



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 20, 2012

A Word

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Mark 9:35

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.

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)

ENGRADE

Parents with children in grades 3-8 can check their child's on-going progress and send messages to their child's teacher by way of Engrade beginning Tuesday, September 25th unless notified otherwise by your child's teacher. Teachers will have grades up to date and posted on Engrade by the Tuesday of each week. To log on go to **www.engage.com**.

Congratulations!!

...to sixth grader **Thomi** on the birth of her first niece last week! Baby Rhiannon Christie entered the world in at 10:45pm last Thursday, Sep. 13—mom and baby are fine.

Girls' Basketball:

The girls hosted St. Mary McCormick Monday evening. The girls played their hearts out but couldn't hold off MCA, who won the game 23-14. Last night, they visited St. Mary St. Clair. Our girls scored 18 points to St. Mary's 28. We applaud our little team—especially its younger members—for their spunk and determination!

Next Monday we travel to St. Peter's and on Wednesday we host Trinity.

Since we have only one game when we host (instead of a JV and a V game with an "intermission" between), concessions at home games are being handled this season by Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Steinmetz (team parents: if you can help with admissions, please contact one of them when you arrive for a game). However, as Holy Cross is hosting the Varsity tournament at the end of October (the 25th-27th), **all team members' families will be expected to help.** We'll have a signup sheet available at future home games as soon as we have a schedule of tournament game times.

Football

We are happy to say that the football team won last Saturday's game against IC. We are proud of Calvin, Calvin & Joe who are playing this year.

Winter Sports

We are still looking for coaches for the boys' basketball and the cheerleading teams for this winter. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Pavlov or Mrs. Steinmetz know of your availability.

School Uniform News

Thank you, parents, for having your child dressed appropriately for school. It shows support and respect when your child is dressed correctly. The teachers met and agreed that khaki skirts will now be included as part of the uniform. Those of you who purchased khaki skirts may now wear them to school.

Pizza Lunch

Chartwell's won't be serving lunch tomorrow: instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pizza. Lunch will cost \$2 and will consist of a large slice (1/8 of a large) of pepperoni pizza, with a drink and fruit. (You may order an extra slice for \$1.) Be sure your order is in the office tomorrow morning so we know to have enough pizza for you!

As always, if you call your child in sick that day, your order will be pulled and your money returned.

Mark Your Calendar:

Just a reminder that there will be no East China buses home next Tuesday, September 25.

HONORING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 6:00pm Mass, our parish will honor the first responders in our community. You and your family are strongly encouraged to attend this Mass and join in thanking these generous people for their service to us. There will be a reception afterwards where you can meet and thank them in person.

Booster Club Magazine Sale

...will kick off tomorrow! All students will receive sale packets. Please keep the sale in mind all year as you renew your magazine subscriptions or plan to place new orders: we can accept magazine orders all year long! (Contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office.)

The magazine sale packet will explain the prizes offered during the two weeks of the sale. The final date to turn in orders for prizes will be Friday, October 5.

The magazine sale is one of the Booster Club's few fundraisers, and helps fund our sports program. All 5th-8th graders benefit by being able to participate in a variety of sports, all at no cost to their families. When you think of ordering magazines, think of Holy Cross!

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 item(s) off at the school office any time.

Ideas for good items?—vacation accommodations are always a big hit: if you have a cottage or other vacation home, a week's stay will be a major donation. (Last year we were lucky enough to get an African safari!!) Tickets to sporting events and sports memorabilia tend to sell well (perhaps a pair from your season tickets? In your company's box??). Gift cards rarely go for less full value (and often go for more!)—think SCRIP! Do you enjoy woodworking or other craft-type handiwork?—perhaps a pair of deck chairs or a quilt might be something you could give. Services are appreciated, too: we've had attorneys donate will/trust packages, hair stylists donate cuts/styles/perms, and an expert seamstress once donated a quilt made from the winner's favorite t-shirts. Maybe you're in the home-care or automotive business: perhaps a gift certificate for a full spring house cleaning, or car tune up, is more up your alley. Watch clearance sales! Ask relatives and friends with businesses if they'd like to spend a bit of their advertising budget showcasing their wares in front of Holy Cross auction attendees! Think: would I bid on this? If the answer is yes—then someone else probably would, too!

"Count Day"

You've probably heard of "count day" in the news—it's the day the state "counts" students in schools for state aid qualification. As we receive some services from East China School District, it helps them if we're all here on "count" days. Wednesday, October 3 will be this fall's "count day"—it's especially important to be at school that day. If you can, please try to avoid making appointments for "count day," Oct. 3.

PE Dress:

A reminder to fifth graders (and younger students) that they need only gym shoes (and not an entire change of clothes) for PE.

This Newsletter Can Be Emailed to Your Inbox...

Tired of digging through your child's backpack Friday night to find his crumpled paper newsletter? Would you prefer a paperless copy—hot off the digital "presses"—every Thursday morning? (Think green!) Let Mrs. Steinmetz in the office know—give her your email address and she'll take care of the rest.

