



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 25, 2012

A Word

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Mk 10:49

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)

Cardinal Mooney Open House Sunday 1:00-3:00

This Sunday, October 28th, from 1:00-3:00, Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School is holding an Open House for curious and interested students and parents. Parents with students in grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 are strongly encouraged to go to the Open House and see for yourself what the CMC advantage is all about. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pavlov will be at Holy Cross to offer parents moving their oldest to CMC a viable alternative at Holy Cross for younger siblings. Spread the word.

End of the First Quarter

Can you believe the first ¼ of the school year is nearly over? Next Friday, November 2, marks the last day of the quarter. Report cards will go home with your child on Friday, November 9.

National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to these students who will be inducted at 9:00 Mass tomorrow into the Our Lady on the River chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS): 6th graders **Calvin Barr, Shanna Kowalewski, Jacklyn Smith, Thomia Tomlanovich** and **Anna Tucker**, 7th graders **Larry Blicharz, Calvin LaBelle** and **Luke Schulte** and 8th grader **Brooke Pfeiffer**. Membership into NJHS is based on scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. Join us at Mass and pray for these new school leaders.

Girls' Basketball:

On Monday, we enjoyed a (non-season) victory against St. Peter School—congratulations, girls!

We are hosting the Varsity girls' tournament beginning at 6pm tonight (continuing tomorrow and ending Saturday morning). The Holy Cross team plays its first game of the tournament at 6pm tonight against St. Mary's. If they win, our girls advance to play IC at 8pm tonight; if not, their next game will be at 8pm Friday. Come to cheer for the Lady Crusaders!

Schedule of workers for the tournament:

| 5pm to close | Th. Oct 25 | Fri. Oct 26 |
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| Admission | Guilliat | Tucker |
| 50-50 raffle | Barr | Wend |
| Concession | Wolf | P Smith |
| Concession | Bryer | |
| Hall monitor | K Smith | |

Workers for Saturday morning (8:30am-close):

Admissions: **Guilliat**

Concessions: **Wolf**

Hall monitor: _____

(You can see a few shifts still need filling: please offer a hand when you're there.)

"SNOW DAYS!"

As the potential for nasty weather approaches, this is just a reminder to check the TV in the morning before you leave for school.

The Detroit TV stations all announce school closings, as do some local radio stations. You may also check East China School District's website, too: www.ecsd.us. Whenever you see "East China Public Schools" closed due to inclement weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.

Hallowe'en Plans

Next Wednesday is Hallowe'en! It 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. (Don't forget to return your signed permission form if you want to be part of the parade!) The day will wind up with individual classroom parties. We are looking for lots of parents to parade with us downtown and help keep everyone safe when crossing the streets.

DETROIT TIGERS SPIRIT DAY

The 8th grade is sponsoring a Detroit Tigers Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 30th. Students can dress down if they pay \$1.00 and wear "Tiger" wear such as a Tiger t-shirt, or a shirt that is white, blue or orange. Jeans and gym shoes may be worn to school but not in school. Proceeds will be combined with Halloween dance income and be given to the Michigan Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Go Tigers!

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

Dissections!

Mrs. Wade's 5th graders dissected fish last week. You can see they really got into it!:



Winter Sports

Joining Samantha Duncan, our new cheer coach, are Brian Chadra, Mike Govier (a veteran HC coach) and Pat LaBelle (also returning) to coach our boys' basketball team.

Students wanting to participate in boys' basketball or girls' cheerleading, be sure to get your physical done, and turn the completed & signed form in at the school office. Your coach will be contacting you regarding practices.

Cheerleaders will have a team meeting in the cafeteria Monday, October 29 at 2:30 with Coach Duncan. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting where Coach Duncan will talk about rules, schedules, uniforms, etc.

Camp Wolverine Fundraiser

Cookie dough orders and payments are due next 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.)

Auction 2013

This year's Auction will be held **February 9, 2013**. The Auction is always a lot of fun—**mark your calendar** now so the day doesn't get away from you! (It would be a great Valentines' Day date!)

Every school family is required to donate an item of at least \$80 value to the auction, and your donations are due before Dec. 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 (or have access to) 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! 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 had attorneys donate will/trust packages, hair stylists 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! Think: would I bid on this? If the answer is yes—then someone else probably would, too!

"Navigating in a Chaotic Culture" "Practical Tools for Catholic Parents to Steer the Course"

You are invited to the above seminar presented in Farmington by Dr. Timothy F. Hogan, director of Grace Counseling Center in Detroit. The program will be on November 9 from 6:30-8:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows (23815 Power Road): RSVP by Nov. 2 to Marilyn Trumper-Samra (248.536.1188 or msamra@olsorrows.com) or Sandy Rigsby (srigsby@rcibenziger.com or 248.360.4186).

"Seussical"

...practice is from 11-2 this Sunday.

"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.

Design the Parish Christmas Card

Contest is open to all students of the parish in grades PK-8. Use an 8-1/2"x 11" size paper folded in half for your design. Design just the front cover of the card. Use lots of color! Submit your card to the parish office by Tuesday, Nov. 6.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

"Ghost Tours"

At 5pm this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27&28, Marine City's "Friends of City Hall" group is sponsoring "Ghost Tours" at the old city hall on Broadway. Free admission includes a \$5 gift certificates to "The Sweet Tooth"!

"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.

Visit from Firefighters

Thanks to the the Marine City Fire Department who visited yesterday with one of their fire trucks. The students got to get right up next to the truck, and even handle a fire hose!



November

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HC & CMC go to mass together

End of first quarter

Parish memorial mass

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Parish memorial mass
End of Daylight Savings Time ("fall back")

No East China buses today

No East China buses home today

Report cards go home
Food drive for St. Vincent de Paul pantry, and veterans honored, @9am mass
Nacho lunch

6pm fall and winter sports mass: all athletes invited!

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Calendar raffle drawing

First reconciliations 5:30pm

NO CAFETERIA service: bring a lunch and drink from home

Thanksgiving feast

High School Placement Test at CMC

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No East China buses home today

No school
Conferences

No school 'til Nov 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Teachers' inservice

Back to class!!

Dress down day: \$1

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