



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 the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" --Matthew 25:40

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 the day after Thanksgiving day (Friday, Nov. 28) and 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...

- tomorrow: Thanksgiving feast!
- Mon Nov. 24: full day of school; pm conferences
- Tue. Nov. 25: no students: conferences
- Tue. Nov. 25: Marine City Christmas parade
- **Nov. 26-Dec 1: no school—Thanksgiving break**
- Tue. Dec. 2: back to class
- Tue. Dec. 9: Christmas program (6pm in the gym)

Conferences

A note confirming your conference time(s) is going home with your oldest student today.

A Morning Request:

Just a reminder: at 7:25 am, your children need to be in "student mode;" that's really difficult for them when they know you are still in the hallway. Parents: we love you! But the teachers and I need your help in getting your children's attention for the day. With all this in mind, I make this request of you: when the morning announcements begin, please take it as your cue to exit the building so your children can get down to the business of learning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Boys' Basketball

Our boys played their first game, against St. Augustine School, on Monday and then took on St Mary McCormick last night. They were two close and exciting games!

No games, now, 'til Tuesday, Dec. 2, when IC visits. The next day will bring another team, as St. Joseph School will come to play on Wednesday, Dec. 3. (Both of these games will be at home--all Crusader fans welcome!)

Scheduled to work those two games:

	Dec. 2	Dec. 3
Admission	Govier	Scott
Concessions	Fox	Scott
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Thank you to Mrs. Goulette for again coordinating athletics workers! (Parents of all the members of the boys' team and the girls on the cheer team are all expected to help: please contact Stacy to let her know when you can take your turn.)

PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

We're looking for a few nice pictures of girls' basketball team members in action...does anyone have any? Please contact the school office. Thanks!

Thank You!!

Did you notice the clean sidewalks all around campus when you pulled up to drop off your children this morning? THANK YOU to Mr. Barr and Mr. Fracassi for being here two hours before school started, removing snow!

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 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 go 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 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!

Christmas Program

On 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 and enjoy the students' presentation!

Koeze Products

Koeze orders need to be in the school office before conferences. Thank you!

Notes from Nov 11 PTO Meeting

1. Principal's report: enrollment is up two from last meeting, to 68; Iowa test results were mailed home (parents may call Mr. Hayes with any questions); Smartboards will be installed soon in K and 1st grade rooms; computer lab will be updated with new computer towers due to generous donation from an alumnus; playground swings are painted and mulch has been ordered (hoping to complete by Christmas break); discussing 4th graders attending camp this year; teachers attended a seminar on "Visible Thinking."
2. Achatz pie sale earned approximately \$930; "Trunk or Treat" was a success, with attendance almost tripled from last year; Christmas Shop will be Dec. 17.
3. Christmas parades: Nov. 21 walking in St Clair, Nov. 25 riding on wagon/walking in Marine City, Dec. 3 wagon/walking in Algonac. Looking for families to participate; school shirts/spirit wear flyers will go home before conferences; Maritime Days participation tabled to next meeting.
4. Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 11:30am in the teachers' room.
--respectfully submitted by
Stacy Goulette, Secretary

Another Good Reason to Choose Holy Cross!

UofD Mercy has announced that it will award a new Catholic Education University Grant of \$5000 annually for four years to qualified graduating seniors who enroll at UDM and have attended Catholic schools from first grade through high school. For more info, contact UDM's admissions office at admissions@udmercy.edu or 313.993.1245.

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 experiences to remember.

Attached is a list of equipment suggested for all campers. With the holidays just around the corner, you may find things on the list that your camper could use but doesn't have.

Christmas Parades!

"Hello HC families! There are three parades coming up and I want to know who is interested in being a part of them. We have NOT committed to doing any of them to date. Please send me a message to let me know if you are interested in participating in all, one, or none of them. We will then decide on which parades to be a part of.

- ❖ Friday November 21st in St Clair-- 6pm. (This is a walking parade)
 - ❖ Tuesday November 25 Marine City-- 7pm (we will have room on a float for riders and there will be walkers as well). Strollers/wagons welcome.
 - ❖ Wednesday December 3 Algonac-- 6:15 (we will have room on the float for riders and there will be walkers as well). Strollers/wagons welcome
- "All times are start times! You would need to be there a little early. The float will be decorated and ready to go. It will be cold so please dress warm.

"As soon as people start to respond I will follow up with more info. Thank you for considering!" --Laura Bailey (my email: auradookie@yahoo.com or phone school)

Also: we're hoping to borrow a small generator for the Marine City and/or Algonac parades—please contact Mike Govier 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 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.

Next Week's News:

Since there's only one day of school next week, the next newsletter will be published on December 4. Enjoy your time with family from Nov. 25-Dec. 1!



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!

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

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

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

BEDDING

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

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!

December

<i>Sun</i> Nov 30	<i>Mon</i> 1	<i>Tue</i> 2	<i>Wed</i> 3	<i>Thu</i> 4	<i>Fri</i> 5	<i>Sat</i> 6
	No students: teacher inservice	Back to class! IC @ HC	St J @ HC			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Raffle calendar big winner (\$1000) drawn	Christmas program—be in the gym by 5:45pm	HC @ St A		Food drive for pantry	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	HC @ St J	St M @ HC			Last day of class before Christmas break	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				A very blessed Christmas season to you and your family!		
28	29	30	31	JAN 1 2015	JAN 2 2015	JAN 3 2015
				We're looking forward to a wonderful new year with you!	(Back to class on Monday, Jan. 5)	

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