



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 Catholic community.

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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
Wednesdays 1-3pm
"Peddlers:"

Patty Smith (St Clair)
Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

SCRIP is partnering with PTO at their next meeting (Nov. 10) to help disseminate information about the SCRIP program. We will be on hand to explain how it works and different ways it can be used and accessed.

There are many ways you can take advantage of the SCRIP program. Of course, there is the (original) method of walking into the SCRIP office and purchasing from our on-hand supply. There are, also, other on-line methods: "reload," "reload now," "e-scrip," and "my scrip wallet," which will all be explained on Nov. 10 (and you'll be able to sign up for them that night, if you wish).

The Nov. 10 PTO meeting begins at 6pm, and SCRIP coordinator Patty Smith will stay as long as needed so that everyone with questions will be taken care of. Hope to see you there!

Second Quarter

...began today! First quarter report cards will go home next Wednesday, Nov. 4. Parents: please keep the report card and sign and return the envelope by Friday, the 6th.

"Doing Our Part"

According to the School Handbook, report cards are to be withheld for students whose families are not current in their accounts. Please don't put us in the position of having to withhold your child's report: bring any arrearages up to date before then. Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- **Oct. 29-30: No East China buses home**
- **Fri. Oct. 30—dress code CHANGE: DRESS DOWN DAY!**
- **Wed. Nov. 4: report cards go home**
- **Wed. Nov. 4: vision & hearing screenings**
- **Fri. Nov. 6: pizza lunch**
- **Wed. Nov. 11: grades 5-8 Veterans' Day walk**
- **Fri. Nov. 13: nonperishable food drive for parish food pantry**
- **Fri. Nov. 20: Thanksgiving feast**
- **Tu. Nov. 24: conferences**

Girls' Basketball

We are proud of our girls and their growth this season! Many of them had never played basketball before. A big thank you goes out to Coach Govier who showed them how. Can't wait to watch you all on next year's team!!

Auction 2016

On your service credit record you'll see that your auction donation is due at the end of November. Since the Auction has been scheduled for so late in the school year, the date for items to be turned in has been pushed back. Please have your item in by **February 29, 2016**. Thank you!

PIZZA LUNCH

Next Friday, November 6, Chartwell's won't be serving. Instead, we'll have Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza. Order slips are going home today with all students in grades K-8: for \$2.25 you can order a large slice of pizza (1/8 of a large), fruit and a drink. (Extra slices can be ordered for \$1 each.)

Principal Appreciation Month



Last week we surprised Mr. Hayes with a cake and a booklet made by the students filled with their thoughts and memories for him. Our 5th-8th graders wrote essays or thank you letters to Mr. Hayes to let him know how and why they appreciate him. This essay written by 7th grader **Ron Schulte** was selected as the top essay:

"Dear Mr. Hayes,
"I wanted to inform you so you would know how much I like you as a principal. I like you so much that I think it is an honor, and a privilege, to even know you! I wanted you to know that you are the best principal I have ever had as a student. I want you to know that you are greater than you realize. And every time you walk into a classroom you make everybody smile. I know that you will always be the Mr. Hayes that I always knew. You have always been by my side since you have known me. I want you to know that I am really grateful for all the privileges that you have given me. And I still remember the day that you gave the quarter with the drilled hole in it to me! I will always remember you for all the days left in my life. I will always remember all the laughs that we always had together. And if I were to rate you on a scale from 1 to 5, I would rate you a 25! You have been the best principal to me, and that is why you, Mr. Hayes, are on my special person list!
"Sincerely, Ron J. Schulte"

Thank You!!

...to Mr. Hayes! We love you!!
...to 5th grader **Devin Allam and family**
for books they donated to us!

Vision & Hearing Screenings

The Health Department will be here next Wednesday for our annual screenings. Students in grades K, 2 and 4 will have their hearing checked, and students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 are scheduled for vision tests. If you'd like your child to be screened but he's not in the "scheduled" grade, please contact school and we'll add him. If you'd prefer your child not be tested on the 4th let us know that as well.

