

# 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 31, 2013**

## A Word from The Word

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

## 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](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 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...

- Sun., Nov. 3: change your clocks!
- Tue. Nov. 5: vision & hearing screening
- Wed. Nov. 6: report cards go home
- Fri. Nov. 8: pizza lunch
- Fri. Nov. 8: food drive
- Mon. Nov. 18: pie delivery
- Tue. Nov 19: grades 5-8 go to Harsens Island

**Daylight Savings Time  
change this weekend:  
don't forget to reset  
your clocks on Sunday!**

## End of First Quarter

...was yesterday! Report cards will go home with students next Wednesday.

## When You Have Concerns—

It is the mission of Holy Cross Catholic to provide the best possible Catholic education for each child who enters our building. From time to time there are concerns that parents have about their child's performance in the classroom. When issues arise it is imperative that parents contact the teacher to initiate a conversation about the problem. Parental support is a key factor in student success. If, after a conference with the classroom teacher, concerns still remain, please contact the office for a meeting with Mr. Hayes.

## Boys' Basketball

Our boys' basketball season has begun. The boys have been working on their game and are eager to hit the court! Their first game is on November 4 at St. Augustine School. Then they'll have a few more away games before their first home game on Nov. 20.

Home games are scheduled for Nov. 20 and 25 and Dec. 2, 4 and 9 (so far). Workers will be needed to take care of admissions and concessions for those games. Thank you to **Mrs. Goulette** for offering to keep the concession stand stocked and staffed! To the parents of this season's athletes: Mrs. Goulette will be calling you to schedule you to help.

## Student and Adult Spectators At School Sporting Events:

Please remember that you and your family represent Holy Cross whenever you are a spectator at a sporting event. That means we all need to remember and respect the rules of good sportsmanship, and students should remember that school rules extend beyond the school day into all school-related events.

Also, students need to have an adult supervisor on site when they're here, and not be simply dropped off for the duration of an event.

## Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, November 8, Chartwell's will not be serving. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza with fruit & salad. Students all received order slips today. Thank you to Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton for organizing this lunch!

## Camp!

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders each received an inquiry about camp; if you haven't yet responded we will assume your child will not be going to camp with his classmates.

We will be calculating the cost of camp and transportation based on the number of people going; your camp bill will be included with your November statement.

Mrs. Wade and her students have been working on their "Survival Bracelets" and dog collars, and they will be available for purchase during conferences closer to the end of November.

Attached is a list of suggested items to pack for camp. When Grandma mentions "Christmas" and asks what your camper needs, perhaps this list will spark "hints"!

## Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will visit next Tuesday, November 5 to do vision and hearing screenings. Students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will have vision tests, and students in K, 2 and 4 will have their hearing checked. If you'd like to have your student's sight or hearing checked and s/he's not in a grade scheduled for that testing, please drop a note to the school office with your request. If you'd prefer that your child NOT be tested, please let us know that as well.

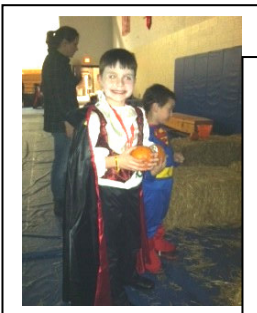
Students who wear glasses or contact lenses will need them for their vision testing.

## Pie and Koeze Nut Sales

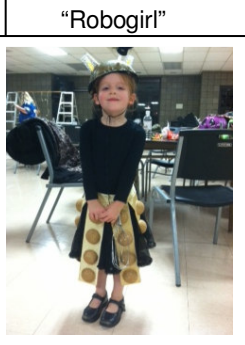
Your Achatz pie orders and payments are due **TOMORROW**; pies will be in on Nov. 18. Koeze orders need to be in the office before parent-teacher conferences.

## Hallowe'enish Doings!

A big hand for **Mrs. Laura Bailey** and her helpers for organizing and running the PTO "Trunk or Treat" last Friday! The kids had a blast, and their costumes were terrific: these two got prizes for "best boys" and "best girls" costumes:



"The Count"



"Robogirl"

...and "best decorations" went to this table:



Many benefactors helped! "Thank you to Neimans' Family Market in St. Clair for donating water and juice and VG's in Marine City for a \$10.00 gift certificate; to Vandebossche Farms for straw, apples, pumpkins, decorations; to the Zammit family for donating juice boxes; to China Township Family Dentistry for toothbrushes and paste; to Chili's Restaurant for kids' meal gift certificates; the Jacobs family, Jessica Smith and Kroger for hot dogs and buns; to Patty Smith for SCRIP prizes for best costumes and best table; to Paul's Bakery in Marine City for a discount on donuts; to Teresa Templeton for apple cider and cups, candy for piñatas, prizes; to the Baileys for games, decorations, prizes; to the Vandebossche family for candy for piñatas, decorations, games, prizes; to Gary Barr for all the leg work of setup, clean up, and background work; and to all the families that came after school to set up and all the families that stayed afterwards to clean up. Thank you, too, Mr. Hayes, for coming and talking to new families in hopes for increased enrollment. (He also did the honors of

judging the costumes and tables.) If anyone has been forgotten in this thank you, I apologize. Many hands make light work and we had many many hands. God bless you all and thank you for making this year a huge success." Mrs. Bailey and the Holy Cross PTO

## Auction 2014

At last year's Auction, one lucky family went home with a new (used) car! That made for some exciting bidding!

