



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 4, 2012

A Word

But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.*

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Mk 10:6-8

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 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)

Last quarter's SCRIP credits are being calculated and should be posted by the end of next week.

Congratulations to **the Schultz family** for winning the cookie of the month for September!

Winter Sports

We are still looking for coaches for the boys' basketball and the cheerleading teams for this winter: if we don't have coaches, we won't be able to have teams! If you are interested, please let Mrs. Pavlov or Mrs. Steinmetz know of your availability.

Iowa Testing

...began Monday and will be completed by next Friday, Oct. 12. Students will NOT be taking the tests every day within that period: their teachers will time the parts of the tests so that they interfere as little as possible with students' typical school schedule, and will usually not take more than one test in any one day.

Iowa tests are nationally-normed standardized tests based on the Common Core 21st Century Standards. Our school's results will be used to identify strengths and weaknesses in both our curriculum and individual students' skills, which will help us tailor our instruction to meet the children's needs. This test-taking also provides good practice for tests such as the SAT and ACT when students are in high school.

Your child's best test preparation is a good night's sleep and proper nutrition.

School Uniform Update

Thank you, parents, for having your child dressed appropriately for school. It shows support and respect when your child is dressed correctly. The teachers met and agreed that khaki skirts will now be included as part of the uniform. Those of you who purchased khaki skirts may now wear them to school.

Pizza Lunch

Chartwell's won't be serving lunch tomorrow: we're having Hungry Howie's pizza again. Lunch will cost \$2 and will consist of a large slice (1/8 of a large) of pepperoni pizza, with a drink and fruit. (You may order an extra slice for \$1.) Order slips went home with all students last week; be sure yours is in the office first thing tomorrow morning!

(In the future, we hope to be able to offer different "special" lunches—like hot dogs or nachos—on days when Chartwell's isn't here. To do that, we'll need help from a few parents. Please contact Mrs. Steinmetz if you might be interested in helping!)

As always, if you call your child in sick that day, your order will be pulled and your money returned.

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 games began at home, on Tuesday as we hosted IC. With only 5 girls playing, our girls were able to hold IC to a 3 point win! Last night, our girls traveled to Lakeport. MCA took that game 31-11.

Next week, our schedule is a little odd again. We have no game Monday night, and our Wednesday game (against St. Augustine's) will be at Holy Family parish center in Memphis.

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 25th-27th), **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 players. Their team won last Saturday. Good job, fellows!

Blessing of Pets

...is scheduled for **tomorrow** (October 5) right after school. Parents are invited to bring pets (or a representation of the pet, such as a photo or stuffed animal) to meet their children in front of school at 2:30 tomorrow for the blessing.

Spelling Bee

In order to continue fostering academic excellence, **all students** in grades 4-8 will be participating in a school-wide spelling bee on Tuesday, October 30. Each class will have its own spell-down in the language arts room during the day with Ms. Ward. Then, a class winner and runner-up will be selected to participate in the local Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee on Sunday, November 11.

The K of C Spelling Bee will be held at the K of C Hall at 3501 Rattle Run Road, St. Clair. (If the winner and/or first runner-up cannot attend, the second runner-up will take his/her place.)

Winners from the local K of C Spelling Bee will also go on to a regional and state spelling bee.

Students: please prepare yourselves and practice the list of words at home prior to Oct. 30. The rules of spelling bees will be discussed in class. Teachers may also choose to do a practice spelling bee during class time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you—Ms Ward

Needed:

....clothes hangers with clips (plastic ones are great!): to hang up pants and skirts in our "free uniforms" room. Please send any you can spare to the school office--thanks. (Thank you to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for being the first to respond—the room looks better already!)

SPORTS MASS

The joint Holy Cross & Cardinal Mooney sports Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 10th at 6:00pm Mass. We hope that our Fall as well as our Winter athletes will be present for this Mass.

Check Your Child's Hair:

The family of one of our older students discovered (and got rid of) head lice this past weekend. Lice can travel from head to head via paths like hairbrushes, hats, and close contact (they don't jump or fly: they crawl). Information from the Health Department went home with all students today. Remember: anyone can get lice—it's not a sign of "dirtiness." In fact, they tell us the little critters prefer clean hair! Remind your children not to share hair care items or head coverings.

CAMP WOLVERINE

Grades 5-8 will be going to Camp Wolverine where they will learn many outdoor survival skills along with teamwork and personal responsibility on January 28, 2013-February 1, 2013. A letter is attached to this newsletter with information for parents of students in those grades. Please let us know your plans as soon as possible. Students who do not go to camp will have an at home assignment to complete that will parallel what is learned at camp.

Booster Club Magazine Sale

Congratulations to **Joseph Cullen** and **Rebecca Wend**, who each won draws from the "Cash Box" as Tuesday's prize winners. Joe and Rebecca each took home \$5.

The final date to turn in orders for prizes is tomorrow, October 5. (We'll have to get all the numbers added up, figure out who has earned what prizes, and then order them. The prizes will be here in a few weeks.)

The magazine sale is one of the Booster Club's few fundraisers, and helps fund our sports program. All 5th-8th graders benefit by being able to participate in a variety of sports, all at no cost to their families. Magazines make great gifts, and fun mail in their own name encourages children to read. Please keep the sale in mind all year as you renew your magazine subscriptions or plan to place new orders: we can accept magazine orders all year long! (Contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.) When you think of ordering magazines, think of Holy Cross!

Doing Our Part

Your October statement will be in your mailbox soon. Under the tuition payment plan, your school tuition should be half paid by the end of September. (Preschool families should have just made their 3rd 10% payment at the end of September, leaving 70% of their tuition not yet due.) How are you doing?

