

CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community.

November 17, 2016

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.)

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp or to chaperone field trips.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith (St Clair)

The SCRIP office will be closed Friday, Nov. 25 (for Thanksgiving) and Dec. 24-Jan. 3 (in honor of Christmas).

Also: the SCRIP order form is now on the Holy Cross website: copy and paste this address into your browser—
<http://www.holycrossonline.net/school/scríp-order-form-nov-2016/>

Mark Your Calendar....

- F. Nov. 18: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **Tu-F Nov. 22-25: Thanksgiving recess—no school**
- M. Nov. 28: back to class
- **W. Nov. 30: Auction donations are due!**
- Th. Dec. 15: Christmas program in church

Weather Advisories

As the promise of snow and other nasty weather draws near, remember to keep an ear to local TV or radio: if East China school district closes its schools due to inclement weather, then Holy Cross school and preschool will also be closed. If such a closing happens in the middle of the day, after school has already been in session, students will be sent home in their usual way (e.g. on the bus).

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheer

Our boys played their first game of the season Monday, and scored 22 points to St Mary's 32. They had a "bye" last night.

We have an **away game on Monday, Nov. 21, at IC: please note that this game will begin at 7:30pm.** After Thanksgiving, our next two games will be away: on Monday, Nov. 28 at McCormick and on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at St. Augustine's (**this game will begin at 7:30pm.**)

All athletes' families are expected to help out with admissions and concessions at home games. Thanks once again to **Mrs. Stacy Goulette**, who offers to coordinate workers. Please contact Stacy to let her know you'll help!

Student-Led Conferences

In line with their taking ownership of their learning, our 7th and 8th graders took charge of their conferences. Their teachers say the students did a spectacular job evaluating with their parents (and teachers) their strengths and areas they need to improve, and we plan to continue with these meetings next year as well.

The objectives of the student-led conference are as follows:

- Students will develop a stronger sense of pride in their accomplishments;
- Students and teachers will establish productive relationships;
- Teachers and parents will increase communication regarding student work;
- Students take ownership of their learning and gain responsibility.

Hey, Mister: Want a Paper?

In fact, we do! Mrs. Brennan in the art room needs old newspapers for an art project. If you have any you can spare, please send in to school—thank you!

"Blue Water Vicariate Schools Carnival"

All permission forms and payment for the "Carnival" (to be held on site at the end of January) were due TODAY. If yours is not in yet, PLEASE SEND TOMORROW.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our all-school Thanksgiving feast is tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their assigned items!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for November: Connie McCartney of Marysville, Brendan Cummings of North Branch and Bob Zweng of East China. Congratulations!

HC Alumni Earning Honors at CMC

The following former "Crusaders" are earning honors at Cardinal Mooney for the first quarter of this school year:

Principal's List—All As: Abbey Guilliat, Shanna Kowalewski, Luke Schulte;

First Honors—minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than B: Jessie Barr, Ricky Goulette, Thomia Tomlanovich, Lilly Wolf;

Second Honors—all Bs with 2 or fewer As: Calvin LaBelle.

Congratulations—we're proud of you!

Please Keep In Your Prayers....

...Mrs. Betsy Davenport and Ms. Sarah Kreilter and their family on the recent and sudden death of their brother, Tyler Kreilter. Cross country team members will remember Tyler from his help with our first year cross country season this fall.

Arrangements are being handled by Bower Rose Funeral Home in Marine City, with visitation tonight from 5-8 and tomorrow from 2-8pm. The funeral will be at Holy Cross church at noon Saturday.

In Tyler's memory, his friends are putting together a "Friendsgiving 5k" run at 10am on Thanksgiving day at East China park. The registration form is available on Facebook: <http://goo.gl/6RZeBR> There will be no registration fee, but donations will be accepted, and t-shirts will be available.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/>

Eighth Graders Planning to go to a Catholic High School:

CMC will offer the High School Placement Test (which is required to enroll in AoD high schools) this Saturday, November 19; the cost for the test is \$40.

They are also planning a test workshop on the 12th (9-11am); the cost for the workshop is \$25. Contact CMC (810.765.8825) for more info or to register for the test and/or workshop.

Super Spellers, Round 2!

