



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.

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Give Thanks

May we always give thanks to God for giving us what we need, for keeping from us what we don't need, and for helping us to learn the difference.

Amen

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 volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information.

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;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm

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

Peddlers:

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

An updated vendor list is available.

Melanie Heitz's "SCRIP tip" of the week: Did you know you can pay for your Sam's Club renewal using your Walmart/Sam's SCRIP? When you check out and the clerk asks if you'd like to pay for your renewal today, you can use your SCRIP to pay. ALSO...check the envelope they mailed with your renewal: there was a coupon for a free \$10 gift card, just for renewing.

A Reminder to Our Athletes

Athletes may wear their jerseys over their collared uniform shirts on game days (Thursdays for the football team).

Paperwork

If you haven't already done so, please return all your first-days-forms (signed!)—the forms regarding the Student-Parent Handbook, Internet use, free and reduced cost school lunches (if applicable) and the "e-rate" discount for schools. Each one really is important—thank you.

Don't forget, also, that you can apply for free or reduced lunches at any time during the year—contact Mrs. Steinmetz for paperwork.

Meetings:

PTO--next Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Magazine Sale

The Booster Club's annual magazine drive is up and running! Information went home with all students Monday.

You can earn prizes during the drive! They're all detailed in the letter & flyer in the magazine sale packet. Tomorrow is the first order turn in day—earn candy and a "plush pocket mascot" with any number of orders. Next Tuesday will be the 2nd turn in day, with next Friday (Sep. 25) being the last turn in day of the drive.

Magazines can be ordered or renewed via the paper order forms or online, which makes this the perfect opportunity for family both near and far to help our school. Subscriptions can also be sent as gifts! They can also be initiated or renewed any time during the year (not just during this drive): contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office for more info as your renewals come due.

Lunch Supervisors

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to help keep our students safe at lunch recess!

We could use more volunteers for Wednesday, Thursday, and especially Friday! Consider joining us for Mass and then going to get a coffee and come back for some quality time on the playground! If you are interested in joining this cheerful and intrepid crew, please call the office. Your children thank you!

Prayer Box

A prayer box has been placed next to the statue of the Blessed Mother in the school entryway. This is a place for our students, families, and parishioners to place their intentions and prayers. Each week during the Friday Mass, the prayer box will be taken to the altar during the offertory. Please feel free to join us in praying to our Lord.

Football News

Our first football game, against St. Augustine School, was on Saturday. HC scored 12 points to St. A's 24.

Coach Richie has scheduled an exhibition game for this afternoon at IC: good luck, boys! This Saturday, September 19th, we have a "bye;" our next football game will be on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 am against MCA. Go, Crusaders!

Basketball News

Our girls' first basketball outing was on Monday against McCormick. Both the JV & Varsity games brought Holy Cross victories: the JV game was 21-10, and the V game, 22-12.

They hosted St. Peter's last night. Holy Cross JV's scored 10 points to St. Peter's 6. Our Varsity team lost a nail-biter, with a final score of 15-14.

Next week brings two home games. On Monday, Sept. 21, we host IC, then Trinity on Wednesday, the 23rd.

The worker schedules for those games are:

Sep 21, 2009	JV game	V game
Concession	Schuman	LaFontaine
Concession	Glowski	DeGregory
Admiss.-50/50	Khalifa	Khalifa
50/50/cleanup	Maben	Heitz

Sep 23, 2009	JV game	V game
Concession	Glowski	Shepherd
Concession	Schuh	Schultz
Admiss.-50/50	Khalifa	Khalifa
50/50/cleanup	Sykes	Blicharz

Good luck, girls!

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION AND INTERNET SAFETY

In accordance with the E-rate procedures, Holy Cross is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). It is mandated that this information be addressed during a public meeting. Mrs. Lund will review our policies, which you have signed in your registration paperwork, on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30PM in the cafeteria during the PTO meeting. All are welcome to attend.

School Committee

School committee is an **advisory** body to the pastor and principal regarding the school. School committee meets once a month, typically the first Tuesday, at 6:30PM. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Mrs. Lund.

6th Grade Science Class

Sixth graders planted trees the first day of school in anticipation of upcoming science class lessons, as well as future planting next spring for Earth Day.

MARKETDAY

Attached to this week's newsletter is our October "Market Day" flyer. Orders need to be returned to the school office by Monday, September 28 (internet orders: in by 11pmCST on Tuesday, September 29—marketday.com). Food will be AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE between 2-3pm on Monday, October 5 (prepaid orders can be sent home with your student that day, also).

Thank You!

...to Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Templeton for prepping and storing corn for an 8th grade project!

Mark Your Calendar...

Tuesday, September 29, will be a FULL day of school, but there will be NO PM EAST CHINA BUSES that day.

Calendar Raffle

...winners for September were: Jerry Maxwell of Clay Township, Hunter Electric of Algonac and our own Mr. Knotts! Congratulations to this month's winners!!

Books Are Fun!

Every five or six weeks we are host to a book sale: an assortment of items is on display at the school office. We earn a book for every ten sold, and the items are always of good quality and prices. You are welcome to take a look! Orders and payments must be in the school office by next Thursday morning (Sep. 24), and your order can go home with your student on Friday (or be held at the office, if you prefer). (Make checks payable to "Books Are Fun.")

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held November 19, 20, 23 & 24 this year—just in time for Christmas! We are looking for volunteers to help for 2 or 3 hours each day. The sign up sheet is outside Mrs. Lund's door in the outer office—if you can give a hand, please sign up. Thank you in advance!

'Blue Jeans for Books'

As you may have noticed, on the first day of the week the school staff is often 'out of uniform.' We participate in a program we call "Blue Jeans for Books." Participating staff members pay for the privilege of a casual Monday. At the end of the school year, the money collected is divided by the number of current 8th graders going on to Cardinal Mooney or any other Catholic high school, and sent to the high schools in the form of one-time grants for those students to help offset the cost of their books. We know it isn't a lot, but we want to do what we can to help!

Help Us Help Them

October 2 is Lee National Denim Day. The children will be asked to donate to the Women's Cancer Program sponsored by Lee. For a \$1 (or more) donation students will be able to wear jeans to school on Thursday, October 1. They'll receive stickers that they will be able to wear on Friday with their uniforms. For a \$2 (or more) donation a students will receive buttons that they can proudly wear on Friday. Mrs. Hanna and her students will be collecting the money and distributing the stickers / pins. They hope to have 100% participation!

YES! Expo

Unfortunately, the YES! Expo scheduled for Nov. 5 for 6-8th graders has been cancelled by the event coordinators. Mrs. Wade is looking into a trip to the Science Center some time this fall instead.