



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 11, 2014

A Word from The Word

"It is not those who say, 'Lord, Lord!' who will enter the reign of God, but those who do God's will."--Matthew 7:21

Please Keep in Your Prayers

...the people who lost their lives or their loved ones thirteen years ago today at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon or in Pennsylvania.

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. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help registering.)

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)

SCRIP credits will be calculated after September 30. If you're not a habitual SCRIP user, you can start now and show some profit in just a couple weeks! (Your SCRIP credit will appear on your October statement.)

Doing Our Part

You should have received your tuition statement earlier this week. All tuition should be 50% paid by the end of September. School families: please check your "service credit record" as well to be sure we've recorded all your worked credits.

Lunch Supervisors

Thanks to all who have responded to the call! We have a great crew of lunch aides for this school year—but could still use help on Wednesdays and on Fridays, or an "emergency" person who might be able to help in case of an illness. It's a good opportunity to meet your child's friends! Please contact Stacy Goulette c/o school (810.765.3591) if you're interested in helping.

Thank You!!

...to the moms (and grandmas and uncles!) who are providing lunchtime supervision: **Mrs. Stacy Goulette, Mrs. Dawn Davey, Mrs. Angela Jacobs, Ms. Kecia Rowland, Mrs. Veronica Ingles, Mrs. Julie Isrow, Mrs. Gretchen Rogus, Mrs. Jennifer Laster, Mrs. Dolores Chadra, Mr. Brian Chadra, Mrs. Laura Bailey, Mrs. Betsy Davenport, Mrs. Janine Winne, Ms. Jessica Smith, Mrs. Anna Scott and Mrs. Amanda Lomasney.**

Welcome Senora Bier!

We welcome Mrs. McNamee's mom, Mrs. Bier, as our Spanish teacher this year! Mrs. Bier retired last year after teaching in Port Huron schools. We're glad she's joining us, and that we are able to continue to offer Spanish instruction to our students!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Tonight: Th. Sep 11: "Curriculum Night" open house: 6-7pm
- Tomorrow: food drive for parish food pantry
- Fri. Sep. 19: "Special Persons" day
- Fri. Sep. 19: No Chartwell's lunch: pizza instead
- Tu. Sep. 23: no East China buses home

"Preschool Friends"

Families of preschoolers (especially those with Holy Cross School siblings): we are offering an extra hour of preschool ("Preschool Friends") from 7:30-8:30am. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

"Curriculum Night" TONIGHT

Our first "Curriculum Night" will be held tonight! Our lower elementary (prek-4) families will come from **6:00-6:30**. Our upper elementary families will attend from **6:30-7:00**. This is variation from a typical "Open House" we have done in the past. I hope this provides clarity as to what to expect tonight:

Parents are asked to attend without their students (if possible). This is an informational meeting with the classroom teacher and children might create a distraction.

Sessions will begin promptly at the designated times.

Teachers will cover classroom rules, policies, procedures and daily schedules. They will also present an overview of the curriculum they will be covering in class.

Please keep in mind that this is not a conference time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment. This will provide the time and environment necessary for discussion,

I think this will prove to be a very productive time for our parents—I look forward to meeting you all there!

Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, Sep. 19, Chartwell's won't be serving lunch. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pizza. For \$2.25 you'll get a large slice (1/8 of a large pie) of pepperoni pizza with fruit, salad and a drink; extra slices of pizza may be ordered for \$1 each. Order slips are going home with all K-8 students today; please get yours in ASAP so we order enough pizza for you. (As always, if you have to call your student in sick on the day of a special lunch, his/her order will be pulled and your money returned.

On the 19th, the eighth graders will be selling cookies, brownies and other goodies to start raising money for their class trip next spring. Bring a few quarters, if you can, and help the eighth graders on their way!

Special Persons Day— Next Friday, September 19

Students have been working on invitations to their “special persons”. Plans are for their guests to meet them outside the cafeteria at 8:50 on the morning of the 19th so they can go to mass together. After, the students will escort their guests to their classrooms to share some time, refreshments and an activity. The morning will end at 10:30 am.

Emailed Newsletters

Are you concerned about the amount of paper waste in the world? Would you prefer receiving your weekly newsletters in your email inbox, rather than on paper? Send Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net) your email address and she'll be happy to make that happen!

Auction 2015

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2 at 6:30pm. All interested persons are invited!

Girls' Basketball

The girls' first game on the schedule says we play St. A; however, they have only a JV team, so there will be NO game on the 15th. On Wednesday, the 17th, our girls travel to Trinity in Port Huron. Their first home game will be the next week. However, the home game on the schedule for Monday, Sep. 22 has been rescheduled so as not to conflict with the parish's “Mission” program: the game will be held on Thursday, the 25th, instead.

