had survived the Holocaust.

I really enjoyed visiting the Holocaust Memorial Center.



## Student Highlights

...for the month of October:

**Matthew Bailey** is an energetic preschooler who comes in every day willing to share his experiences and to learn new things. He is an inquisitive element in our preschool classroom.

Kindergartner **Ava DeVeny**'s favorite color is pink. Ava's favorite types of books are books about ponies. She said the thing she likes to do most at school is "learn stuff." It's a pleasure having Ava around!

**Lillian Yadon** is a great student. She tries to always do her best in every subject. Her favorite color is purple. She loves to be a scientist in school. At home, Lillian loves to play Frisbee with her mom and brother Derek. In school, Lillian is a very good friend to everyone in the first grade. Keep up the good work Lillian!

Second grader **Bobby Tucker** is a quiet thinker who likes math and gym classes best. When Bobby is at home he likes to ride his jeep and draw pictures. Bobby's dream for the future is to be a teacher and travel the world.

**Grace Govier-LaParl** is a wonderful addition to any class. She is kind and helpful. She respects others and is a friend to all students. Grace works hard on a daily basis and is a willing participant in her third grade classroom activities.

Fourth grader **Molly Tucker** is a joy to have in class. She is always willing to help out any student in need. She loves to participate in class and puts forth extra effort to do her best in all classroom subjects. Molly is a wonderful speller and we wish her the best in the upcoming Spelling Bee.

**Alaina Laster** is a very energetic and studious fifth grader. She is always willing to help and take on extra responsibility. Her infectious smile and bubbly attitude help brighten our class.

"The Joes" are in the spotlight: sixth grader **Joseph Cullen** and seventh

## Door-Door Organics

We have an opportunity to raise money for the school while eating healthy. If four or more people sign up to join The Door

To Door Organics Co-op program and have their order delivered to Holy Cross, the school will get 10% of monthly orders donated. If you are interested in joining the co-op, please email Mrs. Pavlov at [principal@holycrossonline.net](mailto:principal@holycrossonline.net)

grader **Joseph Goldenbogen!** Joe Cullen loves sports, whether it be Holy Cross, Detroit Tigers, Lions, Red Wings or college. Also Joe has learned to be a wonderful speaker. He is a true Crusader and we are proud of him. Joseph Goldenbogen is our fisherman. He loves fishing and he is very good at that sport. He is an excellent pitcher in baseball. Joe is always willing to lend his supplies to any classmate. He is very kind.

Eighth grader **Grace Fielhauer** is a diligent student. She strives to do her best in everything she does. Grace enjoys reading and is an excellent discussion leader in our literature circles. Whenever anyone needs help, Grace is there to lend a hand. She is also well behaved and keeps others "in check" when there is work to be done!

## *Please Keep In Your Prayers...*

...Mr. and Mrs. Knotts and their family on the recent death of Mr. Knotts's mom, Mrs. Helen Marie Knotts.

## Cell Phone v Bible (Submitted by Mrs. Smith)

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go hmmm...where is my Bible? Unlike your cell phone, your Bible will never be disconnected or drop you. Have a blessed day!