

CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

*The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to partner with its families
in the education of tomorrow's Christian leaders
by fostering academic excellence in a Christian community.*

September 6, 2012

A Word

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Mark 7:37

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 at 810.765.8300 if you need help.

Our Lady on the River Parish will be hosting the workshop in the **Holy Cross Activity Center** on **Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9:00 am until noon**. Coffee and muffins will be served at 8:30 am. To register go online to virtus.org and follow the prompts.

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

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;
Mondays 5-7pm; and
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm.

"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St. Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

"First Day of School" Packet

Your oldest "Crusader" received a packet of important papers on the first day of school. Have you seen it? Please be sure you've signed and sent back everything as needed. Thanks!

Service Credits

A reminder that families not signed up for their service credits before the 15th will be assigned to Plan A. Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) if you need help.

Girls' Basketball:

The girls' first game is Monday at Trinity in Port Huron. Wednesday, the 12th, they travel to IC. Go, lady Crusaders!

Football

A few of our older boys are playing football this season with the St. Mary St. Clair team. Bravo to seventh graders **Joe Goldenbogen** and **Calvin LaBelle** and sixth graders **Calvin Barr** and **Joseph Cullen**

Athletes: your completed physical form needs to be in the school office before you begin practicing and playing. The first football game of the season is this Saturday, September 8th at 9:00am, China Township Park on Indian Trail.

Looking ahead to Winter Sports

As the girls' basketball season begins, we're thinking ahead to the boys' basketball and cheerleading season. We are looking for coaches for our boys' teams as well as the cheerleading squad(s)—please contact Mrs. Pavlov if you're interested (or know of someone who might be).

Welcome, Preschoolers!

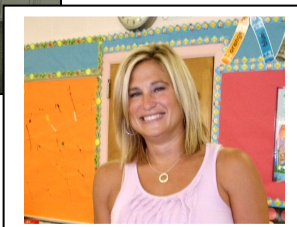
This week saw the first day of school for our preschoolers! We know you're going to have a great year full of learning.

We are delighted to introduce preschool teacher Mrs. Cindy Jondron! Mrs. Jondron is returning to Holy Cross after a number of years away. She will be assisted by classroom aide Mrs. Jill Walker (mom of preschooler Allison). We are glad to have these two at the helm in our preschool.



Mrs. Jondron

Mrs. Walker



Free & Reduced Cost Lunches

New and returning families: please return your free/reduced cost lunch application ASAP for determination of eligibility. (Please note that you can apply at any time during the school year.)

...and Other Lunch Information

Chartwell's is NO LONGER serving pizza every day. Instead, the alternate to the day's featured entrée is listed across the bottom of the menu: on Mondays, the alternate is hot dogs; on Tuesdays, French bread pizza; and so on.

SPECIAL CLASSES:

On Mondays, grades 1&2 have PE and grades 6-8, computers.

On Tuesdays, grades 1-5 have media and grades 3-8 have music.

Wednesdays: grades 1-8 have Spanish.

Thursdays: grades 3-8 have PE and grades 6-8 have computers.

On Fridays grades 1-8 have art and grades 1-2 have music.

"Special Persons' Day"

Next Friday, September 14, we are celebrating Special Persons' Day. Each student may invite a Special Person to join him/her at mass, then in a visit to the classroom. Special guests will meet their child outside of the church by the cafeteria at 8:45am, celebrate mass then return to the classroom for light refreshment and a project. Special person day will end at 10:30 so that students may begin to prepare for lunch. Please let your child's teacher know who his/her special person will be by Monday, September 10.

Assignment Books

....are required for 3rd-8th graders: \$4 at the school office. Please check your child's assignment book EVERY NIGHT—it's a great habit for your student to develop to help him keep track of his "duties."

Thank You!

