



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.

October 13, 2011

A Word

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." MT 22:21

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 (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)

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...the Cardinal Mooney family and the family of CMC teacher Anne Kotchman who was killed in a single car accident last week. Mrs. Kotchman was a beloved long-time staff member at CMC, teaching art and music. Her death is a deeply felt loss for her family, colleagues and students.

PTO's Pie Sale

Our PTO is accepting orders for Achatz Handmade pies until October 27. Orders must be prepaid and in school by Oct. 27; pies will be delivered (just in time for Thanksgiving!) on Nov. 17. (A source tells us Achatz pies may be wrapped and frozen.)

Please Mark Your Calendar:

This Friday, Oct. 14: no Chartwell's; pizza lunch instead

Oct. 26: picture retakes

Oct. 27: mass day for this week (not Friday); first day of JV girls' basketball tournament

Oct. 28: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE—**bring a lunch and drink**

Oct. 31: Hallowe'en / vision & hearing screening / **NO East China buses home**

Basketball

Our only game this week was Tuesday evening at St. Mary St. Clair. The JV game ended in a score of HC 13, SM 24. **Hannah Schultz** scored 6 points, **Jessica Barr** and **Cameryn Smith** each scored 2 points and **Lauryn Janski**, 1. Holy Cross's girls won the hotly contested Varsity game in overtime, with a final score of 31-28. **Lilly Wolf** led in scoring with 19 points, **Beki Schultz** added 8 and **Abbey Guilliat** and **Rachelle LaFontaine**, 2 points each.

Monday, Oct. 17 has us traveling to St. Peter's in Richmond; no game on Wednesday the 19th. Our last game of regular season play will be on Monday, October 24 at ST/MCA (which plays at St. Edward-on-the Lake in Lakeport). Then: tournaments! The JV tournament will be held at St. Peter School in Richmond, beginning on Thursday Oct. 27; Holy Cross is the host of the Varsity tournament, with the first games to be played on Tuesday, Nov. 1. (More specifics as tournaments are nearer.)

Youth Choir Starting

Youth choir with for students in grades 2-8 will be starting on Friday, October 21, 2011. This choir will practice with Mrs. Wassenberg, the parish music minister, and will sing at week end Masses. Choir will meet in the mediation room of the school and should enter by the Activities Center door by the trophy case.

Schedule Changes

At the end of this month, Cardinal Mooney High School needs our cooperation so they can have an all-school retreat. They have asked us to switch church days during the last full week of October, and to let them have the activity center (including the cafeteria) on the 28th. Of course, we want to be able to help them out when we can!

Therefore, Holy Cross students will go to mass on **Thursday, Oct. 27** (instead of Friday that week). Also, as there will be no cafeteria service on Friday, **we will all need to bring bag lunches on Friday, the 28th.**

Needed: A Laptop

Do you have an old laptop computer you'd like to donate to a good cause? Our Accelerated Reader program is in need of one. Please contact Mrs. Smith if you can help us out. Thank you!

Food Pantry

Once a month, Holy Cross School students and families have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass on the second Friday of each month; the food will be donated to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time for our October food drive.

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

"Special" Lunches

Tomorrow, Oct. 14, Chartwell's won't be serving our lunch. Instead, we'll enjoy Hungry Howie's pizza: one order will include a large slice (1/8 of a large pie) of pepperoni pizza, a drink and fruit. The cost for a pizza lunch will be \$2 (with extra slices available for \$1 each). Please be sure your order is in the school office first thing tomorrow morning so there's enough pizza for you!

Thank you to **Mrs. Melanie Heitz** for offering to coordinate our special lunches again this year! She always needs a few adult helpers: if you're available to help serve lunch tomorrow, please contact the school office in the morning.

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

A project that we are undertaking this year is to re-energize our Catholic faith. (or to learn about the Catholic faith) by reading the book "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. A copy of this book has been purchased for each school family and will be sent home for you to read. You will be reminded of how important it is to value and live your faith. Please read the book. A book study of this book may be starting sometime in the future. To learn more about this book and its author, go to www.dynamiccatholic.org

Caution!!

A reminder: now that it's dark at dropoff time, please be extra careful to watch out for other vehicles in the roadway and parking lot, and for students being dropped off and other pedestrians.

Altar Servers

Training has been re-scheduled to **Saturday, Oct. 22** at 9am at Holy Cross and 11am at St. Catherine. If you are interested in becoming a server, ask Mrs. Smith for a registration form, fill it out with your parents and return to Mr. Barr.

Servers this weekend--at Holy Cross Sat. Oct 15 at 6pm—**Grace & Ginny Fielhauer**.

Thrift Sale

...is next week! Thursday, Oct. 20 is the first day; Friday, the 21st, is half-off day; and Saturday, the 22nd, is bag day. Bargains abound—bring a friend!

Boys' Basketball / Girls' Cheer

The girls' basketball season will soon be behind us. Then the boys get a turn! A signup sheet has gone around—if you didn't sign up but are interested, contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

Girls interested in cheerleading are also invited to contact the office to have their names added to the roster.

Athletes: remember that you have to have a completed physical form on file at the school office before you may begin practicing.

Thank You!

...to everyone who worked this past weekend to make the Holy Cross Harvest Festival a great success!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** (who doesn't even have kids here any more!) for the countless hours she gives to Holy Cross in the library and on our SCRIP program—you ARE appreciated!!!

...to **the Schultzes** for a basketball net and a volleyball for the playground!

...to **Paul and Lisa Schulte, Dave and Jennifer Vandenbossche and Maple Landscaping** for providing beautiful fall decorations at the school's entrance! We LOVE them!

Calendar Raffle

...winners for October were: **Judy McBride** of East China, **Valeria Thomas** of Marine City and **Pat Halcomb** of Clay Township. Congratulations!!

Auction 2012

The Auction will be held at the Marine City Knights of Columbus Hall on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**. We're ready to accept your auction donations! Call the school office for a "donation record form" to go with each item (that helps us keep track of everything we need to know about your gift).

Hallowe'en Doings!

Hallowe'en is a school day this year. Students may bring their costumes to change into after lunch (please note: no make up, no masks, no hair color, no weapons). We will be parading in costume through downtown Marine City (weather permitting) from about 12:45 to 1pm: you're invited to join us! (A permission slip is attached.) Classroom parties will take place during the last part of the day. Your child's teacher will let you know more details about their classroom celebrations as the date draws closer.

Christmas Card Contest

Design the Parish Christmas Card

- * Open to all students of the parish, grades prek-8.
- * Use an 8-1/2 x 11 inch size paper folded in half for your design.
- * You only need to design the front cover of the card.
- * Please use lots of nice colors on the card.
- * Submit your card by Tuesday, November 1st to the Parish Office or the School Office.

