



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

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October 21, 2010

A Word from Jesus

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:9-14

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 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)

Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

Thank You!

...to **Mrs. Schultz** for paper plates donated to the lunch room.

...to **Mrs. Wolf** for running another profitable Thrift Sale! (Thank you to all who donated and shopped, too: we need you all to make the Sale work!)

...to **Amy Pavlov** for books donated to the library.

...to **Mrs. Heitz, Mrs. Tomlanovich and Mrs. Wassenberg** for chaperoning the 7th grade trip to the seminary.

Spiritwear

Order information went home last Friday with all students. All orders and payments were due today—but Carrie says if you forgot, turning it in next Monday will be OK!!

Please Mark Your Calendar:

TOMORROW (Oct. 22) there will be NO SCHOOL for students (teachers will have an inservice that day). See you on Monday!

Next Friday, Oct. 29, we will have a full day of school but there will be **NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME** that day.

Basketball

On Monday we went to Richmond to take on St. Peter's girls. The JV game brought a Holy Cross victory, with a (close!) final score of 8-6. Scorers included **Abbey**, who scored 4 points, and **Alexis** and **Hannah**, who each added 2 points. Our Varsity girls scored 9 points to St. Peter's 14; **Lilly** scored 5 points and **Beki**, 4. Last night, we traveled to IC. The JV score was HC 10, IC 29. **Alexis** and **Abbey** each scored 4 points, and **Hannah** added 2. **Beki** earned 4 points for Holy Cross Varsity, and **Lilly** scored 3, to finish the game with 7 points to IC's 16.

Our last game of regular play (Varsity only) will be 9am Saturday, Oct. 23, at Trinity in Port Huron—all Holy Cross fans welcome!

Tournaments—for JV teams, at St. Peter's beginning next Thursday evening, Oct. 28; and for Varsity teams, beginning on Nov. 4 at MCA (playing at St. Edward on the Lake). (More info will follow as bracketing for the tournament games is determined.)

Many Hands Made Light Work!

Thank you to all of our JV and Varsity parents for helping during our home games with concessions and admissions!

If anyone has pictures from the season, we would like to have a slide show at our sports banquet in the spring. Also, if anyone is interested in putting it all together, contact one of the Booster Club officers (c/o school).

--from the Booster Club

PTO Pie Sale

Information went home with all students on Monday. Please turn in all orders and payment by November 9. Pies will be here, ready to pick up, on Friday, Nov. 19, after school in the Activity Center.

Engrade

By now you should have received your child's mid-term report as well as the procedure for logging into Engrade, our on-line reporting system. Try to get your account set up this week so that you can track your child's academic progress weekly. Another good feature with this product is that we can send each other messages. I know that this never happens at Holy Cross, but sometimes, my children wouldn't give me the messages that the school sent home for me to see. Now, we adults have a way to communicate directly with each other.

Next Friday (Oct. 29) marks the end of the first quarter of school! Report cards will go home with students on Friday, November 5.

HALLOWEEN NEWS

Next Friday, October 29th, students may bring costumes to school. They will be allowed to dress up at 12:30. Please remind your child that face paint and hair products are not allowed at school for this event. The younger grades will parade with their costumes for everyone to enjoy. The parade should begin at about 12:45. Parties will follow with all parties ending at 2:00. Parents are invited to come and help the teachers. There will be no end of the day prayer assembly on Friday to allow time for room clean up.

Girl Scouts

Interested girls in grades 1-5 (parents welcome!) are invited to this year's Girl Scout roundup next Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 2:20-4pm in the third grade classroom. If you're interested but can't make the meeting (or more info), contact Scout leader Monika Rittner c/o school.

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, October 29, Chartwell's will not be serving lunch. Instead, we'll be ordering pizza—Hungry Howie's pepperoni. For \$1.75 you can order a slice (1/8 of a large) of pizza, chips and a drink; extra slices are \$1 each. All students K-7 were given order slips to take home today. (Please turn your order in early so we're sure to have enough ordered for you!—If you have to call in sick that morning, we'll pull your order and return your money.)