Thank you to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette** for volunteering to coordinate our home game concessions and admissions again! All basketball team member parents are required to help with home game duties--please contact Mrs. Goulette to schedule your turn.

East China Bus Riders:

The Transportation Department tells us that all East China bus riders will leave Holy Cross on the same bus this year. Students who used to be picked up at Holy Cross and go directly to St. Clair will now transfer to the St Clair bus (#11E) at Marine City High/Middle School. (Please contact Transportation at 810.676.1100 for more information or clarification of routes and times.)

We will have NO afternoon East China buses on Tuesday, Sep. 23.

Magazine Drive

The Booster Club's annual magazine drive runs through next Friday. Concurrent with the magazine sale is a cookie dough sale (ordering information is in the student information envelope as well). If you like to give the gift of reading at Christmas (or any other time), we hope you'll consider finding some of your gifts here! You can order online at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com/landing.aspx?SID=2709251> or on the paper forms in the sale packet. (Cookie dough must be ordered on a paper form only, and by next Friday, the 19th.)

Students can earn prizes based on their magazine orders: students who turn in at least 4 orders tomorrow, Sep. 12, will be able to participate in a cash draw (one draw for every 4 orders)—with prizes of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20 per draw. The next Friday (Sep. 19) is the final turn-in day to qualify for the other prizes listed in the order packet. (Cookie dough will arrive in early October: watch this space for the exact date and time.)

This is the Boosters' only fundraiser for this school year, and all proceeds will go to keep organized sports free for Holy Cross athletes for another year. Remember Holy Cross when you think about ordering magazines!

Indoor Recess Days

Just a reminder to students to wear gym shoes during indoor recess time. If students could leave a pair of gym shoes in school for this purpose I believe it would cut down on injuries during lunch. I sincerely hope that this does not pose an inconvenience to your family. As usual, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns: email principal@holycrossonline.net or phone 810.765.3591.

Algonac Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Algonac Knights of Columbus have just created a scholarship program for Holy Cross School families; it will help two students with their tuition. Applications are available on the school website and in the school office and are due **by October 1**.

School Pictures

If you had photos taken last week and wish to order, you can still do so, online, by going to: shop.hrimaging.com.

We will have a retake day scheduled in October: watch the newsletter for that date.

Service Credits for 2014-15

The service credit book is in the school office—school families are reminded to sign up for their 2014-15 credits. (If you haven't signed up for your credits by September 15, we'll assume you've chosen to pay for your credits instead, and your October statement will reflect the new billing.)

Hallowe'en?!

The PTO is already looking ahead to next month's celebrations! They plan to use milk jugs to decorate, and they ask you to save yours. Please send clean jugs to the school office—thank you!

Notes from PTO meeting Sep. 9, 2014

1. Mr. Hayes reported first day enrollment is up approximately 10% from last year, and introduced the two new staff members: teacher Mrs. McNichol and PK aide Anna Goldenbogen.
2. Mr. Hayes also reported that 3 classrooms will get Smart boards from Holy Cross's “School Outreach” grant from the Archdiocese.
3. The playground will be improved with up-to-code swing sets and playground games painted on the pavement.
4. PTO will sponsor the Achatz pie sale in November, Koeze nut sale in December, Vandenbossche Farms flower sale and Little Caesar's pizza sale in the spring.
5. PTO will sponsor the following events this year: Trunk or Treat at Hallowe'en, the Holy Cross entry into the Marine City Christmas parade in December, a “Science Guy” presentation (possibly in the winter), and guests / speakers for March is Reading Month.
6. Maritime Days involvement: the school will continue to coordinate the Maritime Days River Run.
7. Monthly PTO meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, alternating between evening and daytime meetings.
8. Next meeting: Oct. 14, 2014 at 11:30am in the teachers' room.
--submitted by Stacy Goulette,
PTO secretary

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for September are Shirley Steinmetz, David Schwehofer and Constance Molitor, all of Marine City. Congratulations, and thank you all for your support.

**On Transferring
Archdiocesan Grants:**

Is your family new to Holy Cross this year? Did you apply to the Archdiocese for their grant this past spring and subsequently received a letter from them awarding you the grant at another school? Please bring in a copy of your

award letter: the award is transferable to Holy Cross. (We would, however, need a copy of your award letter by tomorrow to get the grant transferred.)

Wasps!

This week, the SCRIP office area found itself the unwelcome gathering spot for a cloud of wasps. Our maintenance department sprayed the area last night after everyone was gone. We hope there will be no more stinging visitors!



Mom to Mom



Vendors Welcome Limited Space

Saturday, September 27th, 2014

8:30 AM until 2:00 PM

Location: Holy Cross Catholic School
618 South Water Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Information or Registration

Contact: Lisa Schulte 586-615-9269 or email theocracyII@hotmail.com

