



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 4, 2008

Welcome Back!

Welcome to a new school year! We pray that our returning families will continue to grow together. We welcome our new school families with open hearts. May God watch over us all and guide others to the partnership offered here at Holy Cross.

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! There are events planned for our area. 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.

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!

We're Almost There!

Thank you to those who have offered to help out with lunch time supervision. We are in need of more people. Can you spare some time? Please contact Mrs. Lund. These are paid positions!

First Day for Preschool:

...is Monday, September 8, for students registered for Monday classes or Tuesday, the 9th, for those students coming to Tuesday classes. Parents are asked to escort their preschoolers to the classroom beginning at 8:25am.

Please contact the school office ASAP if you intend to use our after-preschool daycare.

Also--the state requires that returning preschoolers have a preschool physical done each year: a blank form was sent to you earlier this summer if it appears your preschooler needs a checkup.

LUNCH PRICE INCREASE:

Please note that the cost for Chartwell's school lunch has increased 10¢ to \$1.60, and milk is now 40¢.

Supply Lists and 2008-09 Calendar

...are both available online:

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."

Also Online....

We're working to post forms and practice schedules online, too. 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)

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 **the Maben family** for books donated to the library!

...to **the Downey family** for educational software donated to the computer lab!

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. (Some of these were in the packet your oldest student took home on Tuesday; some will be distributed at tonight's mandatory "back-to-school" meeting.)

Picture Day

Picture Day is next Wednesday, September 10. This will be a "dress up" day. Picture order forms went home with each student yesterday. 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 in the Tues-day/Thursday class may come in at the regular time on the 10th for their photos, or they may have their pictures taken on our "picture retake day"—we'll let you know when that is scheduled.

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.

Homeless Eggs!

Please send any empty egg cartons you may have to school. Mrs. Heitz would greatly appreciate them!

Tuition and Fees...

Families on the monthly payment should have just made their 4th (10%) monthly payment at the end of August (leaving a balance of 60% of the base tuition amount); families who opted for the quarterly plan should have just made their first 25% payment. (If you have any questions about your billing, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office.)

PTO Notes-meeting of August 25, 2008

1. Old business: motion made to pay ½ of bill for new books (= \$5000); seconded and carried.
 2. Start up checks issued to teachers.
 3. New business: discussed PTO fund-raising for 2008-09. Upcoming are Thrift Sale and Holiday Expo. Discussed Little Caesar's kit sale as possible replacement for citrus sale.
 4. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 17 2008, 6pm, cafeteria.
- Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Rogus, Secretary

Notes from Booster Club August 19 2008 meeting

1. Bleacher bill: paid in full.
2. Maritime Days Chicken Dinner: made \$726.25 (and sold out!).
3. Eligibility: Mrs. Lund reported that eligibility standards will remain the same.
4. Game admission: Mrs. Lund will purchase a HC stamp.
5. AD report: St. Peter School has only JV girls' basketball team (not varsity).
6. First aid kits: L. Hopton to assemble for fall sports.
7. Koeze nut sale: S. Sharpe will help new chairperson with sale.
8. Uniforms: will purchase new volleyball uniforms for 2009-2010 year.
9. Sweatshirts: V. Ruemenapp will coordinate orders again this year.
10. Concessions: S. Rivard offered to chair all concession activity this year. To help assure that there is enough help for concession, admission and hall monitor positions, parents who choose not to work their scheduled shifts will forfeit their child's playing in tournaments.
11. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:30 pm at the Riviera Restaurant.

--respectfully submitted,
Kim Chaltron, Secretary

Sports

Both our boys' and girls' fall teams have been practicing and are eager to play their first games. Our first 2008 football game will be this Saturday at noon against St. Augustine School. (All football games will be played at China Twp Park—on Indian Trail between Meisner and Springborn). Our girls have to wait until next Monday for their first contest, which will be at McCormick (playing at St. Ed's in Lakeport). Varsity girls are reminded that St. Peter's School has only a JV girls' team.

Thanks to Mr. Leif Wolf for coaching our JV team, and to Mr. Mike Govier for coaching our Varsity girls. Mr. Ken Hopton returns as our football coach. (Coach Hopton says thank you to Mr. Maben for painting the field for us!)

A reminder that every student-athlete must have a completed sports physical on file at the school office. Please call the school office if you need a blank physical form. Students who plan to participate in any sports this year will need to have physicals done—you can pick up a blank (or drop off the completed) form at (or mail to) the school office.

Best wishes to all our teams for a great season!

Accelerated Reader

Students' first day to select books will be 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!

Directory

The directory will be distributed next week. Parents' and students' names (and grades), addresses and home phones will be included in the directory UNLESS you contact Mrs. Steinmetz tomorrow to have your entry withheld. A copy of the directory will be sent home to every family with a published entry.

If you would like your email address included in the directory, it must be in the office BY TOMORROW MORNING.

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 on Sunday, September 14. Please call any of the "Our Lady on the River" sites if you might be interested.

Food Pantry

Our local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is nearly empty—the bad economy hits the needy especially hard. Tomorrow is our first mass of the school year, and the first Friday of September. Holy Cross School has a long history of generously supporting the St. Vincent de Paul council through its first Friday food pantry donations. On the first Friday of each month throughout the year, students who are able bring non-perishable food donations to restock the pantry.

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