NEW SIGN

Have you noticed the beautiful new sign in front of Holy Cross? This sign is the realization of the efforts of Randy Bryer, Phillips Sign and Lighting and Maple Landscaping with the vision of Fr. Bob. The foundation was donated by Maple Landscaping, The sign was donated by Phillips Sign and Lighting and the electrical work was donated by Hunter Electric, Randy Bryer. Thank you to these three awesome businesses for the fabulous gift to our Holy Cross Catholic School. Know that as school benefactors, you will be prayed for every day of school.

Being lowered into place:



Thank you,
Hunter Elect.,
Maple Land-
scaping and
Phillips Signs!



Fifth Grade Science: Dissections

Our fifth graders learned about worms this week—from the inside out:



Spreading
the incision
to look inside
their worm.

Books for Little Ones

The Great Start Collaborative is proud to announce that with the help of St. Clair County RESA and United Way of St. Clair County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available to every child in St. Clair County who is between 0-5 years old.

What is Imagination Library?

Imagination Library was started in 1996 by Dolly Parton. The program provides registered children a new book each month from the month of birth until their fifth birthday.

Who is eligible?

Every 0-5 year old child living in St. Clair County is eligible to register for Imagination Library.

How does the program work?

Once your child is enrolled, he or she will receive one book per month until his/her fifth birthday. Each child will receive the first book in the mail approximately 8-10 weeks after enrollment. The books children receive are specifically chosen by a panel of early childhood specialists and are determined by the Imagination Library Program.

What are my responsibilities as a Parent?

- Child resides in St. Clair County
- Fill out the [registration form](#) or call (810)455-4015.
- If you move, fill out the [change of address form](#).
- **READ WITH YOUR CHILD!**

How do I register my child?

If you live in St. Clair County and have a child between the ages of 0 and 5 years old you can fill out a [registration form](#) or call (810)455-4015.

- How can I make a donation?
The Imagination Library in St. Clair County is funded through St. Clair County RESA, United Way of St. Clair County, and other local donors. The program costs approximately \$25 per child per year. That is just over \$2 a book

Email Imagination Library

ImaginationLibrary@sccresa.org

"Fifth Disease"

One of our students was recently diagnosed with "fifth disease." A very mild skin disorder, fifth disease begins about 1 week after exposure with a low-grade fever that lasts 5-7 days. No additional symptoms after recovery in another week, possibly followed by a rash on the trunk, arms and legs that resembles a slapped cheek. Watch your child(ren) for symptoms.

"Special Persons' Day"

A photo essay of last Friday's special day:



Please join us as
*Cardinal Mooney Catholic
Reaches for the Stars*

at this year's
Annual CMC High School Scholarship Dinner

*Saturday, October 13, 2012
Father Welch Hall
St. Peter Parish, Mt. Clemens, MI*

*Hors d'oeuvres & Open Bar at 5 o'clock pm
Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock pm
Prizes & Raffle drawings will be held
throughout the evening.
Tickets are \$40.00 per person*

*All proceeds will benefit the
Cardinal Mooney Scholarship Program*

Please R.S.V.P. By September 26, 2012 810-765-8825

PTO Update

The PTO met for the first time this year last Thursday, and we are pleased to announce a full slate of officers for the 2012-2013 school year: President-Gary Barr, Vice President-Jennifer Vandenbossche, Secretary-Rachel Ward, and Treasurer-Teresa Templeton. We had a very productive meeting and we have many events we want to sponsor this year. Among them are:

- 1) Harvest Dinner October 14th--Information Booth and Bounce House. Lisa Schulte has already volunteered to run this.
- 2) "Trunk or Treat" October 26th, 5:30-7:00 PM--Many volunteers are needed to make this community event fun and memorable for the kids.
- 3) Achatz Pie Sale--Kickoff date is Thursday October 11th with delivery in time for Thanksgiving on Monday November 19th. This is one of our best fundraisers, and a chairperson is still needed.
- 4) Candy Cane Shop, early December--6-8 volunteers are needed to help the kids shop for and wrap the gifts they purchase for those special people in their lives.
- 5) Marine City Lighted Santa Parade December 7th-- A chairperson and volunteers are needed to help promote our presence in the community by being part of this fun-filled annual holiday event.
- 6) Children's Christmas Program "Afterglow" December 11th-- Volunteers are needed to serve light refreshments and clean-up afterwards.
- 7) "Me and My Gal" Bowling January 19th-- A coordinator is needed for an afternoon of bowling and pizza for the young men in our parish and that special gal in their lives.
- 8) "My Guy And I" Dance February 10th-- A coordinator is needed to plan this event for the young ladies in our parish and their special guy.
- 9) Science Olympiad "Fun Night"-- A coordinator and volunteers are needed for this event which will be held in early April. We actually have a book filled with ideas and step-by-step instructions on how to run a "Fun Night", so don't worry if you're not a scientist!
- 10) 2nd Annual Cardboard Car Show and Drive-In Movie--This was a fun-filled night last year and we'd like to do it again in May. Once again, a coordinator and volunteers are needed.

If you can help with any of these events, please contact me ASAP so we can start to make these plans a reality. If you are unable to help with any of these but you still want to contribute, consider helping us with volunteer recruitment by making contact with the other parents. Or just come to our next monthly meeting which will be held on Wednesday October 10th at 7:45 AM on the front porch of the Fine Arts Building.

Gary Barr
PTO President