

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.

December 11, 2014

A Word from The Word

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 and Wednesdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Holiday notes: the SCRIP office will be closed from December 26 through January 4. **To be sure you'll have them by Christmas, SCRIP orders must be placed no later than Monday morning, Dec. 15.**

Kroger shoppers: to get your credit, print your "Kroger Reward" statement and take it to the SCRIP office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Wed. Dec. 17: PTO's Holiday Shop
- Fri. Dec. 19: last day before Christmas break
- Jan. 5: back to school!
- Wed. Jan 14: winter sports pictures
- Jan. 16-22: celebration of Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 10-21: CMC half days
- Jan. 20-22: no East China buses home.
- Jan. 22: no CMC; pizza lunch

Boys' Basketball

Our boys went to St. Augustine's last night for their only game this week. They were ahead for much of the first half but weren't able to maintain the lead. Good game, anyway, boys!

Next week the team heads to St. Joseph School on Monday (Dec. 15) and hosts St Mary St Clair on the 16th. Workers for the home game on the 16th:

Dec. 16	Worker
Admission	Jakubowski
Concessions	HELP NEEDED—call Stacy!
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Christmas Program

Thank you to the Drama Club and Mrs. Rock, their mentor, as well as to the rest of the student body for putting us all in the Christmas spirit Tuesday evening with their narration of the first Christmas. It was practically standing-room only in the bleachers! Thanks, too, to the PTO for the lovely and yummy refreshments.



Grades K & PK performing "Jingle Bells."



The shepherds with Mary and Joseph.

CAMP!

Our 4th-8th graders will be heading north to winter camp in Wolverine, Michigan at the end of January. Many (if not most) of our alumni will tell you that camp is their favorite memory of their time at Holy Cross! We are almost guaranteed a snowy, wintry week in Wolverine, and the students always come back a more "bonded" group with many shared memories. It's a great growing experience for the students!

"Doing Our Part"

You should have your December bill by now. Your tuition should have been 70% paid before Dec. 1, with the next 10% payment due at the end of December. Campers: your bill for camp was also in that envelope. Camp bills need to be paid before January 20.

Tuition and Trips

It is so important to keep to your tuition payment schedule! Just a reminder that a consequence of delinquency in tuition payments (per paragraph 2 of the tuition contract every family signs at registration) is disallowing students' participation in school activities, such as camp and field trips. Don't let yourself fall behind.

Here's to Owen!

We missed Owen Isrow's "bio" in last week's "Student Highlights!" His teacher says "Owen is a kind and helpful Kindergarten student whose favorite part about school is working on art projects. Owen also loves to build with blocks with his friends." Way to go, Owen!

"Santa's Secret Shop"

Our PTO is sponsoring a Christmas gift shop on Wednesday, Dec. 17. It will be set up in the art room, and volunteers will help students select items to purchase (and take home that day). There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Information and an envelope is going home with each student today.

AUCTION 2015

The Auction will be held next spring-- it's time to start collecting great items to bid on! If you are a holiday sale or clearance shopper, this can be a great time of year to fulfill your "Auction donation" requirement at a bargain-basement cost!

"What should I give?"—always a good question. Travel is always a hot item: maybe you have a cottage by a lake that you can offer a week's stay at. Gift certificates for restaurants, zoos, museums, golf courses, salons and other venues always sell well. Kitchenware—new pots and pans, appliances—can appeal to many, as can jewelry, or tools. Do you have a special craft or hobby?—handcrafted or unusual items draw people's interest. Or maybe you're good at putting assortments of goodies together in gift baskets. Men, too: use your imagination as you're looking for your auction donation(s)—if you'd bid on it, someone else probably would, too!

Interested in helping behind the scenes (for fun or for service credits)?—contact Lisa Schulte c/o school.

A Star Is Born!

