



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.

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A Word from The Word

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.'"
--Matthew 22:37-38

Protecting God's Children Workshops

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)

Due to staffing changes and office reorganization, beginning in November there will be no more Thursday SCRIP office hours. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Tomorrow, Oct. 24: "Trunk or Treat" from 6-8pm in the gym
- Tue. Oct. 28: vision & hearing screenings
- Wed. Oct. 29: end of first quarter!; cookie dough arrives
- Th. Oct. 30: mass with Cardinal Mooney (dress for church today)
- Fri. Oct. 31: Hallowe'en; no mass today; dress down in orange and black; no East China buses home
- Nov 2: Daylight Savings Time change
- Tue. Nov. 4: no East China buses
- Wed. Nov. 5: report cards go home
- Friday, Nov. 7: nacho lunch

End of the First Quarter

...is next Wednesday, Oct. 29! Report cards will go home with students the next week, on November 5.

"Doing Our Part"

In order to receive report cards, families' tuition accounts must be in good standing: "...at the end of the quarter when report cards are issued, one quarter or more of the full tuition debt should be paid. The consequences of delinquency in tuition and/or service credit accounts include the withholding of report cards..." (School Handbook, page 31)

Please don't put us in the position of having to enforce that policy: be sure your tuition and service credit accounts are in order.

Girls' Basketball

Our girls were paired against St Mary St Clair for their first game of the tournament last Thursday. Their last match was on Saturday morning. It was a good, learning season: we're proud of each of you, girls!

"Junior First Lego League"

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

--Benjamin Franklin

Junior First Lego League (JFLL) is focused on building an interest in science and engineering in children ages 6-9. Junior FIRST LEGO® League (JFLL) is a hands-on program designed to capture young children's curiosity and direct it toward discovering how science and technology impact the world around them. This program features a real-world challenge, to be explored through research, critical thinking and imagination.

Holy Cross is interested in offering a JFLL program to its students. We would need two adults to coach our team. A team is limited to six students. If you are interested in helping out or having your son or daughter participate in Junior Lego League please contact the office this week.

Cookie Dough Delivery

...is scheduled for next **Wednesday, Oct. 29**; your order will go home with your child after school. (We could use a little help sorting orders beginning about noon: are you available? Please call the school office—thanks!)

Trunk or Treat!!

...is tomorrow evening, **6-8pm**, in the Activity Center.

This year we'll have a "Decorated Pumpkin" contest—any student who wants to enter is welcome! Carve, paint, decorate your pumpkin any way you want at home, and bring it with you for the contest. The people who come to "Trunk or Treat" will be able to "vote" for their favorite pumpkin with their coins. All money raised will be donated to the parish's WeekEND Hunger Backpack program.

This year's "Trunk or Treat" is free and open to all! Doors will open at 4pm to decorate; the event will run from 6-8pm in the activity center tomorrow. Anyone who would like to decorate a table: please contact Laura at lauradookie@yahoo.com.

Hallowe'rish Doings!

Hallowe'en is a school day this year: just a week away! Students may bring their costumes to change into after lunch (please note: no make up or "blood," no masks, no hair color, no weapons). Students in grades K-4 will be parading in costume around the HC-CMC campuses after noon. Classroom parties will take place during the last part of the day. Your child's teacher will let you know more details about her classroom's celebration plans.

PTO Koeze Products

Attached to your newsletter today is a Koeze catalog. The PTO is sponsoring Holy Cross's annual Koeze sale this year. Koeze is a Michigan company and their products are elegant and delicious: marvelous for holiday gift giving for family, friends and/or business contacts. Orders are due before conferences on Nov. 25.

Notes from Oct. 14 2014 PTO Meeting

1. Principal's report: enrollment 66 in school, 15 in preschool; possible speaker in the spring: Dr. Ray Guarendi; SMARTboard installation pending receipt of SOF funds from Archdiocese; quotes for playground initiative are \$850 for sanding and painting of swings, \$2500 for mulch / edging; Oct. 31 dress down day, with "trick or treating" at CMC and rectory; Algonac KofC scholarship winners will be announced by 28th.
2. Old business: Achatz pie sale 'til October 31; Mom to Mom sale earned \$651; "Trunk or Treat" Oct. 24; Christmas shop Dec. 17; Koeze nut sale in November; poinsettia sale in December.
3. New business: school shirts/spirit wear: Mr. Hayes to get prices to PTO; Vandebossche Farms field trip at end of October.
4. Next meeting: Nov. 11, 5:30pm in the teachers' room.

--submitted by Stacy Goulette,
PTO Secretary

School Pictures:

Orders "on paper" are due in the school office by the 29th; however, you can order online any time! (Call school for info, if you need it.)

Spring Auction

Holy Cross School's Auction is by far the largest single fundraiser for the school. This year's Auction will be held in mid-May of 2015: two months later than it has been held in most years. Therefore, the time for families to come up with their item has been extended to **February 28, 2015**. Remember the Auction when you're out at "Black Friday" or after-Christmas sales!

The Auction committee has many positions still open. If you would like to offer your services to the Auction, please contact Lisa Schulte c/o school.

"Snow Days!"

...two words that bring happy smiles to students' lips! It's the time of year to start thinking about nasty weather. When the weather seems "iffy" to you in the morning, please tune in to local radio stations WPHM, WJR, WHLS or Detroit TV channel 4 or 7: **whenever East China School District closes its schools due to bad weather, Holy Cross School and Preschool are also closed.**

(More "emergency school closing" information is on page 29 of this year's School Handbook. Be prepared!)

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The St. Clair County Health Department will be here next Tuesday, October 28 to do these annual screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 are scheduled to have their hearing checked, and students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will have their vision screened. If your child isn't scheduled for a test you'd like him/her to have, please call the school office; or if you'd prefer your child not be screened, please let us know that as well. (Note: students who wear glasses or contact lenses should use them during their vision screening.)

A warning from the Health Department: please let the school know if your child has digitally programmable shunts or any other medical device that contains magnets. Those children should NOT have their hearing screened as the screening equipment has magnets with large field gradients.

Boys' Basketball

The boys' season starts around the first of November. Boys in grades 5-8 who wish to play must have had and turned in their physicals before the first practice. If you are playing football this season and want to play basketball next season, please get a copy of your physical to the Holy Cross office ASAP.

Achatz Pies

Orders and payment for those delicious Achatz pies need to be turned in by Friday, October 31. Delivery will be on Tuesday, November 18, right after school. (Checks should be made payable to 'OLR'.) Thank you to Mrs. Vandebossche for chairing this function for the PTO!

Fire Truck!

Many thanks to **Mrs. Jennifer Vandebossche** and the Marine City Fire Department for visiting yesterday! They began their presentation indoors, and then took our preschool-fourth graders outside for an up-close-and-personal tour of a fire truck:



"People To People" Student Ambassadors

"People To People" is a program for students in grades 4 and up to travel with other students for 2-3 week visits to other places. If you're interested in learning more, check out their website at www.peopletopeople.com, or contact local coordinator Mrs. Natschke at mnatschke@ecsd.us.

Eighth Graders at Work:

Our eighth graders have been helping with the parish's food pantry and weekend backpack program:



...While Lydia Helps in Another State

Fifth grader **Lydia Kukawka** was able to help in a food pantry in West Virginia over the weekend, when she and her family went there to visit her brother.