



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 17, 2013

A Word from The Word

"The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones. " -- Psalm xviii. 8

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 a session 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 at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day, camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours:
Mondays and Fridays, 7-9 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski(Algonac)

Mark Your Calendar...

- Th., Oct 17 & Sat., Oct 19: volleyball tournament here
- Wed., Oct. 23: cookie dough delivery
- Fri., Oct. 25, 6-8pm: "Trunk or Treat"
- Th. Oct 31: Hallowe'en; no East China buses home

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for October are: Fred Osterbeck of East China, Kerry Furtah of Marine City and Michlena Radulski of Algonac. Congratulations to all and thank for your support of our raffle!

NEW PowerSchool Login Info

The Archdiocese has just informed us that we have a NEW URL to use to log into PowerSchool: as of yesterday, the URL to use is:
<http://powerschool.aod.org/public/pw.html>

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

...Mrs. Sweet and her family on her father's death this week.

Volleyball Tournament / Boys' Basketball

The girls' volleyball tournament begins tonight! Thank you to **Mrs. Julie Wolf, Mrs. Patty Smith, Mrs. Julie Schultz** and **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for organizing concessions! Thank you, too, to the kind folks who volunteered to work during the tournament. Scheduled to work are:

Th. Oct 17	5:30-7:30pm	7:30-close
Admission	T. Templeton	M. Krupa
50-50 raffle	S. Goulette	P. LaBelle
Concessions	J. Wolf	J. Wolf
Concessions	P. Smith	S. Goulette

Sat. Oct 19	1st game	2nd game
Admission	K. Steinmetz	S. Goulette
Concessions	J. Wolf	P. Smith

Thank you to these people for working even though they don't have a child playing. This tournament is the one we're assigned by the league to run, and it offers our Booster Club a chance to earn the money it takes to provide an athletics program to our students.

Iowa Testing

This Friday marks the end of our IOWA testing at Holy Cross. A big thanks to all the moms and dads for sending their kids "ready to test". We are looking forward to getting the results in a few months.

Bingo Concession

...is pretty well manned through the end of 2013. However, many shifts are available in 2014. Please come in and check out the service credit book if you need to pick up a few credits (or are just one of those awesome people who love to help!!).

Auction 2014

Thank you to the people who came forward to co-chair this year's Auction! More info to come—but please keep in mind that your family's Auction donation is due November 30!

School Committee

We are pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Holy Cross School Committee members and executives: Mike Govier (president), Angela Jacobs (vice president), Pat LaBelle (secretary), Chris DeVeney, Jessica Smith, Kecia Rowland, Pieter Winne and Dan Ameel. Holy Cross is blessed to have such wonderful people lead the school this year.

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for manning her SCRIP booth for the whole day at the Harvest Dinner on Sunday!

...to **Mrs. Wade** for putting together a great photo collage board for everyone to look at during the Harvest Festival!

...to **Mrs. Wade** and **Mrs. Manninen** for all their work helping the students make the camp fundraiser jewelry, wrist bands and pet collars! (Thanks to them, also, for donating much of the materials that these projects required.)

...to all the organizers and workers at this year's Harvest Dinner for our parish! We are so lucky that our "family" includes so many dedicated people!

Camp Jewelry and Wristbands!

Our 5th-8th graders are looking ahead to going to camp in January. To help pay the costs of camp, they have been working on making jewelry in their art classes. First they glazed small ceramic pieces; this week they will put them together to make magnets, necklaces, pins and other jewelry. Then, Mrs. Wade showed them how to macramé wrist bands and pet collars. They sold these things at Sunday's Harvest Festival and made \$271!

They will make more wrist bands and finish the rest of the ceramic jewelry, and those items will be available for purchase at our November parent-teacher conferences.

Camp!

5th-8th graders each received a letter last Friday with some information about camp. The letter requested your response as to whether or not your student would be attending camp this year. Please send your answer by tomorrow so we can firm up our camp arrangements.

Cookie Dough

...is set to come in next Wednesday, October 23! It should be ready to go home with your student that afternoon.

Archdiocesan Grants

Wow! The grants have already arrived! Congratulations to the 10 students who received the award. (It has already been posted to your account, and you'll see it on your family's November tuition statement.)

"Trunk or Treat"

PTO is sponsoring an indoor "Trunk or Treat" from 6-8 pm on Friday, October 25 in the Activity Center. Informational flyers went home with your oldest student on Friday. Please return your reservation by Monday, Oct. 21 to be sure they have enough goodies for all!

...and other Halloweenish Doings!

Halloween 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). Students in grades K-5 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.

Attached is a permission form for students in grades K-5 to take part in the parade.

Congratulations!

...to HC alumni who were elected to CMC's homecoming court: **Lilly Wolf, Anna Tomlanovich, Owen Rogus, Kylie Schuh, Caroline Glowski and Natalie Sykes!**

This Week in the Science Lab:

Mrs. Wade's budding scientists are doing dissections this week! The 5th graders saw the insides of earthworms:



Spreading open the worm's cut skin



Intent on the work at hand as he cuts through the epidermis.

PTO Pie Sale

Your Achatz pie orders and payments are due by Nov. 1; pies will be in on Nov. 18.

6th and 7th Graders Visit the Seminary

Our 6th and 7th graders enjoyed a field trip to Sacred Heart Major Seminary this week:



At the seminary, they learned about vocations. They were able to participate in a mass and received a tour through the building guided by seminarians. They also viewed a few short videos about being open to and accepting of God's call to them. Perhaps one (or more!) of these young people will be among the church's leaders in another decade!

Field Trips

Many parents have noted that Holy Cross is utilizing the Cardinal Mooney buses more frequently than in the past. Although there is an additional fee to ride the CM bus we feel that it is advantageous for our students. The buses are driven by professional drivers who pass rigorous state requirements to qualify them to do their job. Teachers and students arrive at their destination at the same time and safely. Many of our students love the experience of riding the bus and therefore it makes the trip more meaningful.

If you have any concerns about any field trip issues please call the office at any time.

Halloween Dance

St. Mary's in St. Clair is sponsoring the Blue Water Halloween Dance next Friday, October 25th, from 6-8 pm. This is a dance for all seventh and eighth grade students attending the Blue Water Catholic Schools. Advance tickets for the event are \$6.00 (\$7 at the door). Call St. Mary's for more info: 810.329.4150. BOOgie down!

What're You Doing Next Thursday?

We ask, because we find ourselves in need of one lunch supervisor for Thursdays. Are you available from 10:45-11:30 on Thursday mornings to spend some quality time with your child and his friends? Please call Stacy Goulette or the school office (810.765.3591) if you can help—thanks!!

PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school/parish-sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the school premises. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from Holy Cross Catholic School and/or Our Lady on the River Parish. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: Hallowe'en Parade (for students in grades K-5)

Destination: Downtown Marine City (Water Street)

Designated Supervisor of Activity: Mr. Hayes and teachers

Date and Time of Event: Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013 approx 12:30-1:30pm

Method of Transportation: walking

Student Cost: NONE

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As a parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for the actions and conduct of your child.

*******STATEMENT OF CONSENT*******

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school/parish grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school/parish employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in the field trip, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release Holy Cross Catholic School and/or Our Lady on the River Parish, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. This release of indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

Please return this entire form by: Oct. 30 2013 to your child's teacher.

Parents: you may cut off and keep this portion for your records, if you like:

Name of event / destination / date: Oct. 31 2013 Hallowe'en Parade--downtown Marine City

Method of transportation: walking

Bag lunch needed? n/a Student cost: none Dress code: dress down/change into costume