



# 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 18, 2012**

## *A Word*

Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. Mk 10:43-44

### **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 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)

At the end of last week SCRIP credits through the end of September were posted. Over 30 Holy Cross school and preschool families are sharing in **over \$5000** in credits!

Is your name among those smart SCRIP shoppers? If not and you wonder how you can join them, contact either Patty or Kelly (above), any SCRIP worker during their office hours (above), or the school office: 810.765.3591.

### **Camp Wolverine Fundraiser**

Cookie dough orders and payments are due Wednesday, Oct. 31, with delivery on Friday, Nov. 16. You can designate a specific student to receive the credit from your purchase, or choose to put it into the general camp fund for the cost of the bus. (Your profit will be approximately 1/3 of your sales.)

## **Holy Cross Harvest Dinner**

If you went you know what a great meal it was! Thank you to everyone (adults and students) whose labors amplified its success: we hear they served nearly 1150 meals!

Here are some of our eager student helpers:



We'll be your  
servers today!



Can't wait to get  
my driver's license!

## **Winter Sports**

We have a cheer coach! Her name is Samantha Duncan and she is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She is full of enthusiasm and ideas. We are very close to finalizing the details for a coach for the boys' basketball team. We should be able to let you know who is coaching basketball next week.

### **AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Auction committee will hold its first meeting tonight in the Activities Center at 7:00pm. If you didn't get a call but want to help, please come to the meeting and offer your services. Mrs. Kleckner is the volunteer coordinator. Many hands make light work. Offer to help.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 in the faculty room.

## **Football**

Last week the football team lost their game even though they played their best. This week end is the tournament which marks the end of football season 2012. We are proud of our athletes.

## **Girls' Basketball:**

On Monday, St. Mary's eked out a 25-20 win. Last night we hosted St. Augustine School. They slipped past us in the last quarter, to win by a score of 33-21. We're proud of our tiny team's spunk, and of how each player has improved over the season!

Our last regular season game is at home next Monday, Oct. 22, against St. Peter School.

We are hosting the Varsity girls' tournament next week (the evenings of Oct 25 and 26 and the morning of Saturday, Oct. 27). **All girls' basketball team members' families will be expected to help.** A signup sheet has been available at home games: if you didn't sign up, you'll be assigned work shifts. **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.

Huge thanks to **Julie and Leif Wolf** and **Lilly** for getting everything ready each week for our home games: from purchasing and setting up all the concessions items to sweeping the gym. You are the BEST!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Just a reminder that there will be no East China buses home on Wed., Oct. 31 (Hallowe'en day).

### **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!

### *...and Thanks!*

And, by the way, thank you to the wonderful, dedicated group of parents who share lunch supervision duties! They're out in the chill, too, with the students, sharing in their smiles and tears.

## Hallowe'en Plans

In less than two short weeks we'll celebrate Hallowe'en! Oct. 31 falls on a Wednesday this year. Hallowe'en will be a dress down day. The day will begin as usual, with our typical morning schedules. After lunch students will be permitted to change into costumes (please, no masks, makeup or weapons) and (weather permitting) join in a parade through downtown Marine City. (There is a field trip form attached to this newsletter—please sign it and return if your children have your permission to participate in this "walkabout".) The day will wind up with individual classroom parties.

## All Saints' Day

Thursday, November 1, we will attend morning mass with our CMC friends. Students: please wear your church clothes that day. (We'll attend mass on Thursday, Nov. 1 instead of our usual Friday mass on Nov. 2.)

## MAKING CHOICES FOR FAITH AND COUNTRY Nov. 6th

With so many political races and ballot proposals to focus on this election season, voters face difficult moral choices. To help, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has again released its election document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which reinforces the importance of reflecting upon and applying Catholic social teaching to the candidates and the issues before voting. The document does not endorse specific candidates or parties but instead seeks to provide guidelines for thoughtful voting.

For a multitude of election resources go to the Archdiocesan website: [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org)

## PTO Pie Sale

Orders and payments for Achatz pies need to be returned by next Monday, October 22; pies will be delivered or November 6 and will be ready for pickup at the activity center from 2:30-4pm.

## Books Are Fun!

The traveling book display is back. Sample items are on a table by the school office—orders and payment need to be in the office by Wednesday morning, October 24, to go home with your student on Thursday. (Christmas isn't all that far off—we'd be happy to hold your order at the office: just let Mrs. Steinmetz know.)

## "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 the office. People who signed up to help with Texas Hold 'Em have been contacted by Mrs. Smith. Please be sure to include cell phone numbers and email addresses when you sign up so Randy can contact you.

## \$1.00 Dress Down Days

Each month, we will be having a Dress Down Day for anyone who brings in \$1.00, that includes teachers as well as students. DDD's will be the last Thursday of the month. The first of the money collected will be used to pay for online interim Iowa testing three more times this year. The rest of the money will be used to support those in need as the needs present themselves. The dates for the Dress Down Days are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 21, April 25, May 30 (last one)

## "Supplies for Soldiers"

The boxes are filling—on behalf of our troops: thank you for your generosity. It's not too late to add your items: boxes will be out until Nov. 9.

## Colonial American History with Mrs. Sweet

"What did they eat?" is always a good question with an enlightening answer when you're learning about other people. Some of Mrs. Sweet's social studies classes got a "taste" of life-in-the-18<sup>th</sup>-century-kitchen last week. They learned that the pumpkin, as an indigenous vegetable, became a filling mainstay at the early American table. They used authentic period recipes to make pumpkin fritters and macaroni with cheese and pumpkin:



"See? The pumpkin is right there—and there—and there!" the girls report!

## Algonac Woman's Life Chapter #883 presents:

### A Harvest Food and Craft Show

to benefit the homeless students of Algonac

The holidays are just around the corner!  
Come browse our aisles of jewelry, purses, quilts, fine arts and crafts,




foodstuffs, cake-pops, smoothies, and more!

**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am 'til 5pm**

**We'll be at the new Lion's Hall  
at the corner of Mill St. and Stone Rd. in Algonac  
Woman's Life Insurance Society will match our first  
\$500 raised!**

**Come help us support our community. See you there!**

**Any questions, please call Tobi Couture at 810-335-5921 or email [tobicouture@gmail.com](mailto:tobicouture@gmail.com)**

**"Uproarious interactive theatre!"**  
- New York Times  
Entertainment Events, Inc. presents  
**Late Nite Catechism**  
by Vicki Quade & Marquet Quade  
**ONE SHOW ONLY!**  
  
**Saturday, November 3, 2012 • 7:30 p.m.**  
Marysville High School Auditorium  
555 East Huron Blvd., Marysville, MI  
General Admission Seating  
\$25 main floor • \$20 balcony  
Tickets available at Marysville High School Main Office. For more information please call (810) 364-7161

**PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION**

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your sons/daughters are 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

Destination: Downtown Marine City

Designated Supervisor of Activity: Teachers and parent volunteers

Date and Time of Event: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 approx. 12:30-1:15pm

Method of Transportation: walking

Student Cost: NONE

If you would like your children 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 children.

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

I hereby consent to participation by my children, \_\_\_\_\_, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school/parish grounds and that my children 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 children being allowed to participate in the field trip, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my children 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 children, or on behalf of my children, arising from or relating to my children's participation in the field trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my children 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 children, or on behalf of my children, arising from or relating to my children'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)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help chaperone the parade and walk with a group of children.

Please return this entire form by: Friday, Oct. 26, 2012 to school office.