



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.

September 1, 2011

A Word from Jesus

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. Mt 18:19

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 (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information.

So far, **the workshop is scheduled to be held here (in the Holy Cross Activity Center) only ONE TIME this year:** next Saturday, September 10, 2011, 8:30am-noon. Contact Mrs. Smith (765.8300) ASAP to register.

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

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;

Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 1-3pm

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

An updated vendor list is attached.

Clearance sale! If you purchase any of these instock items you'll receive 100% of the discount: Brooks Bros, California Pizza, Express and L.L.Bean.

The First Days of School

Our first day of school went great! We're looking forward to a terrific school year. Our preschoolers will be joining us next Wednesday. We are all eager to get to know them!!

A Few Changes...

Our new front office is gorgeous! Thank you, again, to **Fr. Bob** and his office remodeling crew: **Bob Solomon, Dan Ameel, Fizz Fajardo** and his son, **David Fajardo, Jay & Marge Nicaise, Gary Barr, Dave Shovan, Anna Lavelly, Dennis Fracassi, Dave Dziedzic** and **Dave, Tom and Don Schwehofer** of **Schwehofer Bros., Inc.** Thanks, also, to **Dave Endres** and **Endres Interiors** for donating and installing the new entry way and waiting area carpeting!

Thank you, too, to **Dennis and Marilyn Fracassi** for organizing the ongoing cleanup of the landscaping at the front of the school.

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, Sep. 2, or Monday, Sep. 5—Labor Day Weekend

Classes will resume on

Tuesday, Sep. 6.

**THERE WILL BE NO CAFETERIA
SERVICE ON TUES. SEPTEMBER 6--
everyone will need to bring a
lunch and drink that day.**

Enrollment News

Thank you for your belief in Catholic education. Thanks to you and many other supporters of Holy Cross Catholic School, our school opened yesterday with 83 children. We have a few new families that I want to welcome to our school community. Because of the warmth of this community, it was easy for me to "sell" the school to our new families. If you are a returning family, please seek out the new parents and help them to feel welcome and "learn the ropes" at Holy Cross.

Lunch Notes:

A reminder that the cost of lunch is up 10¢ to \$1.85 this year; milk remains 40¢. You may purchase tickets in bulk and keep them at home, if you like, and you may pay by check: make checks for lunch & milk tickets out to "Chartwell's."

Thank You!

...to our dedicated SCRIP staff who have been available all summer!

...to Mrs. Knotts for keeping our flower gardens looking so nice again this summer!

...to **Lisa Schulte** and her helpers **Debbie Tucker** and **Debbie Horlocker** for staffing a school information booth during Maritime Days!

...to **Joe Pavlov** and son-in-law **Jai Harku** for spreading playground mulch!

Open House

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Open House last night. It was so good seeing you at school again. Your enthusiasm is contagious and your support for Catholic school education is noticed and valued.

September 6th

On Tuesday, September 6th, the day after Labor Day, Archbishop Vigneron will be making his official announcement about the Changing Lives Together Campaign right here at Our Lady on the River Parish at Holy Cross Church. The children who were in the choir last year will be singing from 9:45-10:00 with the program starting at 10:00am. If you are available, you are invited to join Fr. Bob, the Archbishop and other parishioners in church for this important announcement. The Archbishop may do a walk through of the school and may request that some pictures of our school children be taken as well.

There is no hot lunch on September 6th and the children will be eating in their classrooms because of this special event.

Needed: Good Hearted, Generous, Kind, WONDERFUL People!

(That sounds like YOU!!) We are in need of volunteer lunch and playground supervisors. This is a great way to spend some time with all of our students while giving our teachers the opportunity for a duty free lunch. Can you help? Please call Mrs. Tabatha McConnell c/o school.

Food Pantry

Once a month, Holy Cross School families have the opportunity to help local needy people by participating in our monthly food drive. Students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to mass on the second Friday of each month; the food will be donated to the Holy Cross Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next Friday, Sep. 9, is the second Friday of the month: time for the monthly food drive.

Can you help? The pantry is in special need this month of breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars,...) and pasta/macaroni and cheese; they always need canned protein foods like tuna, peanut butter, hash, or canned ham or chicken, as well as fruits. Our hungry neighbors thank you—and remember: “whatever you do to the least of My brothers, that you do to Me.”

