



# 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

"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](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 Glowski (Algonac)

Final 2014 SCRIP credits will show up on your January tuition statement!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Wed. Jan. 14: winter sports pictures
- Th. Jan. 15: mass with Bishop Byrnes
- Fri. Jan 16: no mass today
- Jan. 16-22: celebration of Catholic Schools Week
- Fri. & Sat. Jan 16&17: boys' basketball tournament at SMMCA
- Jan 19-21: CMC half days
- Jan. 20-22: no East China buses home
- Jan. 22: end of second quarter; no CMC; pizza lunch
- Jan. 23: NO SCHOOL: records day
- Jan. 26-30: CAMP for students in grades 4-8!
- Jan. 28: report cards go home to K-3 students
- Feb. 2: report cards for campers

## Free Throw Contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held this Saturday, Jan. 10, from 1-4pm in the Holy Cross gymnasium. Entry forms are available in the school office—or just show up with your parent Saturday before the contest begins to do the paperwork.

### Boys' Basketball

The boys made up the St Mary's game on Tuesday evening, and earned their third win of the season! Way to go, guys!

They play tonight (at 6pm) at St Mary St Clair. All Crusader fans are welcome!

Next week the team is on the road, going to St. Mary McCormick (which plays at St Edward's in Lakeport) on Monday, and at IC in Fair Haven on Wednesday. Then, the tournament begins Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, hosted by St. Mary McCormick. (Seeding for the tournament will be ready after Wednesday's games.)

## Winter Sports Pictures

Members of the girls' cheer team and students who will participate in volleyball will have the opportunity to have sports pictures taken next Wednesday, Jan. 14. Information is going home with all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders today.

## Mass With Bishop Byrnes

Next Thursday, Jan. 15, Bishop Michael Byrnes will be visiting us. We will be attending mass that day (instead of Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>) with Bishop Byrnes. (Students: mass day dress code on Thursday this week!) You are welcome to attend with us!

## Confirmation Retreat

Eighth graders are reminded that the confirmation retreat is this Saturday. The day will begin with mass at 8am at Holy Cross church. (Confirmation is scheduled for March 13 at 5:30pm.) May God bless you all as you prepare to become adult Christians.

## End of Second Quarter

...is Thursday, January 22! Non-campers' report cards will go home on the 28<sup>th</sup>; campers will receive theirs on Monday after camp.

## "Doing Our Part"

January bills are in the mail—including SCRIP credits. All tuition is due to be paid in full by the end of February. All fees for camp are due by Tuesday, January 20.

## Camp Paperwork

...will be going home soon. The packet will include permission forms and other information about camp. Please ask your camper for it next Monday!

## "Camperships"

### ("scholarships"—for camp!)

We received a small amount of money to be used to help students go to camp. Are you interested in applying for some? Students: to apply, write a one-page essay about what you think you'll learn at camp. Sign it, ask your parents to sign it, and give it to Mr. Hayes by next Tuesday, Jan. 13.

## New Life for Old T-Shirts!

Our art teacher, Mrs. Washburn, is looking for LOTS of old T-shirts: any sizes, any colors. 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.)

## Academic Olympics

Students in grades 5-8 are beginning to practice for the Blue Water Academic Olympics competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 21 at St. Augustine School in Richmond. Contests will be in forensics (serious and humorous prose and poetry), math, religion and problem solving. Students: ask your teacher for more information—we hope you'll join the Holy Cross teams!

## Volleyball

The volleyball season begins at the end of January for girls in grades 6-8: Ms. Samantha Duncan will be coaching. If you're interested in signing up but haven't yet done so, please contact the school office. A reminder that all athletes need to have had a sports physical done by their doctor and have the results on file at school before they may begin practice.

### *"Art to Remember"*

As a fundraiser for their class trip to Chicago, the eighth grade sponsored "Art to Remember." Order forms with your child's artwork were sent home prior to Christmas break. If you plan to order items with your child's artwork the order forms and payment (checks may be made out to "OLR") **MUST** be turned in by Wednesday, January 14. (Order forms will NOT be accepted after January 14.) Please help support our eighth graders—thank you!

## Student Highlights

...for December:

Preschooler **Boyd Wilson** is a returning 4-year-old who has shown a great amount of growth socially, emotionally and academically! Boyd enjoys interacting with his peers. His favorite activities are building and playing cars with his friends. He also enjoys snack time. Keep up the good work Boyd!

**Miles Dixon** is a great reader and a friendly Kindergarten student. His favorite part of school is using the computers! Miles also enjoys working on letter art with his friends.

First grader **Aidan Becker**'s favorite food is chocolate. His favorite color is brown. He likes to build playgrounds and make lemonade stands to earn money. When he grows up, he wants to be a firefighter or doctor or teacher. Aidan is a great leader in the classroom, and he has a big heart.

**Evan Jacobs** has shown great strides in second grade this year. He's able to work quietly and follow directions. When working in a group Evan can be a real leader! I'm proud of Evan's accomplishments so far this year. Keep up the great work!

Third grader **Daniel Vandenbossche** has made great growth since the beginning of the school year. He is always willing to participate in class as well as outside by being involved in our school Drama Club. (He made a great

King Herod at the Drama Club's Christmas presentation!)

**Joe Morelli** has had a great start since starting at Holy Cross: he is a recent addition to the Crusader family and has fit right in. Joe is kind to all students and works hard in class. It has been a joy to have him in the fourth grade class and we are all glad that he is now a member of our school.

Fifth grader **Julia DuVall** is a pleasant, energetic young lady who works great with others and is always willing to help. She has a wonderful sense of humor and thinks outside the box for class discussions. Her Christian nature comes naturally and she shows friendship to everyone.

**Gabriel Rowland Renaud** is a bright and cheery sixth grader. He holds dual citizenship in Canada and the United States. He enjoys drama/acting, and recently starred in the hit play, "Mame,"

at the newly remodeled Riverbank Theatre in downtown Marine City. He has three terrier dogs and a cat, and his favorite subject is ELA (English/Language Arts).

Seventh grader **Rebecca Wend** is a good friend who enjoys volleyball and warm, sunny weather. She recalls a fun trip to Florida with family and friends where she had a memorable time swimming in a pool and enjoying the sunshine. Her favorite class in school is art class, and one day she hopes to be an architectural engineer.

**Adonis Mona** enjoys science, history and media because they are informative. He participates in class discussions regarding literature and has deep understanding of literal analysis. Adonis would like to be a chemist after college. He is a kind, considerate eighth grader.



This month's "star students"!