

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 20, 2011

A Word

You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first
commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love
your neighbor as yourself. MT 27-29

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:

Patty Smith (St. Clair)

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

EIGHTH & SEVENTH GRADE DANCE

Holy Cross is planning a Halloween dance event for the students in grades 7 & 8 from the school and the Religious Education program on Friday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00pm Tickets are \$2.00. We are looking for parents who want to help and to chaperone. In addition to a disc jockey, we have some other fun, interactive ideas planned. If you want to be a part of this, please contact Mrs. Pavlov at the school office by email or by phone.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

Oct. 26: picture retakes (bring your package to exchange)

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

PTO's Pie Sale

Our PTO is accepting orders for Achatz Handmade pies for another week: until next Thursday, Oct. 27. Orders must be prepaid and in school by then; pies will be delivered (just in time for Thanksgiving!) on November 17. (A source tells us Achatz pies may be wrapped and frozen.)

Basketball

On Monday, Oct. 17 our Varsity girls went to St. Peter's in Richmond. Their game ended in a 38-26 Holy Cross victory! **Beki Schultz** scored 19 points; **Lilly Wolf** added 16 and **Abbey Guiliat**, the last 3 points. (There was no game last night.)

Our last game of regular season play will be on Monday, October 24 at SM/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 next Thursday, Oct. 27; Holy Cross is the host of the Varsity tournament, with the first games to be played on Tuesday, Nov. 1. We'll have to wait until after next Monday's games are played to find out what time the final standings have us playing our first tournament match.

Trunk or Treat

The PTO's "Trunk or Treat" event is next Friday, Oct. 28. Please call in your reservation for the fun to Mr. Barr ASAP so PTO can prepare for you!

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.

Based on the sign up, it looks as if Holy Cross will field a JV boys' basketball team and a JV cheerleading squad. The basketball coaches for the boy's team are: Coach Schafer, Coach LaBelle and Coach Whetstone. Mrs. Weston has agreed to coach the cheerleaders. If you have experience in cheerleading and would like to help with the program, please contact the school office.

Youth Choir

Youth choir with for students in grades 2-8 will be starting tomorrow, 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

Next Friday, Cardinal Mooney High School is having an all-school retreat. They have asked us to switch church days with them 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 next week). Also, as there will be no cafeteria service on Friday, **we will all need to bring bag lunches on Friday, the 28th.**

CMC OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend an Open House at our sister school, Cardinal Mooney Catholic College Preparatory High School on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 1:00-3:00. Cardinal Mooney has an excellent high school program and the same strong Catholic values that you find at Holy Cross. Mark your calendar for **Oct. 30th 1:00 to go to CMC.**

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

A copy of the book described in last week's newsletter, "Rediscover Catholicism," is being sent home today (with your oldest "Crusader") for you to read. (We were a few books short in our original order: if your last name begins with "A" or "B" your book will be here in about a week.) 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

A Little Creepy but Not Your Fault!

We have heard that a local public school has had a visit from head lice. Head lice are NOT an indicator of poor hygiene: the little critters actually prefer clean hair. But they do spread easily if not stopped.

Please be on the alert: the most common symptom is itchiness. Check your child's hair for the "nits" (eggs)—tiny, white ovals stuck onto the shaft of hair near the scalp (they may look like dandruff but, unlike dandruff flakes, you can't remove them by just shaking, brushing or washing them off). The adults are about the size of a sesame seed and can be tan, brown or grey. They don't fly or jump, but can crawl pretty quickly. Part your child's hair into small sections and check on the scalp, behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Check, also, for marks on the scalp from scratching.

Treatments for lice can be found at such places as Kmart and drug stores (and the school office has a few manufacturer's coupons for one product!). A child with head lice must remain out of class until the principal inspects his hair to be sure all adults and nits are gone.

Caution your children about sharing brushes, combs, hats or head gear: these are good ways to invite the little pests into your life!

"Life is a Gift" Contest

The Archdiocese of Detroit is sponsoring a contest for students in grades 4-12 (with two divisions of competition: middle and high school). You can find details about the contest at www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift.

Altar Servers

Training / refresher is scheduled for this 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 22 at 6pm—**Jacklyn Smith** and **Alexis Weston**; on Sunday, Oct 23 at 8am—**Luke Schulte**; at 9:30am—**Lilly Wolf** and **Rachelle LaFontaine**.

Toiletries for Troops

We have begun collecting items to send to our troops in Afghanistan--attached is a flyer with the details of the collection and a list of the items the troops have requested. Collection boxes will be in the school hallways through Friday, November 11; then they are to be sent overseas. If you have any questions, Mrs. Senger can help you. Thank you to all the men and women of the US Armed Forces for what they do to safeguard our freedom!

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! 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.

Don't forget to send back your permission form for the Hallowe'en parade through town!

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.