FOOD COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER

Food collection for November will take place on Friday, November 19th at the school Thanksgiving Liturgy. Since it is near Thanksgiving, we are collecting to help fill food baskets our local St. Vincent de Paul conference will be giving away to families in need. Please donate "holiday" food items such as jars of gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, or cake or cookie mixes. Donations that come in early will be held until that Mass.

Garage & Bake Sale

OLR/St. Catherine's "One In Spirit" Prayer Group is having its annual fall sale this weekend: Sat., Oct. 23 from 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 24, from 10am-2pm in the St. Catherine Activity Center on Washington Street in Algonac. "Nothing will be priced (with the possible exception of some baked goods)—we count on your generosity."

Veterans' Day Collection

Beginning October 18 and running through to Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), students in grades K-7 will be collecting donations for our veterans. Boxes will be located in the school hallways for items which will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. We hope you can help! The following is a list of things they need:

slippers	large combs
shampoo	writing paper
lap robes	word search books
shaving bags	crossword puzzles
hairbrushes	new baseball caps
shaving cream	new playing cards
liquid soap	shaving mirrors
trial- or travel-sized comfort items	

Let's help those who preserved our freedom! Thank you for supporting this project.

Honoring Veterans

We would like to honor all of our veterans during the month of November. All families of service people (current or past) are invited to send in the service members' names, branch of service, and when they served to be displayed on our "Tribute to Veterans" board. Please send by Nov. 1—thank you!

Also, we'd like to invite you to our Veterans' Day prayer service. It will be held in the church at 8:15am on Thursday, November 11.

JV Boys' Basketball

We're looking for a coach—please contact school if you're interested!

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

Last Friday following Mass, the school community asked the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to rule over our school. The director of the Men of the Sacred Hearts attended this enthronement and was deeply touched with it. Each classroom was blessed. The picture reminding of who is really "in charge of our school" is hanging next to the Blessed Mother statue. This photo was taken with a cell phone and emailed to the school for our benefit:



St. Mary Queen of Creation Parishioners:

Boys and girls in grades 4-8 who are members of St. Mary's (or of a neighboring parish that doesn't have CYO programs) are eligible for CYO basketball tryouts on Monday, Oct. 25 (6-7:30pm) at Maconce school. For more information contact coach Louise Balash c/o St. Mary's parish office.

Trunk or Treat

Reservations are needed so we have enough "stuff" for everybody! Please send yours in by Monday if you plan to attend. Thanks!

School Philosophy and Mission Statement

Holy Cross School has been accredited continuously since 1991 and is in the process of re-accreditation. As part of that process, we revisit all aspects of our program, including the school's philosophy and mission statement. Both have undergone review with the faculty, School Committee and PTO; here is the new text for each:

Philosophy

We believe that the parents are the primary educators of their children.

We believe that Catholic school education is the shared responsibility of parents, staff, administration, parishioners, community and students working together to achieve the goals of academic, intellectual, spiritual, and character development for children to the best of their ability with the gifts and talents given to them by God, leading to academic excellence.

We believe that the Catholic School, as a ministry of the Catholic Church, assists parents in carrying out the baptismal promises they made to "impart Christ's message, to build community and to serve as we are called."

We believe that members of the Catholic church and school community must work in harmony to serve the needs of society and that, within this community, each child grows through shared spiritual values, open and honest communication, and respect and reverence for each person.

We believe that the role of Catholic school education is to foster love of learning, life, family and country while embracing the plurality of cultures, creeds and abilities as a wonder of God's creation.

We believe that the Catholic Church of today, as the steward entrusted with the message of Jesus Christ, can provide the best vehicle for catechesis of the young by educating them in the Catholic School.

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CMC Open House Oct. 24

1-3pm (for more info call CMC at 810.765.8825)