



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 11, 2008

We Remember

Today as we remember the seventh anniversary of the attacks of 9/11, we look at our students, who were so young or not even with us with this tragedy unfolded. We pray that they will not have to experience an event like this in their lives. We ask that God watch over all whose lives were changed by this tragedy. We pray for peace today and always.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit 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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith or the website for more information.

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

Our Lady on the River / Holy Cross is hosting the workshop next Thursday, Sep. 18—if you plan to take the class, check the website ASAP to see if there's still room.

School Directory

Your family's copy went home with your oldest student on Monday. Please ask your child if you haven't yet received it.

Eeww...Gross!

In an effort to keep our lunch tables clean and avoid the rags and buckets, we would like to use Clorox or Lysol disinfecting wipes. The office would greatly appreciate any donations. Sam's Club currently has 4-packs for \$12.68 and they often go on sale in our local stores. Don't forget about SCRIP!

Thank You!!

...to everyone who has already sent wipes in!

If You Haven't Already, Please Send In ASAP---

....your student's internet use contract and card, your signed acknowledgement of having received your handbook, your "E-rate survey" response, and any free/reduced cost lunch applications.

Supply Lists, 2008-09 Calendar, Forms...

...are available online: go to www.holycrossonline.net; select the "PreK-8" tab.

For the supply list, select "School Support"—"supply list."

For the calendar, select "Parent and Community Center" then "calendars."

For forms (like sports physical, maps, request to dispense medication,...) check under "School Support"—"forms."

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays, 7-9am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

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

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

BINGO HELP NEEDED!

Wednesday night bingo is very important to our school budget. Events in our subsidy/school support program keep the cost of tuition lower than the actual cost to educate your children. In order to keep bingo going, we desperately need workers. If you haven't signed up for your credits, or if you would like to add a little extra shine to your halo, please sign up for bingo. Wednesday night bingo is local—so less gas money. It is also SMOKE FREE!

Early Birds:

Students—as classes don't begin until 7:25, you are welcome to arrive at school after 7:15 am. We aren't ready for you before that!

\$100 Parking Tickets!!!

If you pick up your student after school please be advised that the car line MAY NOT wrap around onto Bridge Street. The police MAY TICKET cars standing still on Bridge Street!!

Yearbooks

This year, our school yearbooks will be published by JM Photos, our school photographer. The cost of the yearbook has been included in the picture package prices. If you do not wish to purchase a picture package, but do wish to purchase a yearbook, you will be able to do so later in the year.

Sports News:

We won our first football game last Saturday against St. Augustine School 14-8, scoring the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter! This Saturday's game will be at 9am against St. Peter School—spectators welcome!

Our girls played Monday at McCormick. Both teams put up valiant fights during their first contests of the season. The JV game ended with a score of HC 15, MCA 20. The very exciting game went into overtime, and the final score was HC17, MCA 19.

Last night we hosted St. Peter's (which has only a JV team). The game ended in a 7-11 loss for Holy Cross.

Help Keep Our Kids Safe

We are in need of a couple of more parents or grandparents for lunch duty, especially on Mondays and Thursdays. Can you spare some time? Please contact Mrs. Lund. These are paid positions!

Booster Club Magazine Drive

We kicked off our annual drive on Monday. To allow all our preschoolers a chance, prizes for the return of the postcard booklets is extended until tomorrow. Tomorrow some lucky student will win a bagful of goodies in a drawing among students who turned in full postcard booklets. Tomorrow is, also, our first order turn-in day: any student turning in at least one order will get to select a package of candy.

This annual sale is sponsored by our Booster Club, and supports Holy Cross athletics. (It's because of the Booster Club that our students don't have to "pay to play," and the Boosters also provide all the uniforms and referee fees for our sports program.)

The drive runs through next Friday, which will be the last turn-in day for prizes. However, we can accept new subscriptions and renewals all year—contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office for info after the drive.

Service Credit Reminder:

Monday, September 15 is the last day to sign up for your family's 12 credits. After that date, families that haven't signed up will be on Plan A. Questions—please call Mrs. Smith 810.765.8300.

Accelerated Reader

Students' first day to select books will be next Wednesday, September 17. Mrs. Sharpe has been busy helping Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Carnaghi "learn the ropes" in the Accelerated Reader office. We could use another parent helper—do you have a couple hours on Wednesdays that you can spare helping our children learn to love reading? Please contact the school office if you'd like more information—thank you!

Auction!

Though the auction is still a little while off, this is just a reminder that your auction donations are due at the end of November. Just a reminder to watch for interesting items (think: clearance sales!)—or, if you prefer to be done with it now, to send in the "early bird" discounted \$60 donation before the end of November (after Dec. 1, it will be \$80).

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...the Hamilton, Kazal/Derisley, Nicaise and VanBoekel/Alarie families, who all lost loved ones this week.

Mom-to-Mom Sale

The fall sale is scheduled for October 25 and you can rent a table for \$20. Remember the sale as you weed through your children's outgrown summer things!

Cafeteria Notes:

Just a reminder that prices went up a little this year—one of our lunch moms noticed that a few little ones didn't realize cookies are now 60¢. (The new price list was published in last week's news, and is also available online: "holycrossonline.net"—"Parent and Community Center"—"calendars"—"cafeteria prices."

Raffle Calendar

...winners for September are: Fred Babisz of Algonac, Dorothy Herbert of China Township, and Paula & Brian Carnaghi of East China. Congratulations to all—and thank you for your support!

Texas Hold 'Em Help Needed

Volunteers are being sought for September 27th in the Holy Cross Activity Center. We are working with an advertiser and expect an excellent turnout, and we will need much help. The help we need is: 10 to 12 dealers, 2 registration and payout workers, 2 people for chip counting, 50/50 raffle, 2 card shufflers, and 2 pitt bosses / floaters.

Dealing is easier that it appears with on-the-job training provided: anyone can do it! Raffle prize donations are welcomed for those wishing to spruce up the experience for the players.

Prefer not to work?—you can support the evening by coming to play! Invite your family and friends to come with you—this can be a fun adult event.

Workers need to sign-up by the September 15th cutoff date. The sign up book can be found in the office. If you have questions please call David Heitz c/o the school office.

"High School Musical"

Ms. Ward's niece, Allie Ward, is starring as "Gabriella" in Richmond Community Theatre's production of "HSM." Show times are Fridays & Saturdays, Sep. 12 & 13 and 19 & 20, 8 pm; and Sundays Sep. 14 & 21, 2 pm. It is being presented at the Richmond High School auditorium on Division Street. Ticket prices are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. The show opened last weekend and Ms. Ward says "It's AWESOME!"

Reading Rocks!

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be taking a walking field trip to the Marine City Public Library on Friday, September 19. They will be leaving after mass for a tour of the library, learning how to checkout books and getting information on how to get a public library card. Then they will enjoy a paper-bag lunch at the Little League field on Ward Street.

Wanted: VBS "Graduates"!

Students who attended Vacation Bible School are invited to sing in the choir at Our Lady on the River parish's annual picnic. The picnic will be held at Brown's field on Harsens Island (across from the ferry dock) beginning at noon this Sunday, September 14. Please call Debbie DeMunnick c/o the church office if you might be interested!

It's Still Summer and That Means Bugs...

We've noticed a few stinging insects around the playground. A pesticide treatment will be taking place tomorrow after 5:30PM.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here soon. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will be eligible for hearing screenings, while students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will receive vision tests. Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to be screened as scheduled, or if you'd like the technician to check your child even if his grade isn't on the list. Students who wear glasses (or contact lenses) should remember to wear them to their screenings.