

# 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.

November 6, 2014

## A Word from The Word

"Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."  
John 2:19

## 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](http://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 Gowski(Algonac)

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Fri. Nov. 7: nacho lunch; no East China buses home
- Tu. Nov. 18: Achatz pies come in
- Fri. Nov. 21: Thanksgiving feast
- Tu. Nov. 25: no students: conferences
- Nov. 26-Dec 1: no school—Thanks-giving break
- Tu. Dec. 2: back to class

## "THE BLUE ROOM"

We recently received donations including a good number of like-new girls' clothes, sizes 6-10. How is your child's school wardrobe looking for winter? "The Blue Room" can be open just about any time, and there's no cost for school families. Contact the school office to check it out!

## Conferences

Report cards went home yesterday. As the city of Marine City's Christmas parade being scheduled for Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, our conferences will be held on Monday evening, Nov. 24, and during the day on Tuesday.

Attached to today's newsletter is a "Conference Request" form. If you'd like to speak with your children's teachers, please mark the times you're available (with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices, please). Times will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis, and requests are due Tuesday, Nov.18. We'll send home confirmation of your appointment(s) by Friday, Nov. 21.

Due to the number of buildings and students they serve, our East China teachers are not able to be here during our conferences. If you'd like to speak with one of them, please mark which and your favorite method of contact (phone or email), and we'll put them in contact with you.

## Boys' Basketball / Girls' Cheer

Introducing our boys' basketball team: 6<sup>th</sup> graders **Chris Winne** and **Luke Chadra**; 7<sup>th</sup> grader **Ethan Rogus** and 8<sup>th</sup> graders **Calvin Barr**, **Joe Cullen**, **Spencer Fox** and **Ricky Goulette**, and their coach **Mr. Mike Govier**. Providing enthusiasm and support are our cheerleaders: 5<sup>th</sup> graders **Abbie Cullen**, **Julia DuVal**, **Grace Govier-LaParl**, **Lauren Isrow**, **Lydia Kukawka** and **Dresden Scott**, 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Julia Jakubowski** and 7<sup>th</sup> grader **Rebecca Wend**, coached by **Ms. Samantha Duncan**. We're looking forward to a wonderful season!

## Nacho Lunch

Tomorrow we'll have Mrs. Isrow's super nachos for lunch. Orders were due yesterday, to give us time to get sufficient ingredients. (As always, if you have to call your student in sick on the day of the "special" lunch, his order will be pulled and your payment returned to you.)

The eighth graders will sell goodies to raise money for their class trip—bring an extra quarter or two, if you can.

## Food Drive for Pantry

Next Friday, Nov. 14, will be the date of our next food drive to benefit the parish's pantry. Students: if you are able to, please bring a nonperishable food item or two to take up to the altar. The pantry always needs protein foods such as peanut butter or canned ham or tuna; canned fruits and breakfast items always fly off the shelves, too. With the holiday season just around the corner, special things like baking mixes (cakes, cookies) and canned pie fillings will be even more sought after. Whatever you can do to help our hungry neighbors will be appreciated—thank you!

## Thank You!!

...to **Mr. Brian Chadra** and **the Weston family** for office supplies and classroom items donated to school!

## Thanksgiving Feast

On Friday, Nov. 21, we'll have our annual Thanksgiving feast. All the students and teachers will sit down together for a typical Thanksgiving meal, and each grade helps by bringing in part of the meal. Assigned are:

Preschoolers: each should bring 1 dozen ready-to-eat dinner rolls;  
Kindergartners: 1 pound butter;  
1<sup>st</sup> graders: 3 cans corn;  
2<sup>nd</sup> graders: 2 big boxes orange jello;  
3<sup>rd</sup> graders: 2 pumpkin pies;  
4<sup>th</sup> graders: 2 boxes Stove Top stuffing;  
5<sup>th</sup> graders: ingredients for deviled eggs as assigned by Mrs. Wade;  
6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: vegetables for relish trays as assigned by teachers;  
7<sup>th</sup> graders: 1 can of "spray" whipped cream and a can of jellied cranberry sauce.

Each class will also be asked to provide cooked turkey, milk, and butter: the roomparents will be calling. (If you'd like to donate a turkey, please contact your teacher/roomparent or the school office.) It's a big undertaking; thanks to Mrs. Rock for coordinating the classes. Thanks, also, to Mrs. Jennifer Laster for running the kitchen and servers: if you'd like to help, please contact school.

## Student Highlights

Each month, the teachers will introduce you to some of their students. The students in the spotlight for the month of October:

**Mikella Shafer** is a returning pre-schooler. "Mickie" (as she is called) has really grown and matured over the year. Her favorite thing to do at school is play with the dollhouse. "Mickie" has also become quite the artist; her drawing and coloring skills have greatly improved. Keep up the good work "Mickie."

Kindergartner **Gabriel Jacobs** is a helpful student who loves the color green. His favorite part of school is reading books at rest time. He loves to play with his friends at school.

**Katie Kowalewski**'s favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite color is purple. She loves doing centers and playing baseball. When she grows up, she hopes to attend Cardinal Mooney and one day become a veterinarian. Katie is a thoughtful, caring child, and she is always eager to learn.

