



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.

March 19, 2015

A Word from The Word

"He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." John 12:25

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...

- Thursday, March 19: NO LUNCH service: everyone needs to bring a bag lunch and drink from home
- Friday, March 20: no cafeteria: nacho lunch
- Thursday, March 26: Read In Day
- Friday, March 27: end of third quarter!
- Monday, March 30: 7th graders visit CMC
- Thursday, April 2: report cards go home; pizza lunch; last day of class before Easter
- April 3-12: no school
- April 13: back to class

Fish Frys

Only two more Lenten fish frys: tomorrow and next Friday from 4-7pm at the St. Catherine activity center.

Do you need service credits? Contact Mrs. Sherrie DuVall c/o school for more info or to offer your services.

Thank You!!

...to the student helpers who have been working at the dinners: **Julia DuVall, Rebecca Goulette, Sophia Goulette, Chris Winne, Anna Winne, Julia Jakubowski, Lylah Schaening, Emma Lomasney, Shanna Kowalewski, Ethan Rogus, Luke Chadra, Lauren Rosemeck and Abbie Cullen.** Our customers say you're doing a great job and they love the attention you give them!

Attention: Bakers

The fish frys need your fabulous homemade cookies for desserts! Please drop off your goodies for any or all of the fish frys (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!

Volleyball

Last Thursday our girls went to St. Augustine's; they finished the regular season off with a spate of home games played Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

The tournament begins tomorrow evening, with Holy Cross once again hosting. With volleyball's being 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!

Holy Cross's first game in the tournament begins at 5:30 Friday night: come out to cheer on our Lady Crusaders!

Lunch Alert

Tomorrow, Chartwell's will not be serving—instead we'll have Mrs. Isrow's delicious nachos. As it's Lent, there will be no ground beef, but the nachos and cheese will be topped with your choice of chili, lettuce, tomatoes and onions and accompanied by fruit and a drink. Orders need to be in the office first thing tomorrow morning. (As always, if you call your child in sick on a "special" lunch day, his order will be pulled and your money returned.)

We could use another pair of hands to help serve lunch tomorrow: are you available?—please call the school office. (Lunch is included!) Thanks!

Dress Down Day

The third and fourth graders' dress down collection for the rehab center raised \$76; great job, all! Here is a photo of a few of our little leprechauns at work:



Congratulations, Lauren!

Fifth grader (and level III gymnast) **Lauren Isrow** competed in a meet over the weekend. She scored third in vault, fifth in beam and ninth overall in her division--way to go, Lauren!

YEARBOOK

Don't forget to **order your yearbook!** They are \$13 each, and orders & payment are **due by next Friday, March 27.**

Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program

Application forms for Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance (PSAS applications) went home already to all school families. The forms are also available on the archdiocese's website:

<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.

Tuition Assistance for the 2015-16 School Year

Applications for the Archdiocese's help went home to all school families a few weeks ago. Application forms for the Fr. Bartone grant 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 rates are not eligible for this assistance.)

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.

"Jump Rope For Heart"

Mr. Oberski would like to thank all the students and families who donated to the American Heart Association during our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Holy Cross raised \$497, with **Erin Wilson** being our top fundraiser. (Good job, Erin!) Thank you gifts are expected to arrive before Easter break; if they're late, Mr. O will get them to you right after.

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—and the Auction crew is busy finding cool items to augment the gifts you have already donated.

Reserve the date (May 16) for a fun night! The Auction will be held here in the Activity Center, and tickets will be \$35 each or \$60 for two. The doors will open (with hors d'oeuvres served) at 6:30pm; dinner (by Achatz Catering) at 7:30; with open bar, live and silent auctions, Chinese raffles and more throughout the night.

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

March is Reading Month

This week's "Reading Trivia" winners were fourth grader **Joe Morelli**, who knew that "Sam I Am" was the fellow who kept "egging" his friend on to try *Green Eggs and Ham*, and sixth grader **Chris Winne** knew what *The Giver* gave to Jonas.

Grades K-2 are taking a short trip to the Marine City Public Library next week.

The classroom doors are all decorated along the "reading" theme, and pictures of the doors were posted on the Holy Cross Facebook page for people to vote on. Parents and other special folks are invited to be guest readers for their favorite classes: just check with the teacher(s) to set up the day(s) and time(s).

Read In Day!

Next Thursday, March 26, is our annual "Read In Day." Students always look forward to this fun day! They may wear their jammies to school and bring books and a sleeping bag to snuggle in for reading: however, **students must be able to carry everything they're bringing by themselves.**

Re-registration for 2015-16

Your 2015-16 registration packet went home last week with your "oldest-next-year" Crusader. Please note that all fees except the \$50 registration fee are all rolled into tuition for next year, so school families not receiving the introductory rate will net out at the same cost as this year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz in the office. Families must be current in their tuition to complete enrollment for the upcoming year. Please send in your completed re-registration papers ASAP so we know to expect you—thank you!

Also, the 2015-16 service credit sign up book is available—stop in at the school office to select your credits.

ACTIVITY CORNER

Guess what I'm doing!



Kids are asked to follow directions all the time.

Here's a game where they get to give the directions!

All you need is a pencil, paper, and some creative thinking.

Each person thinks of a common task—such as making a sandwich or washing dishes—and writes down the instructions. Then, everyone takes a turn reading their instructions while the others try to figure out the action being described.

Example: 1. Pick up a round object. 2. Lift your arm. 3. Bring your arm down in front of you. 4. Let go of the object. (Answer: throwing a ball.)

Your kids will exercise their thinking skills—both in writing their own directions and in figuring out what other people are describing. ♥

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