Students who wear glasses or contact lenses: remember to wear them for your vision test.

A child who has a digitally programmable medical device that contains magnets should NOT receive the hearing screening. If your child has such a device, please let the school office know asap.

(Indoor) Trunk or Treat

...is tomorrow, October 30, from 6-8pm. This is a free event and all are welcome. Holy Cross PTO is teaming up with Relevant Church again to bring a fun night for the family. There will be prizes for costumes and best table decorations, and hotdogs, chips and water will be provided at no cost. Students: bring a decorated pumpkin for the pumpkin contest, and as much pocket change as you can come up with to "vote"! The top 3 pumpkins will win prizes, and all money raised will be donated to the WeekEnd backpack program. And—HC students attending the event will get a dress down pass!

If you'd like to decorate a table and pass out treats please contact Laura Bailey. (She needs to have a count for tables.) Last year we had 174 kids come through. She is looking, also, for some help to set up the gym/cafeteria at 2pm tomorrow. There will also be a community table if people would like to donate candy or trinket toys.

School Pictures

Students who had their pictures taken last week just received proof sheets to order prints from. You may place your order online, or return to school with payment (to "HR Imaging Partners") before Nov. 9.

Hallowe'en

Dress code change since last week's newsletter: tomorrow is now a **dress down day!**

Classrooms will be permitted to enjoy Hallowe'en celebrations for the last hour of the day on Friday. All students may bring costumes to change into (please: no gore or weapons, no makeup or masks).

LIBRARY / ACCELERATED READER

Students are reminded to bring library and accelerated reader books every Friday!

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual school Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20. The feast is a long-standing Holy Cross custom: all the classes help to prepare the meal in some way, and then we all sit down together to share in the feast. It typifies the "family" aura that we are so blessed to enjoy at Holy Cross! But it does require a little preparation.....

We ask that each student bring the part of the feast assigned to his class:

Preschool: 1 gallon of milk each

Kindergartners: 1 pound of butter each

1st grade: 2 boxes of stuffing mix each

2nd grade: 2 big boxes of orange gelatin

3rd grade: 1 apple pie & whipped cream

4th grade: 1 pumpkin pie & whipped cream

5th grade: will be making deviled eggs-- Mrs. Wade will let you each know what to bring

6th grade: 2 dozen dinner rolls each

7th & 8th grades: cleaned and cut celery or carrots for a relish tray

(If your teacher doesn't specify the date, the food items can come to school **on Thursday, Nov. 19.**)

We will be looking for donations of turkeys (cooked at home, cut up and sent to school on the 20th—with drippings, please!): if you can help, please call school: 810.765.3591.

We will also need a few parents to help supervise and serve the meal. Mrs. Jennifer Laster will be happy to put you to work. (We're grateful to her for coordinating this for yet another year, even though her children are no longer here!!)

RIVERSIDE CINEMAS

Free Family movie series



Oct 31 & Nov 1

10:00 am showings

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Vocations Awareness Week	2	3	4 Vision & hearing screenings Report cards go home	5	6 Pizza lunch	7
8	9 Calendar raffle winners drawn	10 PTO meets 6pm	11 Veterans' Day walk	12 "Family Game Night" 6-8pm	13 Nonperishable food drive for parish pantry	14 High School Placement Test work- shop at CMC
15	16 First Reconcili- ation 5:45pm	17 "Circle of Grace" (am) School Comm. meets 5pm First Reconcili- ation 5:45pm	18	19	20 "Thanksgiving Feast"	21 High School Placement Test at CMC
22	23	24 No class for students— conferences	25 No class until Monday the 30 th	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Marine City Christmas parade 7pm	28
29	30 Back to school! No East China buses today	DEC 1	DEC 2	DEC 3	DEC 4	DEC 5

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