Second grader **John Bailey** is a hard worker and a real "thinker." He loves to build and invent things. His favorite hobby is Legos and his greatest accomplishment is the skyscraper he built last year. John's favorite second grade subject is social studies and he's happiest when he's at school. Keep up the good work John!

**Wyatt Schulte** has been having a great start to the school year. He performs well on his academics and is never afraid to ask questions if he needs help. He is also willing to help others in the class whenever they need assistance. Wyatt is a very caring and considerate third grader.

Fourth grader **Lauren Rosemeck** has been a great addition to the Holy Cross family. We are so blessed that her family moved back to the area. She is very helpful in the classroom and works with other students who are having difficulties when she has completed her school work. She is very respectful and a wonderful help at lunch with the Kindergarten class. Welcome back Lauren.

**Lydia Kukawka** is a bright, cheery fifth grader who always strives to do her best. She has an infectious smile and a helpful Christian attitude, which made it very easy for her to make many friends. Lydia shows leadership qualities and is not afraid to take on a challenge.

**Luke Chadra** is an energetic, adventuresome 6<sup>th</sup> grader. He enjoys many sports and can be found playing a lively game of football each day during recess. Luke is helpful to other students, and he is a pleasure to have in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Alaina Laster** is an extremely kind and caring 7<sup>th</sup> grader who often thinks of other students first! Alaina is polite, respectful, and very helpful in the classroom. Her tiny frame is deceiving, as she is a superb competitive gymnast who can perform a perfect handstand in an instant!

Eighth grader **Ricky Goulette** enjoys playing football, Xbox, hunting and archery. Ricky is always willing to help and volunteer his time for others. His favorite subjects in school are history, science, reading, gym and computers. Two things Ricky would like to learn more about this year are algebra and ancient history. Keep up the great work Ricky!

## Veterans' Day Collection

Grades preschool-8 are collecting donations for our veterans. The following is a list of things needed:

Slippers	Large combs
Shampoo	Writing paper
Hairbrushes	NEW playing cards
Word search or crossword puzzle books	
Lab robes	Shaving bag
Liquid soap	Shave cream & mirrors
Socks	NEW baseball caps
Trial and travel size comfort items	

--or any other items to help and aid our veterans in need. These items will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. Please support this effort and place your donations in the boxes located in the hallways. The project will run through Tuesday, Nov. 18. Please help us help those who preserved our freedom!!

## Second Grade Hunter



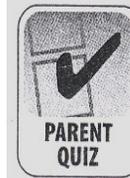
One of our second graders bagged a turkey while bow hunting! Congratulations!

## Junior First Lego League

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 6-to 9-year-old 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 before the weekend.

## Are you teaching your child how to be respectful?



Being respectful toward teachers and friends is critical to success in school and life. Take this quiz to see if you're teaching your

child to respect others. Answer *yes* or *no* to each statement.

- 1. I model respectful behavior,** such as listening patiently to my child.
- 2. I teach polite responses** such as "please," "thank you" and "may I?"
- 3. I don't hit or shove my child.** I don't allow my child to hurt others.
- 4. I show my child** how to get what he wants by being respectful. "When you want to go to the park, ask nicely."
- 5. I give specific praise** when my child shows polite and respectful behavior. "Thank you for knocking before coming into my room."

### How did you do?

Each *yes* answer means you are teaching your child how to be respectful. For each *no* answer, try that idea in the quiz.

## Holy Cross Catholic School

### Honor Roll—First Quarter

#### Kindergarten

**Perfect attendance:** Miles Dixon, Gabe Lomasney.

#### First Grade

**Perfect Attendance:** Lylah Schaening, Aydin Schulte.

#### Second Grade

**Perfect Attendance:** John Bailey, Ava DeVeney, Lily O'Conner, Olivia Ogden.

#### Third Grade

**Honor Roll:** Wyatt Schulte.

**Perfect Attendance:** Joe Becker, Daniel Vandebossche.

#### Fourth Grade

**Honor Roll:** Joseph Fajardo, Rebecca Goulette, Lauren Rosemeck, Anna Winne.

**Perfect Attendance:** Scarlett Scott, Anna Winne.

#### Fifth Grade

**Honor Roll:** Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow, Lydia Kukawka, Chris Lukas, Dresden Scott.

**Perfect Attendance:** Julia DuVall, Chris Lukas.

#### Sixth Grade

**Honor Roll:** Charlotte Fajardo, Sophia Goulette, Julia Jakubowski, Jack Maben, Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Christopher Winne.

**Perfect Attendance:** Julia Jakubowski, Gabriel Rowland Renaud.

#### Seventh Grade

**Honor Roll:** Jessica Barr, Alaina Laster, Patrick Ogden, Rebecca Wend, Megan Weston.

**Perfect Attendance:** Christian Dahnke.

#### Eighth Grade

**Honor Roll:** Calvin Barr, Ricky Goulette, Shanna Kowalewski, Jacklyn Smith, Thomia Tomlanovich.

**Perfect Attendance:** Ricky Goulette.