



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 4, 2014

A Word from The Word

"I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Mark 1:8

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.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Tue. Dec. 9: Christmas program (6pm in the gym)
- Wed. Dec. 17: PTO's Holiday Shop

Boys' Basketball

Our boys hosted IC on Tuesday, with only five team members in town and not sick: and they won their first game of the season! Congratulations, boys!! Last night, St Joseph School came to Marine City, and we had another exciting game, with HC leading for three quarters and just missing their second win.

Just one game next week: on Wednesday, Dec. 10, our boys go to St. Augustine's.

AUCTION 2015

The Auction will be held next spring--it's time to start collecting great items to bid on! If you are a "Black Friday" or 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.

Christmas Program

Next Tuesday, Dec. 9, the students of Holy Cross will perform in their annual Christmas program. This year's program will be at 6pm in the gym. Drama students: please meet in Mrs. Rock's room with your costume at 5:15pm. Everyone else: please be in the gym (dress up) by 5:45pm (parents: please keep children's coats). Kindergartners and preschoolers will sing their song first (before the play) and will sit with their parents in the bleachers to watch the play. Our Drama Club students will act out "Just a Little Christmas," and the students in grades 3-8 will be singing in the choir. Our first and second graders will come dressed in their shepherd and angel costumes and will take their places with the other actors in the play. We hope you'll come (grandparents, aunts and uncles and special friends are all invited, too!) and enjoy the students' presentation.

Congratulations!!

...to Kindergartner **Miles Dixon** and family on the birth of baby Nolan!

Koeze Sale

Delivery is expected next week, on the 9th or 10th; items will go home with your Crusader. Thanks to all who placed orders!

Spirit Wear Orders

...are due TOMORROW! Items will arrive on Friday before Christmas break.

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"

Your December bill will be in your mailbox soon. Your tuition should have been 70% paid before Dec. 1, with the next 10% due at the end of December.

Campers: your bill for camp will also be in that envelope. Camp bills need to be paid before January 20.

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 will be opening at the new Riverbank Theatre in downtown Marine City. There will be eleven shows that will be running from Dec. 5-21. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.riverbanktheatre.com/> for \$20. Tickets are selling fast! This show is appropriate for children ages 10 and up. Gabe would really love to see the support of his school community, so please come out for a fun evening or afternoon and see him act, sing, and dance on stage.

Student Highlights

...for November:

Alex Ogden is a returning 4-year-old preschooler with a quick wit. He enjoys playing Marble Works and cars with fellow classmates. Alex also likes "pulling Ms Cindy's leg:" his humor brightens everyone's day!

Payten Danneels loves to eat sweets! Her favorite color is purple. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her "Gam." When she grows up, she wants to be lots of things, including a waitress and a mommy. Payten is a wonderful leader and helper in the classroom, and she is always ready to give a hug to anyone who needs one.

Second grader **Ava DeVeney** is a quiet, self motivated student. Her work is always neat and complete. Ava loves to draw, color, and make art projects. She's happiest when she's helping others. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because "it's the time of giving!" Keep up the excellent work Ava...

Nathan Vercammen has been a wonderful addition to the third grade. He is very kind and considerate of others. He is always willing to help those in need and is a friend to all. Keep it up, Nate, and you will go far!

Scarlett Scott has also been a wonderful addition to the Holy Cross family. She is a very hardworking student. Scarlett is an avid reader and you can always find her with a book. She is also willing to participate in class when asked. We are so glad that you are a Crusader.

Fifth grader **Grace Govier-LaParl** is an energetic, curious young lady who always tries to do her best. She is compassionate and helpful to her classmates. Grace's infectious smile and upbeat attitude help brighten out class atmosphere.

Julia Jakubowski is a kindhearted and considerate girl, as well as a new addition to Holy Cross's sixth grade this year. Julia loves to swim and is even a competitive swimmer. She speaks fluent Polish and has made several trips to Poland to visit relatives. Her nickname is "JJ" and she states that she absolutely loves life! Someday Julia hopes to travel to Hawaii and to become an anesthesiologist.

Ethan Rogus is an energetic seventh grader who enjoys playing basketball and eating seafood. His hero is his Grandpa, who fought in the Viet Nam war. Because of that, when he grows up Ethan would like to be in the

military. At home he enjoys playing with his dog, Chloe.

Eighth grader **Thomia Tomlanovich** loves gymnastics and competes for the All American Flames. She enjoys history and one day hopes to be a lawyer. Thomi always has a smile on her face and she has the gift of making others happy.

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.)

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 the church office: 810.765.3568. Thank you!

More Honors

Also earning first honors at CMC for the first quarter was **Anna Tomlanovich**. Way to go, Anna!

