



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.

February 5, 2015

A Word from The Word

"The LORD lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground."

--Psalm 147:6

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...

- Tonight: GAME NIGHT!
- Feb. 6: no Chartwell's: mostaccioli
- 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 the Baileys for a book donated to the library!

Doing Our Part

Your February statement will be in your mailbox soon. ALL TUITION should be paid by the end of this month. School families have until the end of April to complete their service credits.

GAME NIGHT: TONIGHT!

The PTO is sponsoring "Game Night" tonight, 5:30-7:30 in the Activity Center. They will provide board games (though you are welcome to bring your own favorite games), popcorn and water, and there is no charge for your and your family to get in!

Volleyball

The girls' first match will be on Feb. 9 at St. Mary McCormick (which plays at St. Edward-on-the-Lake in Lakeport). Have a great season, girls!!

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!

MOSTACCIOLI LUNCH

Chartwell's won't be serving lunch tomorrow. Instead, we'll have mostaccioli for lunch. \$2.25 gets you a large helping of mostaccioli with beef, salad, fruit and a drink. Extra servings may be ordered for \$1 more. (As always, if you have to call your student in sick on the day of a special lunch, we'll pull your order and return your money.)

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 preschool screenings done, please contact the school office for information and an appointment.

AUCTION 2015

The Auction will occur later this year (in May) than it has before. That's giving us all a little extra time to come up with awesome items for our guests to bid on!

Your February statement will be in your mailbox soon. Along with it you'll find your "service credit record" which lists February 27 as the due date for your family's auction donation. (You'll notice that if you prefer to send a cash donation instead of an \$80 item, you get a \$20 discount when you beat the due date; after Feb. 27, the cash option goes back up to \$80.)

Please send your auction item to the school office before the due date so the Auction team can start preparing the items for the event. Thanks for your cooperation!!

Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program

Application forms for Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance (PSAS applications) are going home today 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.

BOOKS ARE FUN!

The snow slowed us all down: the "Books Are Fun" display is here a little longer! Orders and payment must be in by Monday, Feb. 9 to go home with students on Tuesday, the 10th.

Eighth Grade Parents:

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!

Student Highlights

...for January:

Preschool **Isabella Deering** enjoys playing with all of her classmates. She is involved with dance, and often demonstrates her “new moves” for us. Isabella likes to build with the blocks and play Doctor’s Office with her friends.

Matthew Bailey is a fun-loving Kindergarten student! His favorite part about school is playing outside. Matthew also likes to play dog games with his friends at recess time.

First grader **Erin Wilson** loves to go camping with her family. When she grows up, she wants to be a mommy with six or seven children and her own chef! Erin is a sweet, silly child, and she has been working hard to learn all there is to know in first grade.

Lily O’Conner is new to Holy Cross this year, and had no problem making new friends and fitting in in the second grade class. Lily works hard and strives to always do her best. She has improved in all areas of her education. Keep up the great work Lily.

Third grader **Joseph Becker** has shown great improvement since starting this school year. He has a great appreciation and knowledge of science and social studies. He is always sharing stories and information that he has learned in these subject areas. He is very caring and has a willingness to help others in need.

Anna Winne is a joy to have as a fourth grade student! She works hard on a daily basis and loves to read aloud in class. Whenever help is needed, Anna is the first to volunteer. She always has a smile on her face and brings a smile to the faces of those around her.

Fifth grader **Abbie Cullen** is a hard working young lady who takes responsibility seriously. She has the ability to focus and apply herself when needed, or kick back and have fun with her friends when the time comes. Abbie faces challenges head on and strives to do her best to achieve her goals.

Charlotte Fajardo is an energetic girl in the sixth grade who enjoys listening to music by “Pink” and eating Italian and Mexican food. Some day she would like to travel to Spain to visit where her family came from. Charlotte enjoys playing tennis and plans to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She is outgoing at school and is a good friend to many students.

Seventh grader **Christian Dahnke** is full of energy and has a great sense of humor. His hero is his Great Grandpa,

Vernon, who himself is a veteran and who earned many medals of war. Christian enjoys archery and someday plans to join the Air Force and lead a life in the military similar to his Great grandfather and other family members.

Eighth grader **Jacklyn Smith’s** favorite subject in school is ELA. Jacki loves to write because she feels it is a great way to express her thoughts. Outside of school Jacki loves to play basketball, volleyball, sing, dance, eat and sleep. Jacki would like to become a singer when she becomes an adult. If given the opportunity to travel anywhere she would go to Australia. Jacki is a very polite, caring young lady and I am proud to be her teacher.

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! (They’ll need a lot of T-shirts; Mrs. Washburn is hoping there will be enough shirts by February to begin.)

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

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

Holy Cross Catholic School Honor Roll—Second Quarter

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Miles Dixon, Gabe Jacobs, Gabe Lomasney.

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Payten Danneels, Lylah Schaening, Aydin Schulte.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: John Bailey, Ava DeVeney.

Third Grade

Honor Roll: Wyatt Schulte, Olivia Zyble.

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Fourth Grade

All As: Claire Campbell.

Honor Roll: Joey Fajardo, Rebecca Goulette, Anna Winne.

Perfect Attendance: Claire Campbell, Joey Fajardo, Taylor Marlatt.

Fifth Grade

All As: Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lydia Kukawka.

Honor Roll: Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Lauren Isrow, Dresden Scott.

Perfect Attendance: Grace Govier-LaParl, Lydia Kukawka, Chris Lukas.

Sixth Grade

All As: Sophia Goulette, Christopher Winne.

Honor Roll: Charlotte Fajardo, Julia Jakubowski, Jack Maben, Gabriel Rowland Renaud.

Perfect Attendance: Charlotte Fajardo.

Seventh Grade

All As: Jessie Barr, Patrick Ogden.

Honor Roll: Christian Dahnke, Alaina Laster, Rebecca Wend, Megan Weston.

Perfect Attendance: Ethan Rogus.

Eighth Grade

All As: Shanna Kowalewski.

Honor Roll: Calvin Barr, Spencer Fox, Ricky Goulette, Thomia Tomlanovich.