(School families can expect their service credit record to accompany their tuition statement. It will show what our records say you've signed up for, and what you've worked to date. Please call if we've made a mistake—thanks!)

We're hoping third quarter SCRIP credits will be posted before statements go out...but if not, we'll send you a copy of your statement with your SCRIP credit applied afterward.

This Newsletter Can Be Emailed to Your Inbox...

Tired of digging through your child's backpack Friday night to find his crumpled paper newsletter? Would you prefer a paperless copy—hot off the digital "presses"—every Thursday morning? (Think green!) Send Mrs. Steinmetz your email address (school@holycrossonline.net) and she'll take care of the rest.

"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.

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.

FAITH & LOVE

This year, the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools are focusing on specific virtues each month with the thought of helping students better identify the virtues and what they mean for their life. In September, we focused on the virtue of Faith. This month we are focusing on Love. We asked the older students what they learned about the virtue of Faith during the month of September. Here are some responses:

I learned how faith can help you through the hard times in your life.-Shanna
That our faith can get us through anything.-Luke

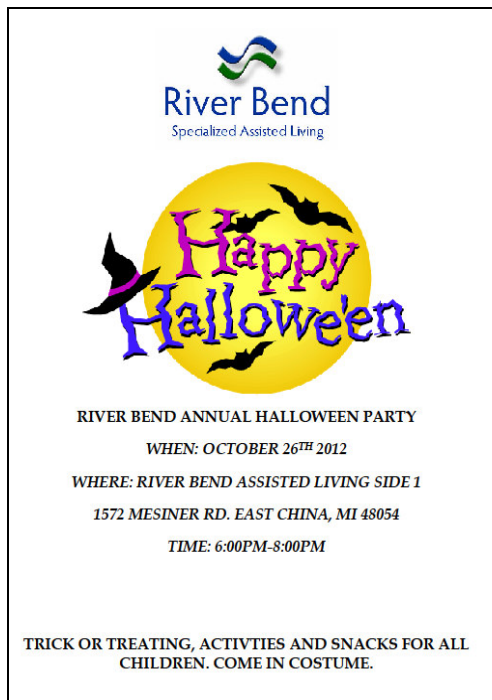
That God is with us.-Ethan
That Jesus is the Messiah. God is always with us. We believe the paschal Mystery. We believe that heaven exists. We believe that Jesus came to save us.-Jessica

Miguel Pro died for his faith. Rebecca Be faithful to God.-Alexis
I believe in the resurrection, death and the ascension; His body is the Eucharist and His blood is the wine. The pope is the head of the church. I am in the Archdiocese of Detroit and that the church is one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.-Hannah

I learned that whenever you think your life is horrible and will never get better, God will always make it better.-Cami

CHEEP: one Classic Crusader Varsity Jacket

1 gently-used HC navy felt varsity jacket with white (leather?) sleeves: very nice condition and very warm! Adult size S. First \$20 takes it! Ask Mrs. Steinmetz to show it to you.



Meijer Shoppers:

You'll get 20 bonus "Box Tops for Education" at Meijer with the purchase of 5 Betty Crocker items (most of which have double box tops as well!!). If you do, please save all those Box Tops and certificates for us!

Auction 2013

The Auction is scheduled for February 9, 2013 and the committee is beginning to plan 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.) Please contact either Melissa or Lisa c/o school (810.765.3591) offer your services, or for more info.

Meanwhile: your family's donation can be delivered to school any time now. Items are due by the end of November; after that, the required auction contribution is \$80, which the committee will use to round out the gifts it has already received.

STOMP

Are you familiar with "Stomp", the production where musicians take ordinary items in unusual locations and create powerful rhythms with them? Last Tuesday, our 6-8th graders watched the video "Stomp" with the assignment to identify one thing they learned and to see God's blessing in the video. Here are a few responses.

I learned that music is everywhere and that you can make music with almost anything. -Grace

God gave us the ability to walk, talk, hear, see and the people in "Stomp" use all of that. -Lilly

I learned that there are lots of things you can use to make music and they all make really unique sounds. -Abigail

God gave all of us the gift to make music. -Joe G.

I saw God in their talent. -Anna

They make music with whatever they found or had. -Joe C

Free Fun!

Would you like to get to know some of the other parents in your child's class, in a relaxed setting outside of school? "Jungle Java" is a fun place on Enterprise Drive in Clinton Township (off the south side of Hall Road between Heydenreich and Groesbeck). They have invited students in grades PK-2 and their families to a free "meet & greet" play gathering on Wednesday, October 10, from 5-7pm. Kids must have socks, and no outside food may be brought in. (For more info you may call 586.203.0500.)

October 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

As we start into October, we would like to start our fundraising for Camp Wolverine at the end of January. Based on our information, camp will be from Monday, Jan. 28th to Friday, Feb. 1st this year. Cost will be based on the number of students and chaperones attending, but right now it is estimated at \$245.00 per person. We will be starting a cookie dough fundraiser next week and will have cases of candy bars available to sell. If you prefer weekly, biweekly or monthly payments, we have included a breakdown for you. Please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and send it back by Tuesday, Oct. 9th so we can run numbers for a more exact amount.

Thank you,

Mrs. Pavlov
Mrs. Wade
Ms. Ward

Payment Schedule without fundraising:

Weekly Payments: \$21.17 every week for October, November, December

Bi-Weekly Payments: \$42.33 every two weeks for October, November, December

Monthly Payments: \$85.00 every month for October, November, December

Family Name _____

_____ Yes, my child(ren) will be attending camp this year.

_____ Yes, I would like to chaperone this year.

_____ No, my child(ren) will not be attending camp this year. I understand that they will be at home and have assignments to do as camp is a school learning experience.

_____ Yes, I would like to participate in fundraising.

_____ No, we will pay for camp without fundraising.