



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 6, 2011

A Word

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Mt 22:2

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...

...Mrs. Knotts and her family on the death of her brother, Larry Heinze, this week. (The Holy Cross School community has requested that Mr. Heinze be remembered especially at our 9am school mass next Friday, October 14: you are invited to join us.)

PTO's Pie Sale

Who doesn't love pie? Who hates the mess of making crust? Our PTO is taking 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 November 17. Contact your favorite student, or the school office (810.765.3591), to order.

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner

This Sunday, October 9 you are invited to Holy Cross Church's annual Harvest Dinner. It's a great meal—roast beef and chicken and all the trimmings for \$9 for adults / \$6 for kids 3-10 (under 3: free!). Doors open at 12:30pm and dinner will be served until 6pm (or 'til they run out of food!).

Many hands lighten the workload: if you have some time you can offer, call the church office (810.765.3568) to see where your help is most needed.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

Oct. 14: no Chartwell's; pizza lunch instead
Oct. 26: picture retakes
Oct. 27: mass day for this week (not Friday)
Oct. 28: NO CAFETERIA SERVICE—bring a lunch and drink
Oct. 31: Hallowe'en / vision & hearing screening / NO East China buses home

Basketball

On Monday, we hosted IC. The JV score was HC 4, IC 17: **Hannah Schultz** scored all 4 of those points. The Varsity game ended in a score of HC 23, IC 34. Scoring for Holy Cross were **Beki Schultz** with 12 points, **Lilly Wolf** with 6, **Abbey Guiliat** with 4 and **Rachelle LaFontaine** with 1. Last night we traveled to Richmond to take on St. Augustine School. **Hannah** scored 4 points; **Rebecca Wend** and **Jessica Barr** each added 2 more, to end with 8 Holy Cross points to St. A's 25. The scoreboard read HC 22, St A 41 at the end of the Varsity game. **Lilly** scored 11 points, **Beki**, 9 and **Rachelle** the last 2.

A reminder of the schedule change: instead of traveling to St. Mary St. Clair on Wednesday next week, as originally planned, the game has been changed to **next Tuesday, October 11** in St. Clair. (That will be our only game next week.)

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.

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs our ongoing help—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Next week is the second Friday of the month: time for our monthly nonperishable food drive to restock the pantry.

Can you help? The pantry is still in need 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 fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me."

"Special" Lunches

Next Friday, 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) and order slips are going home today with all students.

Please send in your order ASAP so we're sure to order enough pizza for you! (If you call your student in sick on the morning of a special lunch, your order will be pulled and your money returned.)

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 on the 14th, please contact the school office.

Altar Servers

Training is scheduled for next Saturday, Oct. 15 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 8 at 6pm—**Julia and Larry Blicharz and Annemarie Heitz;**

Sun. Oct 9 at 8am—**Calvin and Jessica Barr and Lauryn Janski;** 9:30am—**Luke Schulte;**

at St. Catherine Sat. Oct 8 at 4pm—**Emily Bryer.**

Vision and Hearing Screenings

St. Clair County Health Department technicians will be here on Monday, October 31 to do vision and hearing screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will receive hearing tests and students in grades 1, 3 and 5 will have their vision screened. Please contact the school office to request that your child be screened if his/her grade isn't scheduled to receive the testing you'd like (or if you prefer that your child not be tested). Students who wear glasses or contact lenses are reminded to be sure they have them during vision tests.

Blessing of Pets

...tomorrow, at 2:30 (right after school dismissal). Bring your pet on a leash or in a cage and your pet will be blessed.

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).

So what should you donate? Our guests love to win a week at a vacation home, or Tigers or Red Wings tickets (or tickets for other sporting or cultural events), or restaurant gift certificates. It's kind of fun to put together a "basket" of items--the Auction will take place just before spring 2012 arrives: maybe you'd like to package a wheelbarrow and some yard tools. You may not have to actually buy your auction item: you can earn your credit by soliciting your item from a friend or family member who wishes to donate something. Maybe you build wooden furniture: you might choose to make your donation. Have you noticed any seasonal clearance sales?—perhaps you'll find your item among the bargain bins. (Holiday items and clothing must be cleared with the Auction chairpersons first.) What would you bid on at an auction?—that's a good hint as to what to donate!

"CSI MARINE CITY"

Next Wednesday, Oct. 12, Holy Cross is offering a forum for the Michigan Attorney General's office to provide Internet safety presentations. At 6:30pm (in the cafeteria) that evening, they will offer a one-hour "Cyber Safety Initiative" seminar for parents.

During class time, students in grades K-8 will receive age-appropriate instruction on not sharing personal information online, avoiding Internet strangers and learning the consequences of inappropriate online behaviors. You'll find more details in the letter going home with all students today.

Sale Tip For HC Campers:

"Hot" tip! Mrs. Heitz tells us that hand warmers are on sale at Lumberjack for about 1/3 of their usual cost (and she reminds us that they won't go bad sitting on the shelf 'til our 5th-8th graders head for Wolverine). You might want to grab a couple sets to put away 'til camp time!

Thank You!

...to **Kroger of Algonac** for donating balls for our playground!

...to **Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Martha Kessel** for helping during testing!

Doing Our Part

Your October statement will be in your mailbox soon. Just a reminder: preschool families should have 40% of their tuition paid by Oct. 28 and school families will owe their 6th (10%) payment at the end of the month. SCRIP credits from purchases made June-September should be arriving shortly and will be posted to your account as soon as they come.

RIVERSIDE CINEMAS PRESENTS . .
810-765-1500

FREE MOVIE MADNESS!

Every *Saturday and Sunday*
at 11AM & 12PM



Zookeeper	Oct 8 & 9
Wimpy Kid 2	Oct 15 & 16
Rango	Oct 22 & 23
Hop	Oct 29 & 30
Mr Poppers Penguins	Nov 5 & 6
Smurfs	Nov 12 & 13

Holy Cross Harvest Dinner Sunday, October 9 12:30-6pm

**Roast beef & chicken dinner,
bake sale,
farmers' wagon,
raffles--
bring your family
for a great meal
and a fun afternoon!**