



# 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 27, 2012**

## *A Word*

*For whoever is not against us is for us.  
Anyone who gives you a cup of water to  
drink because you belong to Christ,  
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose  
his reward. Mark 9:40-41*

### **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)

## **Winter Sports**

**We are still looking for coaches for the boys' basketball and the cheerleading teams for this winter: if we don't have coaches, we won't be able to have teams! If you are interested, please let Mrs. Pavlov or Mrs. Steinmetz know of your availability.**

## **Football**

Our boys will be playing this Saturday at the China Township field against St. Augustine with game time at 10:30. Congratulations as they won last Saturday's match against MCA.

## **Girls' Basketball:**

The girls went to St. Peter's on Monday, and on Wednesday we hosted Trinity. We were happy to bring home our first victory (27-11) Monday night! [Last night's 19-16 win (hooray!!) over Trinity is "off the record" as Trinity has only a JV team.] We're proud of our girls!

Since we have only one game when we host (instead of both JV and V games 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 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>), **all team members' families will be expected to help.** A signup sheet will be available at home games—please offer your help. **As we won't be hosting the boys' tournaments, families whose boys are expecting to play ball are encouraged to help** as the revenue brought in by the tournament will help ALL Holy Cross athletes.

## **Iowa Testing**

...begins next Monday and will be completed by Oct. 12. Students will NOT be taking the tests every day within that period: their teachers will time the parts of the tests so that they interfere as little as possible with students' typical school schedule, and will usually not take more than one test in any one day.

Iowa tests are nationally-normed standardized tests based on the Common Core 21<sup>st</sup> Century Standards. Our school's results will be used to identify strengths and weaknesses in both our curriculum and individual students' skills, which will help us hone our instruction to the children's needs. This test-taking also provides good practice for tests such as the SAT and ACT when students are in high school.

Your child's best test preparation is a good night's sleep and proper nutrition.

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

Just a reminder that there will be no East China buses home on Monday and Tuesday, October 15&16, or on Wednesday, October 31.

## **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 next Friday, October 5: instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pizza again. 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.) Order slips went home with all students today.

(In the future, we hope to be able to offer different "special" lunches—like hot dogs or nachos—on days when Chartwell's isn't here. To do that, we'll need help from a few parents. Please contact Mrs. Steinmetz if you might be interested in helping!)

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

## **School Pictures**

If you ordered them, your child took his school pictures home last week. (We thought they were fantastic! But--!) If you're not pleased with yours and want to try again, save the WHOLE package and you can turn it in for second chance on retake day. Retake day hasn't been scheduled yet: watch the newsletter for the new date!

## **Congratulations!!**

...to the **Yadon family** on the birth, yesterday, of little sister Kiera Grace. She weighed just over 9 pounds and was born at 3:13pm.

## HONORING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

This Saturday, **September 29, 2012**, Our Lady on the River parish will honor the first responders in our community at its **6pm mass**. **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

All students received sale packets last week. Magazines make great gifts, and fun mail in their own name encourages children to read. 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.)

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

Congratulations to second grader **Matthew Zammit**, who won \$35 in the "postcard book" drawing this week!

Tomorrow is "double points" prize credit day: all orders turned in by tomorrow will count double towards prizes. (For example, if you turn in 5 orders, they will count as 10 on the prize chart.) Next Tuesday, Oct. 2, is "cash box" day: you'll earn 1 draw from the cash box for every 4 orders turned in that day.

The magazine sale is one of the Booster Club's few fundraisers, and helps fund our sports program. All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Thank You!

...to **Mr. Oberski** for award items he donated to us!

## Needed:

....clothes hangers with clips (plastic ones are great!): to hang up pants and skirts in our "free uniforms" room. Please send any you can spare to the school office. Thank you!

## 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!) Send Mrs. Steinmetz your email address ([school@holycrossonline.net](mailto:school@holycrossonline.net)) and she'll take care of the rest.

## "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. Next 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.

## First Grade Science Class

"The first graders have been studying plants. This month we've been scientists. We each dissected a sunflower plant and identified each part. We used the scientific method to observe, investigate, ask questions, make predictions, and record results about the sunflower plants. Then we saved the seeds to be planted in the spring of 2013!"



## SPORTS MASS

The joint Holy Cross & Cardinal Mooney sports Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Mass. We hope that our Fall as well as our Winter athletes will be present for this Mass.

## Thank You to the Marine City Rotary Club!

Our third graders enjoyed a visit from members of Marine City's Rotary Club this week. The Rotarians brought a new dictionary for each of them. Here is a picture of them "elevating the written word."



## "Learning to Live with Loss and Change"

St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Clair is sponsoring this educational program on Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 6:30-8pm in its community center (811 Orchard Street, St. Clair). Call for more info: 810.329.2255.

## Blessing of Pets

...is scheduled for next Friday, October 5, right after school. Parents are invited to bring pets (or a representation of the pet, such as a photo or stuffed animal) to meet their children in front of school at 2:30 on Oct. 5 for the blessing.

## Making a Colony

Our eighth graders have been learning about the establishment of the early colonies in United States history class. They wrote and acted in skits about the early colonies this week...



(Who knows: it mightve been just like this!!)

# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i> <b>1</b>	<i>Tue</i> <b>2</b>	<i>Wed</i> <b>3</b>	<i>Thu</i> <b>4</b>	<i>Fri</i> <b>5</b>	<i>Sat</i> <b>6</b>
Basketball games begin at 6:30pm:	Iowa testing begins today	IC @ HC	No study hall HC @ SMMCA		Pizza lunch No study hall Pet blessing (2:30)	(no basketball game)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Calendar raffle drawing (no basketball game)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> No study hall HC @ StA (play at Holy Family in Memphis)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Nonperishable food drive End of Iowa testing	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> HC harvest dinner 12:30-6pm	<b>15</b> No East China buses home St M @ HC	<b>16</b> No East China buses home	<b>17</b> No study hall St A @ HC	<b>18</b> School Committee meets 6:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> No study hall St P @ HC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> No study hall	<b>25</b> V basketball tourn- ament begins here at Holy Cross tonight	<b>26</b> V basketball tournament continues	<b>27</b> V basketball tournament concludes
<b>28</b> CMC open house 1-3pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> No East China buses home No study hall Happy Hallowe'en!	<b>Nov 1</b> CMC and HC attend mass together	<b>Nov 2</b> End of first quarter (No mass today)	

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