...to these moms and dads who have all volunteered to help with lunch supervision! **Mrs. Marisol Zammit, Mrs. Julie Wolf, Mrs. Janine Winne, Mrs. Teresa Templeton, Ms. Holly Govier, Mrs. Amy Kistuline, Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Debbie Mona, Mrs. Lisa Ford, Mrs. Judy Krutsch, Ms. Jessica Smith, Mrs. Jennifer Laster, Mrs. Gretchen Rogus, Mr. Patrick Cullen, Mrs. Suzy DeVeney and Mrs. Colleen Kowalewski!** Thank you all for keeping our kids safe at recess!!

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

(That sounds like YOU!!) We are in need of just a few more volunteer lunch and playground supervisors, **especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** 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. Please contact Mrs. Pavlov if you can help.

Needed: YOU!

We are looking for persons interested in helping to serve on the **Auction Planning Committee.** If you are new to the school, getting involved with PTO, Accelerated Reader, lunch supervision, or Auction committee is an easy way to get to know people in the community. We have some dynamic, experienced people for you to work with: please contact Mrs. Pavlov or Mrs. Steinmetz and they will pass along your name to the right person.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The first School Committee meeting for the 2012-13 year will be held, Tuesday, September 11th, 6:30 in the faculty room of the school. The School committee is a committee of the parish Education Commission whose purpose is to promote the school and serve as advisors to the administration. These meetings are open to you.

Auction 2013

...will be held **February 9, 2013.** The Auction is always a lot of fun—mark your calendar now so the day doesn't get away from you!

Every school family is required to donate an item of at least \$80 value to the auction, and your donations are due before December 1. You may drop your gift off at the school office any time.

PTO

"The Holy Cross PTO is an organization which joins parents and teachers in the common goal of creating the best possible learning atmosphere for the children. By hosting educational assemblies for the students and fun-filled family events, we enhance the strong educational foundation that is already being established in the classroom. Working together on the various fundraisers and events allows parents and teachers to build relationships that often last beyond the elementary years.

"We will be holding our first meeting of the 2012-13 school year on **Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6pm in the teachers' room.** Although there are candidates for all of the officers' positions, we are still looking for your input and support. We need people to share ideas and help plan events—we need YOU! Please join us if you are able, or contact me at 810.388.7148 for more info." --Gary Barr, PTO President

Picture Day

Picture Day is **next Wednesday, September 12.** This will be a "dress up" day. We expect the order forms to come by tomorrow: they will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive. 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 have their pictures taken that day.

Please note that yearbooks will NOT be included with picture packages this year; we'll take separate orders for yearbooks in the spring.

WHAT WE DID TODAY AT SCHOOL:



Grades K-2: story time in the library.

MAKING TIME COUNT

Have Your Child Finish a Story

How many times has your child said, "Read me a story"? Now it's your turn to say this. Next time your child asks for a story, begin one, but let him finish it. This will build his verbal and creative skills.

Source: Dorothy Rich, *MegaSkills: How Families Can Help Children Succeed in School and Beyond*, 1988, Houghton Mifflin Company.

BUILDING SOCIAL SKILLS

Give Your Toddler Conflict Tips

It's no fun for your toddler when a playmate grabs a toy from her. But it's bound to happen, and it's an experience she can learn from.

When a toy is taken, teach your child that instead of screaming or hitting, she can say "no" or "mine." Give her short instructions, and then show her what you mean. Also encourage both children to share.

Source: Sally Provence, M.D., "Helping Young Children Channel Their Aggressive Energies," Zero to Three, <http://zerotothree.org/parent.html> (7/00).



DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Prepare for School With Age-Four Activities

What children learn between ages four and five often determines whether they are ready for school. Give your four-year-old a chance to do these activities:

- **Cut**, color and work on puzzles.
- **Play** outside.
- **Perform** simple science and math activities.
- **Make up** stories and act them out.
- **Listen** to different kinds of books, including poetry.
- **Daydream** and pretend.

Source: Nancy Pauli, "Helping Your Child Get Ready for School—4 to 5 Years," U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov (7/00).