



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

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."
--Mark 4:4B

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Feb. 13-17 no school (midwinter break)
- Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday—mass at 9am (nonperishable food for pantry)
- Feb. 20: no mass
- Feb. 21: Academic Olympics
- Feb. 25: no East China buses home
- March 9: Open House 1-3pm

Thank You!!

...to **Mrs. DuVall** and **Mr. Jacobs** for taking on leadership of the fish fries!! The first dinner is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20, from 4-7pm at the St. Catherine activity center. They're looking for a few more helping hands--and lots of diners!

Doing Our Part

A reminder that ALL TUITION should be paid by the end of this month. School families have until the end of April to complete their service credits.

Fish Frys

The OLR Parish Lenten fish fries are set to begin. They'll be held on Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday) from 4-7pm at the St. Catherine activity center.

Do you need service credits? Some credits can be earned on Thursdays, as well as the 3-7pm shift on Fridays. (Please remember that we love your children!—but they need to have someone else watching them when you're working your credits.) Contact Mrs. Sherrie DuVall c/o school for more info or to offer your services.

Attention Bakers:

The fish fries need your fabulous homemade cookies for desserts! We'll be feeding hundreds of hungry people on all the Fridays of Lent except for Good Friday, and we're looking for cookies in all shapes and flavors to tempt our diners. Can you help? Please drop off your goodies for any or all of the fish fries (cookies only, please) any time at Holy Cross School (or, if it's more convenient, from 10am-1pm on Thursdays, or Fridays from 10am-5pm at St. Catherine's). Thank you for your help!

Tuition Assistance for the 2014-15 School Year

Applications for the Archdiocese's help went home to all school families last week.

If we received a Fr. Bartone grant application from you last year, your oldest child is bringing home this year's form for you. Application forms are now available in the school office. (Remember that you must have first applied for the Archdiocese's grant to be eligible for the Bartone grant, and that families receiving the "introductory" tuition rate are not eligible for this aid.)

MIDWINTER BREAK

No school tomorrow, Monday or Tuesday (Feb. 13-17): see you rested and ready to work on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18! (We'll be attending mass at 9am that day, instead of Friday.)

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

...the grandpa of first grader Payten Danneels, who is recovering from recent surgery.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

24 kids and 15 adults enjoyed each other at the PTO's fun night last week:



6-8th Grade Media Classes:

Students in grades 6-8 need a library card from any St. Clair County library branch for media class. They need the card for access to a website for a media class research project. Students: please bring your library card to media class by Tues., February 24, 2014—thank you.

Volleyball

The girls' first match was Monday at St. Mary McCormick; Tuesday took them to St. Mary St. Clair.

No game 'til our first at home next Thursday, Feb. 19, hosting Trinity.

Parents: Mrs. Goulette is once again chairing concessions and will need your help for our home games, as well as the tournament, which Holy Cross hosts. The tournament will be March 20-21; as the only tournament we host, it benefits all Holy Cross athletes by providing the income that keeps sports free, so **ALL ATHLETES' families are asked to help.** Please be generous with your time, and offer to help Stacy. Thanks!

"Read the Most Coast to Coast"

Students are preparing for the nationwide reading challenge on Friday, Feb. 27. They are among hundreds of thousands of students who will join in this four annual reading celebration!

"Read the Most Coast to Coast" is a one-day event that encourages students to read as much as they can. Last year, they set a new one-day record of 4,987,949 books read. They will be able to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes on those books that day. (No Accelerated Reader on Wednesday that week!)

There will be prizes for students in each grade. The event is sponsored by Progressive Modernization, Inc. who will be covering the day's activities (such as prizes for participating students and snacks throughout the day), and the event will be run completely by Holy Cross parent volunteers.

Students may read ahead to take as many Accelerated Reader quizzes as they can that day! To see if the books you're reading have A/R quizzes, go to www.arbookfind.com and type in the title. Keep Calm and Read On!

Preschool & Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening

The Health Department will be here the morning of Wednesday, March 18 to do these screenings. Current preschoolers are invited to take advantage of the testing, as well as children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. If you have a little one who will be joining our 2015-16 Kindergarten class and you'd like to take this opportunity to have the mandatory pre-school screenings done, please contact the school office for information and an appointment.

AUCTION 2015

The Auction will occur later this year (May 16) than it has in years past. But May 16 will be here before we know it--it's time to ramp up collecting great items to bid on! If you are a sale or clearance shopper, you may be able to fulfill your "Auction donation" requirement at a bargain-basement cost.

"What should I give?"—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!

You still have two weeks to get your auction item to the school office before the due date of Feb. 27. Keep your eyes peeled for cool stuff! And if you just can't think of anything: feel free to choose the "cash donation" option and let the auction committee decide.

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

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for February are: Robert Beauvais and Kathleen Radomski of Marine City and Frances Roman of China Township. Congratulations, and thanks for your support!

Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program

Application forms for Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance (PSAS applications) went home last Thursday to all school families. The forms are also available on the archdiocese's website (copy and paste this URL into your browser) at

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/private-school-aid/>

Families (if eligible) must have first applied for this help through the Archdiocese to qualify for other local tuition assistance. All local assistance applications require a copy of your PSAS application and attachments. The PSAS application must be postmarked no later than April 7 this year.

Eighth Grade Parents:

Thanks to the families who have already sent them in—we're hoping to play "match the 8th graders with their baby pictures" in this year's yearbook. Could you send in a baby photo of your 8th grader for us to use? We'll scan and return it to you immediately. Send to Mrs. Steinmetz--thank you!

Eighth Graders' Thrift Sale

The eighth grade students at Holy Cross are sponsoring a thrift sale as a fundraiser to help with the cost of their Chicago trip scheduled in May. The thrift sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 9am to 3pm at Holy Cross. If you have any items you would like to donate for the sale it would be greatly appreciated. We ask that you do not donate clothing or shoes. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross and we will store them until the sale. If you have large items please contact the school at 810.765.3591 and we can arrange a pick up day and time.

We can accept items such as dishes, toys, books, small furniture and electronic devices. We are collecting donations now—time to clean out the house, garage or shed!!

If you have any questions, please email carebeth@comcast.net.

Science Fair Display Boards

...are available for \$4 in the office.

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!

8th Graders Planning to Attend a Catholic High School Next Year:

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be offered on **Saturday, March 7 at 8:00am** at Cardinal Mooney. You can register online at www.cardinalmooney.org.

Thank You!!

...to Mrs. Dianne Lovett for donating a "big book" to school!