Booster Club Magazine Drive

The Booster Club funds all of our athletics programs. Their ongoing magazine sale provides a large portion of the income to pay for those programs. The drive has just begun!

Students are all taking home magazine sale packets today. All orders and payments (make out to “Holy Cross Booster Club”) are due by Friday, September 16. See the packets and prize charts for more information.

“When Will Financial Awards Show Up On My Bill?”

(New school families wishing to apply for financial assistance through the Fr. Sadler fund are reminded to have their application letters in by Sep. 9.)

Did you receive notification either from the Archdiocese of Detroit or from Holy Cross that you were awarded scholarship(s)? (Congratulations!!) Those grants will take a little while to show up on your statement: the Archdiocesan grant money usually comes about mid-November, and the Sadler and Bartone grants will arrive in early spring 2012.

Supplies Lists, Lunch Menus and 2011-12 Calendar

...are all available online: select the “PreK-8” tab at www.holycrossonline.net

For the supplies list, select “School Support”-“supplies list.”

For menus and calendars, select “Parent and Community Center” then “calendars.” (Please note that monthly calendars and menus are posted as they become available.)

Papers to send back to school:

Your oldest “Crusader” was given a manila envelope of important papers yesterday. These need to be reviewed, signed and returned to school ASAP:

- E-rate survey
- Internet use agreements
- Free/reduced lunch application (if you wish to be considered)
- Acknowledgement of receipt of School Handbook

Keep: school directory and School Handbook.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 13. This will be a “dress up” day. Picture order forms will go home with each student soon. All students must get their pictures taken, whether or not they choose to buy prints, in order to be on our class composites and in our yearbook. Preschoolers, also, will be able to have their pictures taken—just come at the usual preschool time and the photographer will squeeze you in.

Free & Reduced Cost Lunches

Returning students who were qualified to receive free or reduced lunch services on the last day of school last year need to re-apply for benefits for this year. Forms went home with your student yesterday (in the large brown envelope). The application should also be available at East China School District’s website: www.ecsd.us (go to “Departments” and choose “Food Service” or “Chartwells”).

After School Child Care (formerly known as Latchkey) for students with after school commitments:

Attendance is available immediately after school. However, students occasionally have commitments (e.g. sports, scouts, drama practices) right after school, but need somewhere to go after practice. **Students are welcome to attend ASCC after practices:** however, **parents must contact school to make those arrangements ahead of time** (to be sure that the program is able to accommodate their child, and to let Mrs. Nicaise know to watch for him / her) and those students will need to bring their own snack.

E-Newsletters

Would you like to receive your weekly newsletters via email instead of this paper version?—just let Mrs. Steinmetz know!

Sports

Thank you to **Coach Leif Wolf** for returning this year, and to **Ms. Shelby Quinlan** for stepping up to help! Games will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings, with the JV games beginning at 6:30 and the Varsity game right after. Parents: please note that St. Augustine’s home games will be played in the St. Peter’s gym (NW corner 31 Mile and Gratiot). Our girls’ first game is scheduled for next Wednesday at IC. Have a great season, girls!

As you probably know, student athletes (grades 5-8) must have both a parent’s and doctor’s OK to participate in school sports. Your doctor may do a low-cost sports physical; call his office to ask. Also, St. Clair County Health Department’s “Teen Health Center” offers sports physicals on a sliding fee scale (from \$35-45), depending on family income, if it is not covered by your insurance. Call first for an appointment: 810.987.1311. The Center is located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (enter off 20th Street, behind Port Huron High School between the tennis courts and pool). A brochure from CVS’s “Minute Clinics” lists sports physicals as something they can do; we understand that sports physicals are also performed at Prompt Care Center (16700 21 Mile Road, Macomb Township—586.228.3880) and at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center (1000 Harrington Boulevard, Mt. Clemens—586.493.8000). The charge listed in their flyer is \$20 and “no appointment is ever necessary” (M-F, 8am-8pm; Saturdays & Sundays 10am-2pm). You can download a blank sports physical form from www.holycrossonline.net: click “school,” “grades Pk-8,” then “athletics.”

First Mass

..of the year will be held on Friday, Sep. 9 at 9am. If you are available, please come and help us set a good path for our school year by praying together at our first Mass of the school year.