



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 5, 2015

A Word from The Word

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."

--John 3:16

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...

- Sunday, March 8: change your clock!
- Sunday, March 8: Science Fair and Open House 1-3pm (after you change your clock!)
- Friday, March 13: food drive for pantry
- Friday, March 13: 8th graders' Confirmation 5:30pm
- Wednesday, March 18: preschool vision and hearing screenings
- Thursday, March 19: NO LUNCH service: everyone needs to bring a bag lunch and drink from home
- Friday, March 20: no cafeteria: nacho lunch
- 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

SCIENCE FAIR

Students' projects line our middle school hallways, and they show the variety of topics on our future scientists' minds! I invite you to take a look on Sunday during the Open House; I bet you'll learn something!

OPEN HOUSE

...is Sunday, March 8, from 1-3pm. Thank you to the students and parents who have offered to welcome our guests and help them find their way around!

Fish Frys

The Lenten fish frys continue on all Fridays throughout 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 frys 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 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!

Doing Our Part

A reminder that, according to the tuition contract all families signed at registration, ALL TUITION was due to have been paid in full by the end of February. (School families have until the end of April to complete their service credits.)

Re-registration for 2015-16

Today, your oldest (2015-16) "Crusader" is taking home the 2015-16 registration packet prepared just for your family. 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. Please return your completed re-registration papers ASAP so we know to expect you—thank you!

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!

Jump Rope for Hearts

Students in Mr. Oberski's PE classes helped stamp our heart disease by Jumping Rope for Hearts last week. Mr. Oberski reports that Holy Cross students raised more than \$400 for the American Heart Association while having a lot of fun:

This jumper is a blur!!



YEARBOOK

Time to place your order for this year's Holy Cross yearbook! Books are \$13 each, and orders & payment are **due by March 27.** (An order form is attached.)

"Read the Most Coast to Coast"

What a great intro to "March is Reading Month!" Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Isrow and Progressive Modernization for sponsoring the event. Thanks, also, to the moms who helped during the contest, **Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Bailey, Ms. Rowland and Ms. Smith.** Students "from Coast to Coast" across the US read almost 4.2 MILLION books; 67 Holy Cross kids enjoyed participating in this "uber" reading date with 234 Accelerated Reader quizzes taken:



Mrs. Isrow says she has a number of items new to the library and ready to read next week! They include:

- ❖ 6 of the Scholastic series "I Survived" (AR levels 3.8-5.1)
- ❖ The entire H.I.V.E. series (AR 6.8-7.7)
- ❖ 5 new "Rainbow Magic" books (AR 4.2-4.9)

Are you reading city library books or books from home that you'd like to test on? Check your book titles at www.arbookfind.com to see if there are Accelerated Reader tests for them.

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!

Vision and Hearing Screening

The Health Department will be here the morning of Wednesday, March 18. 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.

Volleyball

The girls played Trinity last Thursday and St Peter's on Friday.

With all the wintry weather, there were many game cancellations. Home games scheduled for the rest of the season are on (Sat.) Mar. 7, (Tue.) Mar. 10, (Sat.) Mar. 14, (Mon.) Mar. 16 and (Wed.) Mar. 18, with tournaments Fri. & Sat. March 20&21 here at Holy Cross. Two more away games are also still on the calendar: on Mon. March 9 at IC and on Thur. March 12 at St. Augustine.

Parents: Mrs. Goulette is once again chairing concessions and will need your help for our home games, as well as the tournament, which we host. With this 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!

Confirmation

Next Friday evening, March 13, our eighth graders will take their place as adult members of our parish community as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

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 rate 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.

Congratulations!!

This past weekend CMC students participated (with students from other high schools) in "Mock Court" at St. Clair County's courthouse in Port Huron. CMC was the overall winner of the day's trials! Congratulations to all CMC students who participated, and especially to our alums: **Beki Schultz, Annemarie Heitz, Calvin LaBelle, Luke Schulte and Caitlin Downey**, and to siblings of current students: **Dominic Jakubowski and Mark Zybke.**

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 collect cool items to bid on!

Auction items were due at the school office last week. If you forgot, the remaining option is a "cash donation" of \$80, which the auction committee will use to round out their inventory.

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

March is Reading Month

We have some more fun activities planned for this “Reading Month!” We’ve already “Read the Most Coast to Coast.” This week we’ve been enjoying “Stop, Drop and Read” at various times during the day. Kindergartner **Matthew Bailey** was the first “Reading Trivia” winner yesterday!—he won a box of candy for knowing words that were written in spider silk in “Charlotte’s Web.” Even the preschoolers are getting in on the fun: last week, Ms. Cindy fixed them “Green Eggs and Ham:”



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). We’re also planning for our annual “Read In” day, which will be on Thursday, March 26 (more info on that later!). Reading Is FUN!

Students Going to 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.

Student Highlights

...for February are:

Clara Ross represents preschool this month. Some of Clara’s favorite “free time” activities are playing princess, putting on puppet shows, and cooking in the kitchen area. She enjoys story time and is always willing to help out other classmates. Clara is a welcome member to our preschool classroom!

Dylan Davenport is a successful reader and helpful to teachers! His favorite part of the school day is lunch because he’s “always hungry!” Dylan also enjoys playing Spiderman tag at recess with his friends.

First grader **John Zyble’s** favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is red. He enjoys reading and playing the Wii. When John grows up, he wants to go to college and become a fire fighter. John does well in spelling, reading and science, and he has made many friends in his short time at Holy Cross.

Olivia Zyble is one of the newest members of the third grade. She is so helpful and kind. She already knows all of the assigned prayers for the year, and she loves cursive writing. She’s my kind of girl! I love meeting new people and I just know that she and I are going to get along wonderfully.

Rebecca Goulette is one of the nicest fourth graders I have ever met. She’s always got a cute little smile on her face. She also loves trying to keep her classmates on track (and that’s not always an easy job). Math seems to be a subject she really enjoys. I think she likes to test the teacher’s knowledge. We learn about math—together!

Fifth grader **Dresden Scott** is a new and welcome addition to Holy Cross this year! She seems quiet, but she takes in what’s happening around her and learns from all situations. She has a great sense of humor and has the ability to do great things.

Ronald Schulte is an avid race car enthusiast and hopes to be a race car driver for Audi when he grows up. With an interest in fast things, it’s no wonder why you might often see Ron moving briskly through the halls at Holy Cross. In his free time, he enjoys drawing (cars!) and eating his favorite food, Pasta. Ron is an energetic sixth grader and he is great to have for a friend.

Jessica Barr is a very athletic seventh grader who enjoys playing basketball, softball, volleyball, football, and running track. With all that energy, Jessie believes her favorite sport is basketball (although she is known to throw a perfect spiral pass in football!). Jessie is a kind, thoughtful and considerate student, and a wonderful friend to many others.

Eighth grader **Calvin Barr** has a sharp wit and a keen sense of humor. Calvin’s favorite pastime is playing basketball. One day he hopes to play professional basketball. Calvin enjoys history and science. He is very health conscious and exercises regularly.

Daylight Savings Time Change

Don’t forget to change your clocks this weekend—
“spring ahead” 1 hour
Sunday morning!