Sixth grader Gabriel Rowland Renaud is performing the role of young Patrick in the musical "Mame." "Mame" will have a live orchestra and is opening at the new Riverbank Theatre in downtown Marine City. Eleven shows are running from Dec. 5-21. Tickets are selling fast and can be purchased at <http://www.riverbanktheatre.com/> for \$20.

New Life for Old T-Shirts!

Our art teacher, Mrs. Washburn, is looking for old T-shirts: any size, any color. She plans to show her classes how to "recycle" them into rugs! Please send to the school office any T-shirts the classes can use—thank you! (They'll need a lot of T-shirts; Mrs. Washburn is hoping there will be enough shirts by February to begin.)

Food Drive

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time to restock the pantry! Our hungry neighbors often find their situation worse in the winter, as heating costs eat into their budgets. Please bring a nonperishable food item or two for the pantry tomorrow, if you can. Thank you for your continuing generosity!!

Calendar Raffle 2014 Grand Prize Winner:

...is **Christine Kozkay** of Marine City, who wins \$1000! Congratulations!!

For your chance to win next year's grand prize, send in your calendar raffle entries (which should have arrived at your home last week). They make great gifts, too: if you'd like a few more, they are available at the rectory and school offices.

Women of OLR Parish:

The Altar Society cleans the altars and linens at all the OLR sites, and they are accepting new members. For more info contact Cheryl Sherman c/o 810.765.3568. Thank you!

Koeze Orders

...are going home with your student today.



The Day After Christmas (or: Don't Let This Happen to YOU!!!)

by Mrs. Steinmetz

The day after Christmas, somewhere in some house, a gift-buyer started to whimper and grouse,
"I spent so much money! Made so many trips!
Things would have gone better if I had used SCRIP!

"I bought extra food and made sure I had drinks—two or three hun-der-ed dollars' worth, methinks; But I SPENT CASH!! Had I used SCRIP instead, it would have earned me some tuition credit!

"Johnny's eyes sparkled, imagining the elves; mine misted--I'd emptied out Toys R Us' shelves!
Another small fortune; and at four percent, I'd've saved a sum equalling half a month's rent.

"Susie was lovely in her new Christmas clothes. Kohl's offered me 5% back, but: NO-- I'd forgotten to order pre-holiday SCRIP, so deeper into my wallet I dip.

"I did think ahead—sent, to loved ones afar, certificate gifts--but the toll on my car!
Drove to Applebee's, Best Buy, Old Navy, Lowe's-- and into a world of vehicular woes.

"To think: all I needed to do was to call—the SCRIP office could have ordered them all!
My friends got their gifts, but I got no break.
(My mechanic, though, loves the fortune he'll make.)

"I finally get it!!—next vacation fare, I'll be calling for Hyatt and American Air;
I'm learning to plan: gonna take a long trip.
So happy holidays, all: don't forget to buy SCRIP!"

Holy Cross Candy Gram Day!

Last chance! Orders due tomorrow!



Send your child, teacher or school friends a personalized candy-gram!

***** \$1 each *****

Each candy-gram comes with a personalized card hand tied with a ribbon.

Candy grams will be delivered during school before Christmas break by our 8th grade elves!

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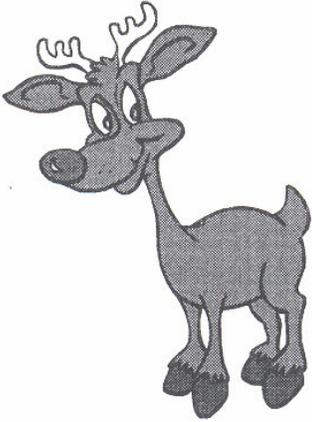
***** Sorry no checks. Cash only. *****

Merry Christmas from the Holy Cross Class of 2015!

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**YOU ARE INVITED
TO COME SEE SANTA**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 1:00PM**

**Fun, The Story of Christmas,
Sing-A-Long, Treats, Santa and a Gift**

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**K of C Banquet &
Conference Center
6385 King Rd., Marine City**

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**For All Children Thru Grade 5
You Must Provide Your Own Transportation**