



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 26, 2013

A Word from The Word

Fight the good fight of faith and win the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made your noble profession of faith before many witnesses. First Timothy 6:12

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 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...

- Thu., Oct. 3: field trip for grades K-3
- Fri., Oct 4: hot dog lunch
- Wed., Oct 9: picture retakes

Volleyball Tournament

The girls' volleyball tournament will be held at Holy Cross on October 17 & 19. We'll be looking for parents to help Booster Club staff the event—if you can help, please call the school office!

Your 5th-8th graders can participate on our sports teams at no cost to you, thanks to the Boosters. When the Boosters call to ask you to help with this tournament, please remember that, and say yes!

"Special Persons Day"

Special Persons' Day was a big success September 20th. What an honor it is to be an important part of a child's life! The influence of sharing your faith with the students is special. Thanks to all those who attended. Also thanks to the Holy Cross staff planning a very special day for the Crusaders and their guests. A few snapshots from the day:



Showing Grandpa my work.



The first member of the Class of 2026!

Magazine / Cookie Dough Sale

The Booster Club extends its thanks to everyone who supported the recent magazine and cookie dough fundraiser. (The cookie dough will come in mid October; the exact date will be announced soon!) Prizes will arrive in a few weeks.

Did you forget to order? Or have you begun to think about the holidays? Magazines make terrific gifts, and encourage your child's love of reading. We can accept your new or renewal magazine orders year-round: contact the school office for info. (Or you can order online: go to <http://gaschoolstore.com/2709251>.)

The Booster Club makes it possible for Holy Cross students to participate in extracurricular organized sports at no cost, and the annual magazine drive is their major fundraising activity. Thank you for your support of the Booster Club and athletics at Holy Cross!

Thank You!!

...to Mrs. Gretchen Rogus and Mrs. Jennifer Laster for staffing Accelerated Reader for our students!
...to Mr. Kelly Smith (grandpa of Kindergartner Lylah) for replacing the bad faucet in the girls' room!

A Trip to the Orchard!

Our Kindergarten, first, second and third graders will be visiting Blake's Apple Orchard next Thursday (Oct. 3)! We hope the weather is great for their trip, and they learn all about growing apple trees and pumpkins!

Iowa Testing

Students will begin taking the IOWA test this year on Tuesday, October 8th. The IOWA tests are assessments that give us important data on student learning. There is no way to "study" for the IOWA test. However, a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and a positive attitude help ensure success.

School Picture Retakes

Retake day will be Wednesday, October 9.

Hot Dog Lunch

Next Friday, October 4, Chartwell's will NOT be serving lunch. Instead, Mrs. Isrow and Mrs. Templeton will cater a hot dog lunch! For \$2 you'll get a hot dog, mac & cheese, applesauce and a drink (extra hot dogs may be ordered for \$1 each). Order forms are going home today with all school students. Please turn in your order and payment ASAP to make sure we have enough food for you! (As always, if you call your student in sick on the morning of a special lunch, your order will be pulled and your money returned.)

Assignment Books

...are in! See Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.

Auction 2014

The Holy Cross School Dinner/Auction is our biggest one-day fundraising event: last year's Auction cleared almost \$30,000! This year's will be happening February 8, 2014.

The Auction takes a lot of planning—and a lot of awesome items for guests to bid on. Each school family is required to contribute an item; local (and some not-so-local) families and businesses are also solicited for donations.

Last year, the big items in the "live" auction included a used car, a trip to Mackinac Island, a huge (and filled!) "gentleman's bar" hutch, a week's stay at Camp Sancta Maria, a bounce house party, a t-shirt quilt, a wine tasting party and a real African safari!

Many smaller items are needed as well: the "silent" auction needs such things as gift certificates, sports items, gardening tools, jewelry, hand crafted things, and all sorts of household items.

"What should I give?"—well, what would you bid on? If you'd buy it, someone else probably would, too.

Right now could be a great time to pick up your Auction donation--check out those summer clearance sales! (Clothing / shoes are not accepted as auction items—but just about everything else is!) Maybe you'll find items for a beach picnic & play package; perhaps you'll come upon a great deal on patio furniture, yard tools, or pool supplies. Possibly you'll find sports equipment, or a jersey featuring a famous athlete. Maybe there will be a great sale on tools: everybody needs those! With autumn there will be a shift in sports seasons, and hunting equipment will be in the stores: maybe you'll find something there.

