



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.

July 10, 2015

A Word from The Word

"And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."
Mark 6:4

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.

Summer Office Hours

The school office will be closed for the month of July (but we'll be checking messages periodically: please feel to email school@holycrossonline.net or phone 810.765.3591, and we'll get back with you as soon as possible). You can expect to hear from us again early in August with back-to-school updates, and the office will be open again from 8am-1pm beginning on August 3.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours beginning June 8
Mondays and Fridays, 8-10 am;
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"
Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski(Algonac)

Congratulations to the 33 Holy Cross School families who are sharing **nearly \$10,000** in SCRIP credit! Your July tuition statement is in the mail, and (if you are registered) your SCRIP credits through the end of June are there.

Thank you to our dedicated SCRIP workers for keeping the program running through the summer! By doing that, they offer every family the opportunity to reduce their own tuition bills!

But even they need a vacation once in a while: please note that the SCRIP office will be closed July 25-Aug. 2.

Thank You!!

...to our awesome SCRIP ladies!
...to our bingo chairpersons **Marge Nicaise, Sherrie DuVall and Bob Thompson**, who work hard keeping the bingos running and staffed all year (even in the summer!!).

Doing Our Part

Your July tuition statement is in the mail. If there are no charges on the statement, your student is NOT yet registered! (If that's the case, please get that paperwork in ASAP!!)

Fees for the 2015-16 school year should have been paid at registration; you should have just made your second 10% tuition payment at the end of June, and your third payment is due at the end of July. (Please call Mrs. Steinmetz in the school office if you have any questions.)

SCHOOL HOURS CHANGING

A heads-up for the 2015-16 school year: our school day will begin at **7:30am and finish at 2:50pm**. This will mesh better with both East China busing and CMC's schedule, and allow for a few more minutes of classes and lunch.

Good news for East China bus riders: no more leaving school at 2:05!! (As always, please contact the bus garage to find out details concerning your stops and times.)

Preschool remains scheduled at Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-11am.

Congratulations!!

...to **Jessie Barr, Julia Jakubowski and Sophia Goulette**, who each earned a \$500 grant from the League of Catholic Women based on their essays on the role of women in the church. Well done!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Monday, August 24: "Crusader Day:" school photos & more—9am to 3pm

Re-registration for 2015-16

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 (with the \$50/student registration fee) 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.

Maritime Days 5K "River Run"

...is on Saturday, August 1, beginning at 8am in downtown Marine City. Proceeds will benefit the OLR food pantry.

We're looking for a few Holy Cross volunteers on race day to help with registration, directing traffic, etc.... Please contact Julie Isrow at hcfieldday2011@aol.com if you're interested in helping or running, or would just like more info.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for June were Michael Toppi of Ira Township, Cheryl Koenigbauer of Delray Beach, Florida, and Peter Schulte of Harsens Island (who donated his winnings back to the school!!). Each won \$100—congratulations, and thank you for supporting Holy Cross!

Immunization Updates and Waivers

The Health Department assesses the immunization records of all new students and students entering 7th grade. Summer is a great time to check with your health care provider to see if your children's shots are up to date.

Beginning this year, parents who opt not to immunize are required to contact the Health Department for a new certified waiver. (They're no longer available at schools.) The St. Clair County Health Department's phone number is 810.987.5300.

Crusader Day

Monday, August 24 is the second-ever "Crusader Day." (Last year was the first and it was such a success we plan to continue the new tradition!) Beginning at 9am on "Crusader Day," you can come to the Activity Center to get your school picture taken. You'll also be able to sign up for service credits, talk to PTO or School Committee members, pick up forms, *and check out your classroom!*

LATE FEES

Just as it's crucial to your household's operation to have your paycheck on time, it's crucial to the school that its tuition "paychecks" are received in a timely manner.

The school handbook and tuition contract prescribe late fees and other sanctions. Please keep your monthly payments timely so you won't feel those unpleasant consequences. Thanks!

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS

Are you concerned about the amount of paper waste in the world? Would you prefer receiving your weekly newsletter in your email in box, rather than on paper (if it even makes it out of your child's bookbag!)? Sent Mrs. Steinmetz your email address and she'll be happy to make that happen for you!

Student Athletes

All students planning to participate in any school sports this year will need a sports physical before practices begin. (Blank forms were included in your "summer study packet" for eligible students, and are also available on the school website or in the school office.) Summer is a great time to get that taken care of—and you could take this opportunity to double-check your immunization status, too!

If your doctor doesn't do sports physicals, try such places as "Minute Clinics" or "Prompt Care"s. Also, St Clair County Health Department's Teen Health Center also offers them: call 810.987.1311 for more info.

People call school (810.765.3591) or email school@holycrossonline.net to let us know if you're a 6-8th grade girl interested in playing basketball this fall. (Remember: you need to have already had the physical--and sent the completed form to school--before practice for your sport begins.)

Girls Interested in Playing Basketball this fall--

Please contact the school office! (Oops: we forgot to put out a sign-up sheet before school got out for summer!) Practices should be beginning in a few weeks—time to get that physical taken care of before the season starts.

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

We are looking for lunch aides for next year. Lunch supervision is one of the ways you may earn your service credits: you earn two credits if you work any one week day all year (e.g. all Wednesdays). We had a number of moms who volunteered for "lunch duty" last year simply out of the goodness of their hearts, too! Please contact the school office if you might be interested in helping.

School Clothes for 2015-16

We have a roomful of school-appropriate clothes, FREE to school families. Call if you'd like to take a look, or just drop in during school office hours. (To order plaid, go to www.shopconnies.com.)

Congratulations!

...to HC alumni receiving fourth quarter honors at CMC:

Principal's list (all As): Calista Chaltron, Abbey Guilliat, Annemarie Heitz, Luke Schulte and Beki Schultz;

First honors (at least 3 As and no grade lower than B): Hannah Lee and Anna Tomlanovich;

Second Honors (all Bs with two or fewer As): Julia Blicharz and Brooke Pfeiffer. Way to go, Crusader Alumni!!

Family Directory

We will be publishing a directory of all of our school and preschool families, including parents' and children's names and the family's address and phone number. The directory will be distributed to all families with entries. If you'd like us to include your email address with your family's entry, please send that information to the school office by August 14. If you do NOT want your family's information in the directory, please contact the school office by August 14. Thank you!

A Few Clarifications...

As you begin getting ready to return to school (!), please remember a few things:

1. Water bottles: students are permitted to keep them at their desks **but they must be clear and no larger than 18 ounces.**

2. Shorts: on dress down days, gym shorts are NOT acceptable.

3. "Yoga pants" are NOT approved under either the regular school dress code or the dress down day dress code.

Also: the cost for a student lunch will be going up to \$2.35 this year. (Milk remains at 50¢.)

Welcome Mrs. DeMeulenaere!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Leslie DeMeulenaere will be joining the Holy Cross staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. DeMeulenaere will be teaching our 3/4 blended class in the fall. Mrs. DeMeulenaere comes to us from St. Mary's St. Clair, lives in Marysville with her husband and two sons and a new baby girl. We are blessed to have Mrs. DeMeulenaere and her family as members of the Holy Cross community!

**Have a wonderful summer!
We're looking forward to seeing you all, rested and refreshed, at
Crusader Day
August 24!**

