



# 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.*

**October 11, 2012**

## *A Word*

"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Mk 10:27

## **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)

## **Winter Sports**

We have a cheer coach! Her name is Samantha Duncan and she goes to Immaculate Conception Parish. She is full of enthusiasm and ideas. That's the good news. **We are still looking for coach(es) for the boys' basketball team, and we're getting desperate: if we don't have a coach, we won't be able to have a team! If you are interested, or know someone who might be, or just have questions--please call Mrs. Pavlov.**

"Co-coaching" is a great possibility, if you want to help but can't commit to being present for all the practices or all the games. We'd hate for your boys to lose out on the chance of having a team: please call if there's any chance you could help.

## **Iowa Testing**

Thank you for the support you showed your child as he/she took the Iowa Tests. With one more day to go, your child's best test preparation is the same as his best everyday preparation: adequate rest and proper nutrition.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Just a reminder that there will be no East China buses home next Monday and Tuesday, October 15 & 16, or on Wednesday, October 31.

## **Girls' Basketball:**

This week's contests consisted of only last night's game against St. Augustine's. The final score was about 20-32, St. A's favor.

Our last three games of regular season play are all home games. Next Monday, St. Mary's visits, and next Wednesday we host St. Augustine School. The last game is Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, against St. Peter School.

Since we have only one game when we host (instead of both JV and V games with an "intermission" between), concessions at home games are being handled this season by Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Steinmetz (team parents: if you can help with admissions, please contact one of them when you arrive for a game). However, as Holy Cross is hosting the Varsity tournament at the end of October (the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>), **all team members' families will be expected to help.** A signup sheet will be available at home games—please offer your help. **As we won't be hosting the boys' tournaments, families whose boys are expecting to play ball are encouraged to help** as the revenue brought in by the tournament will help ALL Holy Cross athletes.

## **Football**

Congratulations to the football team. They won their game last Saturday! We are proud of our boys. Their last regular game is this Saturday at 10:30. Go and cheer them on.

## **FAITH FIRST**

Of all the things we do during the day, practicing and living our faith is the most important. The school has taken out a subscription to an online resource to make it easier for you to lead your family in the practice of the faith. It is called Faith First. To access this resource go to:

[www.RCLBFaithConnection.com](http://www.RCLBFaithConnection.com)

**2. Click on the "Members" link in the top navigation bar.**

**3. Read the "Terms of Use" and click "I agree"**

**4. Click the gray "Login Option B: Premium" button.**

**5. In the pop-up window, enter your User Name and Password**

**User Name: *marinecity***

**Password: *1234567***

Use this site every week as you prepare for the week end Mass.

## **Calendar Raffle Winners**

...for this month are: Norman DuPue and John Ladensack, both of Marine City, and our own Sister Mary Ann Ankoviak. Congratulations to all!

## **Don't Forget Your Gloves!**

It's still pretty nice out, but there is a nip in the air: especially when your little hands are wrapped around a cold metal playground pole. And chances are it's not going to be much warmer for quite a while. Parents--please be sure your children are dressed for the weather: recess lasts a really long time when your ears are freezing!

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

...has been scheduled: it will be next **Tuesday, October 16 (beginning at 1pm)**. Bring back your packet that day if you want to try again.

## **Needed:**

....a few more clothes hangers with clips (plastic ones are great!): to hang up pants and skirts in our "free uniforms" room. (Thanks, Udells!) Thank you!

## CAMP WOLVERINE

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders: last week's newsletter contained a letter about camp. If you haven't responded yet, please send your answer by tomorrow so we can make camp reservations and plans. Thank you!

### Camp Wolverine Fundraiser

Attached to today's newsletter is a brochure and order form from Savory Foods Cookie Dough. All profits from this sale will benefit the 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be attending Camp Wolverine in January. We appreciate everyone who is able to help make this trip more affordable for our students. We will be running this fundraiser from Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> with delivery on Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. With the holidays quickly approaching, these are great to have on hand for unexpected guests, last minute treats or just an easy way to make homemade cookies with the kids over the holidays. You can designate a specific student to receive your contribution or choose to put it into the general camp fund for the cost of the bus. Thank you for your help!! ☺

### PTO Pie Sale

The PTO is sponsoring a holiday pie sale. Ordering information for Achatz's delicious pies is attached to today's newsletter. Orders (and payments) need to be returned by October 22; pies will be delivered to the activity center on November 6 and will be ready for pickup from 2:30-4pm.

### Booster Club Magazine Drive

The drive is over now; prizes will be here in a few weeks. Total sales came to over \$2800--thanks to everyone who ordered! You've helped keep our school sports program afloat.

Did you intend to order, but forgot? Or just realized what a great gift a subscription would be for someone on your gift list? It's never too late to place an order--contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office. Please keep the sale in mind all year as you renew your magazine subscriptions (Christmas??) or place new orders: we can accept magazine orders all year long! (If you have a special offer from the publisher, our broker can match that price, too.)

## "Texas Hold 'Em" Events

Chairman **Randy Bryer** has received the dates assigned to Holy Cross for next year and is ready to start scheduling. The first two sets of dates are January 23-26 and February 20-23. Contact Randy directly or sign up at school. If this is something you enjoy doing, Randy is looking for an assistant. Let him know that you would like to help him with Texas Hold 'Em.