This year, we're hoping to be able to offer another vehicle: a car, truck, RV, camper, boat, motorcycle...just about anything with wheels! Do you have, or know of someone else who might have, a vehicle you're (they're) considering donating to a charity? Holy Cross has a car donation program in place that can take care of all the paperwork to help make that donation happen. Please call the car donation center (Precise Auto Parts: 586.725.5900) with any questions.

## Hallowe'en with the Preschool:

Since they don't meet today, our preschoolers celebrated Hallowe'en yesterday. They came to school in costume and visited classrooms:



Preschoolers, after successfully "begging" from Mrs. Wade.



Who (or what) was that fuzzy creature lurking outside the office???

## This Week in the Science Lab:

Something very fishy was going on in the lab this week: Mrs. Wade's 5<sup>th</sup> graders dissected perch! This student shows his technique:



## Meanwhile: in Social Studies...

....Mrs. Sweet and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying the Native Americans of the Plains. They discovered that those Indians depended on buffalo for much of their sustenance: so in their honor, the class made some buffalo chili!



(How many cooks does it take to stir a pot of chili?)

## What're You Doing Next Thursday?

We still need 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 c/o the school office (810.765.3591) if you can help—thanks!!

## DIRECT FROM PARENTS

### Show That School is Important to You

Many parents *tell* children that school is important. But *showing* them can work even better. Here are some things you can do:

- **Meet and talk with** your child's teachers.
- **Tell your child** why you value education.
- **Show interest** in what your child is learning.
- **Ask to see your child's assignments** and grades.
- **Attend school events.**
- **Post schoolwork** on the refrigerator.
- **Provide your child** with helpful school supplies.
- **Volunteer at school.**



**Wolverine Outdoor Education Center**  
**Suggested Equipment Guide**

Use this list as a guide when packing for camp. Make sure you have clothes to dress warmly and be able to change if you get wet. Also, pack in a SMALL space—NO large or hard-sided suitcases or huge duffel totes. We have to go up STEEP flights of stairs and the large pieces are difficult to move, let alone store in the dorms. We recommend you pack in something watertight—30 gallon "Steel-Sack" bags (with your name taped on them) or soft-sided luggage with your name in a prominent place work great. Bedding must be in one bag and clothing and essentials in another. Girls—do not take nail polish or cosmetics. (If you wear a simple foundation, that is okay.) WE MUST CONSERVE SPACE as everything has to be packed under the buses. **Please label all items clearly with your name.**

**WINTER CLOTHING**

4 pairs pants	1 pair snow pants
4 warm shirts	1 pair long thermal underwear
1 sweatshirt or sweater	1 scarf or other face covering
1 pair waterproof tennis shoes or hard soled slippers	1 warm winter coat
1 pair high, warm snow boots ESSENTIAL	1 pair pajamas
2 pairs gloves/mittens	1 warm hat ( <b>no headbands</b> )
5 sets underwear	5-6 pairs socks

**PERSONAL ARTICLES**

comb/brush	toothbrush/toothpaste	wash cloth	bath towel
soap	shampoo	deodorant	chap stick
tissues			

**BEDDING**

2 sheets	1 pillow	1 comforter
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We prefer no sleeping bags. However, if you bring one, use it as a comforter and bring one fitted sheet.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

pencils	laundry bag	sunglasses	writing paper
reading books	disposable camera	hand lotion	flashlight
playing cards	magnetic compass	crossword or search-a-word books	
envelopes (stamped and addressed)	hand warmers		

1 small carry-on is allowed to take on the bus ("Crusaders" duffel bag is OK).

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED**

Candy or food or any kind in the dorms (anything left over from the bus ride is disposed of). The snack bags for the way home will be stored in sealed containers.

Knives, weapons, drugs, tobacco, etc. are not allowed.

**For bus use only:** iPods or other music devices--these items will be collected as we get off the bus and stores in an air-tight container, and will be returned as we get back on the bus on Friday. No cell phones are allowed.

No use of cameras in dorm areas unless an adult is present and gives approval.

**FORGET YOUR FEARS AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!**



# November

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Sat  
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Mass w/CMC at 9am

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Basketball games  
start at 6:30pm:

HC @ St A

Vision and hearing  
screenings

Report cards go  
home  
HC @ IC

Nonperishable food  
drive for food pantry

Pizza lunch

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Calendar raffle  
drawing

Bishop Byrnes visits  
for mass with HC and  
CMC

HC @ SMMCA  
1:15pm  
High School Place-  
ment Test workshop  
@ CMC

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HC @ St M

Grades 5-8 field trip  
to Harsens Island

SMMCA @ HC

Thanksgiving feast

High School Place-  
ment Test @ CMC

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IC @ HC

No school: parent-  
teacher conferences

Thanksgiving break

Thanksgiving day

No classes 'til  
Tuesday, Dec. 3

HC @ St J

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## Veterans' Day Collection

From now until Monday, November 11, grades PK through 8 will be collecting donations for our veterans. The following is a list of things needed. Please support this effort and place your donations in the boxes located in the school hallways. Please let us help those who preserved our freedom!

Slippers	Large combs	Shampoo	Lap robes	Shaving bag	Writing paper
Socks	New baseball caps	Hairbrushes	New playing cards		Liquid soap
Word search books		Shaving cream		Crossword puzzles	
Shaving mirrors		Trial or travel size comfort items			
Any other items to help and aid our veterans in need					

These items will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. Please help and donate to our cause, helping our veterans!!