Thrift Sale

...continues tomorrow and Saturday! Tomorrow is "half-off day:" everything is half the marked price (9am-3pm). Saturday is "bag day:" \$2 for whatever you can stuff into a plastic grocery bag. Bargains abound—bring a friend!

Iowa Testing

...is over for this year! We're very proud of our students for trying their hardest on the testing, and we are eager to see what we can learn about our curriculum from our students' test results.

MARBLE CLUB FORMING

Holy Cross is fortunate to have made contact with an older gentleman from Port Huron who is willing to work with us to get a Marble club formed at Holy Cross. Did you know that there are regional, state and national marble tournaments in the United States? The few things to do is to have a sign-up for children who are interested, have a meeting with these children and their parents, find parents who will get involved then get started. If your child is interested, please fill out the attached form and return to the school office before Halloween.

Drama Club

Thank you to **Mrs. Rock** and **Mrs. Senger** for offering to mentor this year's Drama Club! Is your third through eighth grader interested? Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays after school 'til 3:30, and they are planning a performance at this year's Christmas program. Let one of the teachers know by the 26th if you plan to join them!

Organ Recital


Holy Cross church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its E.G. & G. Hook tracker organ on Sunday, Oct. 23, with a recital featuring Dr. David Wagner. Dr. Wagner is a nationally known organist, broadcaster and author and will perform in the Holy Cross choir loft at 4pm Sunday. Dr. Wagner notes that the organ was constructed during Abraham Lincoln's presidency, and is worth about a million dollars. There is no cost to attend the concert; a free will offering will be accepted.

Girl Scouts

Any girl in grades K-8 interested in Girl Scouting is invited to meet with our Scout leader, Mrs. Monika Rittner, after school on Wednesday, November 2. You'll be meeting in the third grade room, and will be ready to be picked up at 4pm.

Parents interested in helping are welcome to join us on Nov. 2!

BUILDING BOX TOPS!

**BOX TOPS!**

Bella Vista School, CA
**went on NATURE
FIELD TRIPS**
with the help of **Box Tops!**



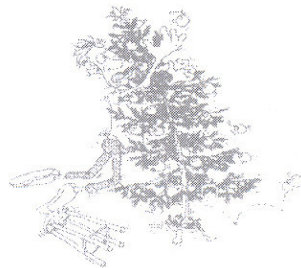
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Christmas Card Contest

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.



**OCTOBER BONUS
BOX TOPS**

**BUY ANY 5 or more participating Betty Crocker®
Potatoes, Helpers, Suddenly Salad or
Yoplait® Kids Multipack products and get**

20 BONUS BOX TOPS!

Offer valid 10/16/11-10/29/11 (\$2 value; Coupon prints at register)
Chicago/Indy Stores: Week of 10/20/11-11/2/11

MARBLE CLUB SIGN UP

My child and I are interested in the Marble Club at Holy Cross. Here is our information.

Child's name _____

Child's grade _____

Parents' names _____

Phone to contact parents _____

Parent email address _____

_____ I would like to be an adult leader with this program. I understand that I will be trained.

_____ I cannot be an adult leader but can volunteer once in a while.

Please Help Support Our Troops

Holy Cross School will be supporting our troops in Afghanistan by collecting items for the soldiers from Oct. 17-Nov. 11. The following is a list of items the soldiers would enjoy:

Disposable razors / shaving cream	Toilet paper
Unscented deodorant	Hand sanitizer
Hard candy / gum (extra Hallowe'en candy)	Floss
Single serve drinks (Kool-Aid, coffee, tea, sports)	Chapstick
Creamer / sugar / coffee / tea / hot cocoa packets	Body wash
Bug repellent lotion pump with DEET	Shampoo / cream rinse
First aid kit (travel size) / band aids	Mouthwash
Collapsible drinking cup	Gallon size zipper bags
Sun tan lotion with high SPF	Tissues (travel size)
Writing supplies (pen, paper, envelopes)	Sun glasses
Board games	White socks
DVDs	Flea collars
T-shirts	Baby wipes
Chips--any	Fly swatters
Flip flops	Ant traps
Headache remedies	Microwave meals
Antifungal cream	Microwave popcorn
Current holiday decorations	
Snacks (Pop Tarts, fruit snacks, granola bars, jerky)	

There will be 3 boxes located in the school's main halls, and boxes in the front lobbies of all three Our Lady on the River parish sites, for collections.

Travel sized items are preferred, as the troops are mostly on patrol and must carry everything in their backpacks.

Veterans: we welcome you to join us, our parishioners and donors to join us for the children's mass at Holy Cross at 9am on Veterans' Day Friday, 11/11/11. Father Bob will bless the items collected at the end of that mass before they're packed up to be delivered to the troops.

Thank you for promoting our efforts in showing our soldiers heartfelt gratitude for their service and sacrifices. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Senger at 810.765.3591.