The point is: there isn't just one "good" item—in fact, the greater the diversity, the more fun (and the broader the appeal to our guests). So keep your eyes peeled, and—who knows?—maybe YOUR donation will be the one our guests fight over at the Auction next February! (Items are due before Dec. 1.)

The Auction Committee is looking for some leadership in the form of a committee co-chairperson. We have someone willing to be your co-chairperson, and active committee members, but it is imperative that someone "step up" and volunteer to take on this role. Please, if you're interested in learning more about the Auction, contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office (810.765.3591) ASAP.

School Committee

The School Committee at Holy Cross is looking for some new members. Currently there are six seats available on this influential group. Meetings are held once per month. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact the office.

"Count Day"

Wednesday, Oct 2 is "Count Day" across the state of Michigan. It is imperative that students attend school on this day. The state uses this day as a basis for student funding. We would like a strong turnout at Holy Cross on October 2nd!

Athletics

Holy Cross, along with the other schools in the Blue Water League, merged with CYO this season. There will be some changes to accommodate the various seasons throughout the school year. Boys' basketball will begin the first week in November this year and run through the month of December. Girls' basketball will begin in January and run through February. These changes will free up gym time for both seasons.

Parishioners in 5th-8th grades who are interested in playing basketball for Holy Cross are encouraged to contact the school office.

"What Time Is School Over?"

Please be aware that Holy Cross's dismissal time is 2:30 each day of the week. We realize that Cardinal Mooney students have early release days on their schedule and it is convenient for parents to take siblings attending Holy Cross out early on those days; however, it can be disruptive to the learning process. If you find it absolutely necessary to pick up your child early, please notify the office in the morning so your child can be ready at the designated time with as little disruption as possible to his classmates and teacher.

SCRIP credits

...will be calculated after September 30, and will show up on your October statement.

"PowerSchool"

Letters will go home tomorrow (Friday, September 27th) outlining a new student data website. PowerSchool has been adopted at Holy Cross to strengthen the lines of communication between school and home. Please contact the office if you have any problems with PowerSchool.

Students interested in learning about competitive marble playing: please contact the school office!

Our Lady on the River Parish Holy Cross Church



Invites you to the
42nd Annual
Harvest Dinner
Sunday, October 13, 2013

12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
at the Holy Cross Activity Center
610 S. Water Street, Marine City
810-765-3568



Come by and Enjoy
Farmer's Wagon
& Bake Sale



Our Lady on the River PARISH Raffle

Drawing Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Cross Activity Center

1st Prize \$5,000.00
2nd Prize \$3,000.00
3rd Prize \$1,000.00

Tickets \$5.00 Each

Complete
Roast Beef &
Chicken Dinner
(with all the trimmings)

Adults \$9.00
Children 4-10 yrs \$6.00
Children 3 yrs & under Free
Carry Outs Available \$9.00

October

Sun

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Tue
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Wed
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Thu
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Fri
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Sat
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K-3 field trip to
apple orchard

7th & 8th graders
receive visit from
CMC counselor 8am

Hot dog and mac &
cheese lunch

Parish pet blessing
7pm (Holy Cross site)

Football (10:30):
IC @ SM

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Iowa testing period
starts today

School picture re-
take day

Nonperishable food
drive for food pantry

Football (10:30):
St M @ MCA

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Holy Cross "Harvest
Festival" noon-6pm in
Activity Center

Calendar raffle
drawing

Grades 6-7 field trip
to seminary

No East China
/Marine City buses
home (St Clair bus
will still run)

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All Iowa testing com-
pleted by today

Football tournament
begins at 9am

Volleyball tourna-
ment concludes

Volleyball tourna-
ment begins tonight
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Reconciliations after
9am mass

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Nov 1

Nov 2

Open House at
Cardinal Mooney

End of first quarter

Hallowe'en parties in
the afternoon

No East China buses
home today

Mass with CMC
at 9am

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