Sign up sheets are in the service credits book in Mrs. Smith's office. Please be sure to include cell phone numbers and email addresses so Randy can contact you.

### Auction: What to Donate?

Every school family is required to donate an item of at least \$80 value to the auction, and your donations are due before December 1. You may drop your item(s) off at the school office any time.

Ideas for good items?--vacation accommodations are always a big hit: if you have a cottage or other vacation home, a week's stay will be a major donation. (Last year we were lucky enough to get an African safari!!) Tickets to sporting events and sports memorabilia tend to sell well (perhaps a pair from your season tickets? In your company's box??). Gift certificates rarely go for less full value (and often go for more!)-think SCRIP! Maybe something old: we auctioned a vintage arcade game once. Do you enjoy woodworking or other craft-type handiwork?--perhaps a pair of deck chairs or a quilt might be something you could give.

Services are appreciated, too: we've just received an estate planning package from a local law firm; hair stylists might donate cuts/styles/perms, and an expert seamstress once donated a quilt made from the winner's favorite t-shirts. Maybe you're in the home-care or automotive business: perhaps a gift certificate for a full spring house cleaning, or car tune up, is more up your alley.

Watch clearance sales! Ask relatives and friends with businesses if they'd like to spend a bit of their advertising budget showcasing their wares in front of Holy Cross auction attendees! Ask yourself: would I bid on this item? If the answer is yes--then someone else probably would, too!

## Auction 2013

The Auction is scheduled for February 9, 2013 and the committee is beginning to make plans for an elegant and fun evening! Lots of help is needed for the event to run smoothly. We'll be looking for people to help with invitations and advertising, item acquisition, and decorating. (You can earn service credits for working on any of these sub-committees.)

**A planning meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, October 18, at 7pm in the activity center**--anyone interested is welcome to attend! Please contact either Melissa or Lisa c/o school for more info.

### *Pet Blessing*

A few photos from last week's blessing of pets:



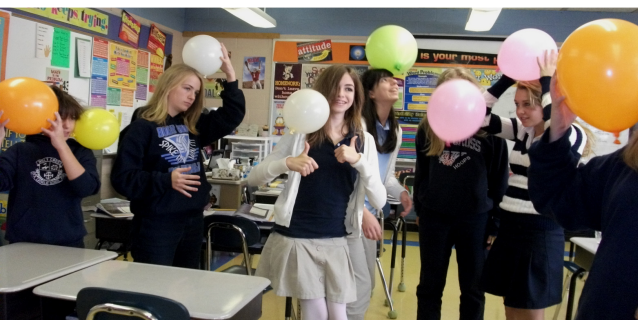
Pets of all sizes--  
big and small  
and in-between--  
we love 'em all!





### **Electrifying!**

The eighth graders are learning about electricity in science class. They had some fun with static electricity:



Forget cold fusion: how many eighth grade heads would it take to generate enough electricity to microwave leftover pizza?

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Tomorrow is the day of our monthly nonperishable food drive—please bring an item for the pantry if you can.

### **“Supplies for Soldiers”**

We would like to invite you to our Veterans’ Day mass here at Holy Cross on Friday, November 9. The children want to celebrate all those who have served in the armed forces with the parishioners and veterans we honor.

From now through November 11, the Holy Cross students will be collecting “Supplies for Soldiers” at all three parish sites and at the school. Look for the collection boxes to drop off your donations!--below is a list with the details of the collection and a list of the items the troops have requested.

Thank you for your support— and thank you to all the men and women of the US Armed Forces for what they do to safeguard our freedom!

### **Harvest Dinner**

Sunday is Holy Cross’s annual Harvest Festival. The centerpiece of the event is the famous chicken and roast beef dinner (serving from 12:30-6pm, or until they run out). Along with the meal there will be raffles and baked goodies and craft items for sale: all in the activity center. Come!--Have a great meal, enjoy fellowship, and support the parish.



Holy Cross students helped by painting pumpkins for table decorations.

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### **Please Help Support Our Service People**

Holy Cross School will be supporting our service people by collecting items for them from now through Nov. 11. The following is a list of items the soldiers would enjoy:

Disposable razors / shaving cream  
**Unscented** deodorant  
Hard candy / gum (extra Hallowe’en candy)  
Creamer / sugar packets  
Mouthwash  
Shampoo / cream rinse  
White socks  
First aid kit (travel size)  
Sun tan lotion **with high** SPF  
Writing supplies (pen, paper, envelopes)  
Individual water flavoring powder packets

Toilet paper  
Hand sanitizer  
Tissues (travel size)  
Body wash  
Floss  
T-shirts  
Band-Aids  
Gallon size zipper bags  
Collapsible drinking cup  
Chapstick

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 Friday, November 9.

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.

HOLY CROSS PTO IS PROUD TO  
PRESENT:

"TRUNK-OR-TREAT" 2012

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

4:30 PM-6:00 PM

HOT DOGS

CIDER

DONUTS

GAMES

PRIZES

ONLY \$5 per CAR

PUT ON YOUR SCARIEST COSTUME, DECORATE YOUR CAR, AND  
JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!!!

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[barr@holycrossonline.net](mailto:barr@holycrossonline.net) TO REGISTER

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<http://www.panopticon.com>