"Books Are Fun!"

The traveling book display is here—orders and payment need to be in the office by tomorrow morning (Dec. 5), and items will go home with your student on Monday, Dec. 8. (Mrs. Steinmetz will be happy to hold your items instead, if you'd prefer your child not see them.) There is a nice selection of items at reasonable prices, and we earn an item for every ten purchased.

"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.

More information and an envelope will go home with every student next week.

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.



2015 Basketball Skills competitions



Free throw
Three point
Trick shot



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14
January 10 2015 1 -4 PM Everyone is invited!!!
610 S Water St. Marine City MI 48039
For more information and registration details
Please call Bill Tiano 810 335-1342

Sponsored by:
Algonac and Marine City
Knight of Columbus.
"In Service To One In Service
To All - Together We Serve"

Wolverine Outdoor Education Center Suggested Equipment Guide

Use this list as a guide when packing for camp. Make sure you have clothes to dress warmly and be able to change if you get wet. Also, pack in a SMALL space—NO large or hard-sided suitcases or huge duffel totes. We have to go up STEEP flights of stairs and the large pieces are difficult to move (let alone store) in the dorms. We recommend you pack in something watertight—30 gallon "Steel-Sack" bags (with your name taped on them) or soft-sided luggage with your name in a prominent place work great. Bedding must be in one bag and clothing and essentials in another. Girls—no makeup needed! WE MUST CONSERVE SPACE as everything has to be packed under the buses. **Please label all items clearly with your name.**

WINTER CLOTHING

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| 4 pairs pants | 1 pair snow pants |
| 4 warm shirts | 1 pair long thermal underwear |
| 1 sweatshirt or sweater | 1 scarf or other face covering |
| 1 pair waterproof tennis shoes or hard soled slippers | 1 warm winter coat |
| 1 pair high, warm snow boots ESSENTIAL | 1 pair pajamas |
| 2 pairs gloves/mittens | 1 warm hat (no headbands) |
| 5 sets underwear | 5-6 pairs socks |

PERSONAL ARTICLES

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| comb/brush | toothbrush/toothpaste | wash cloth | bath towel |
| soap | shampoo | deodorant | chap stick |
| tissues | | | |

BEDDING

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| 2 sheets | 1 pillow | 1 comforter |
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We prefer no sleeping bags. However, if you bring one, use it as a comforter and bring one fitted sheet.

MISCELLANEOUS

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| pencils | laundry bag | sunglasses | writing paper |
| reading books | disposable camera | hand lotion | flashlight |
| playing cards | magnetic compass | crossword or search-a-word books | |
| envelopes (stamped and addressed) | | hand warmers | |

1 small carry-on is allowed to take on the bus ("Crusaders" duffel bag is OK).

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

Candy or food of any kind in the dorms (anything left over from the bus ride is disposed of). The snack bags for the way home will be stored in sealed containers.

Knives, weapons, drugs, tobacco, etc. are not allowed.

For bus use only: iPods or other music devices--these items will be collected as we get off the bus and stores in an air-tight container, and will be returned as we get back on the bus on Friday. No cell phones are allowed.

No use of cameras in dorm areas unless an adult is present and gives approval.

FORGET YOUR FEARS AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!

Believe

In the Magic of CMC

White Christmas

Please join us:

December 5th, 2014

Noon or 7pm production

Algonquin Auditorium

9185 Marsh Rd., Algonac

Contact us to reserve your tickets:

810.765.8825



ST. CLAIR COMMUNITY SINGERS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 7, 2014
4:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
415 N. Sixth St.
St. Clair, MI

Director – Terry Beasley
Accompanist – Carole Lohr

Come and enjoy the music of the season.
Freewill Offering



Christmas Pen Fundraiser

The Holy Cross 8th grade class is having a Christmas ink pen fundraiser to help pay for their class trip. The ink pens are decorated with beautiful Poinsettia flowers and jingle bells! They will make great little gifts for just about anyone. (Friends, doctors, the mailman, hairdresser, clients, etc...) They look great as a bouquet in a vase also!

Each pen cost only \$1.50! A limited supply of Christmas Pens can be purchased in the school office. Since these beautiful pens are handmade by the 8th graders themselves and not store bought, we are requesting that you send in your order no later than December 8th.

Thank you for your support!

Happy Holidays from the 8th Grade Class!

Holy Cross Candy Gram Day!



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

***** \$1.00 *****

Each candy-gram comes with an attached personalized card wrapped with a ribbon. They will be hand delivered during school just before Christmas break.

All orders must be received no later than December 12 in order to be delivered by our 8th grade elves!

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*** This is a Holy Cross 8th grade fundraiser. ***

Thank you for your support! From the Holy Cross 8th grade class.