The winners of the classroom spelling bees in grades 4-6 advanced to the next level in Algonac last Thursday. (Holy Cross was very well represented, with 10 of the 35 participants!) **Allison Kuzera** was the champion, with **Isaac Zammit** in second place. Holy Cross students won for each grade, 4-6, earning pizza parties for each class!

7th & 8th grade classroom winners advanced to their next level in St. Clair on Saturday. **Dresden Scott** came out as the champion there, with **Sophia Goulette** in second place and **Grace Govier-LaParl** in third. **Matt Zammit** came in first place in St. Clair for grades 4-6 at the St. Clair competition. Congratulations to all!

Auction Donations Due Nov. 30!

A reminder to K-8 school families that auction donations are due by the end of this month. We can't wait to see all your creative, (some-kind-of-)camp-themed baskets that our auction-goers will vie for. How to choose what to give? —get something you like! If you'd bid on it, someone else probably would, too! The variety is what will make the family basket auction fun! You may drop your donation off at the school office—thank you!!

“Books Are Fun!”

The traveling book display has once again stopped at Holy Cross! “Books Are Fun” offers a nice assortment of high quality items at reasonable prices, and the school library earns a book for every ten items sold. Orders and payment need to be in the office by Tuesday, Nov. 29; your items can go home with your oldest “Crusader” on Wednesday, Nov. 30 (or held at the school office: call Mrs. Steinmetz).

Need Service Credits?

Wednesday night bingo is a fun and easy way to earn your credits! It gives us a chance to interact with other Holy Cross parents: without kids. There are currently 22 service credits available for the floor worker position which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You haven't played bingo since 4th grade?—no problem! It really is just as easy as you remember: and we'll train you! Last year bingo raised just under \$20,000 for our school! Interested? Questions? Contact HC bingo chairperson Tracy Wilson (tracyarnahan@comcast.net)

Shifts are from approximately 6-10pm and are available as follows: 1 person for the 2nd week team 12/14, 01/11, 02/08, 03/08 and 04/12; and 1 person one each of the following: 12/21, 02/01, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/22, 03/29 and 04/05 and two people 04/19.

Volcanos!

Mrs. Wade's science classes learned last week about the forces behind volcano eruptions. They made models, and then took their volcanos outside to watch them erupt:



Happy Holidays

St. Clair Community Singers
Jo-Anne Wilkie, Director

Christmas Concert

Sunday December 4, 2016
4pm

First United Methodist Church
North Third Street at Vine Street
St Clair

Free admission
(freewill offerings accepted)

With a Special Performance By-
Our Lady on the River Handbell Choir

**Auction 2017:
'A Celebration of Camp'--
January 21, 2017**

Our Holy Cross School Auction is barely two short months away!

Have you purchased your tickets for this evening featuring **live entertainment**, food and fun (and open bar)? Join us for "A Celebration of Camp:" experience the Holy Cross tradition. Mr. Mike Govier has graciously agreed to serve as the evening's host and auctioneer. It is our understanding there will be guest appearances by "Clyde" and "Sammy"—with lots of good camp fun! You can reserve your table today—contact the school office (810.765.3591).

Auction 2017 "Fund a Need"

The "Fund-a-Need" goal of this year's Auction will be to support more STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) hands-on experiences for our younger students. We hope to purchase a SmartLab Cart with several SmartLab Kits for young learners in grades K-4 especially. This can give our younger children more personalized and engaged learning in science and related STEM areas. We also hope to be able to purchase some of the courses produced by LUV ('Leveling Up the Village') which links young students online with one-on-one learning partners doing the same lessons in collaboration but from very different countries. LUV links students in America one-on-one with students in up to 20 other nations who are working on the same lessons. We would probably need to find about \$15,000 to enable us to implement both the SmartLab Cart and SmartLab Kits as well as LUV Courses for Global Learning.



**10 FEET UP GIVES BACK!!
JOIN US MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH FOR A
COED BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC
100% PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED**

ST. MARY'S ALUMNI RACHELLE "ROCKO" MATTHYS RETURNS TO HER ALMA MATER TO HOST A COED BASKETBALL CLINIC!

WHEN Monday December 26, 2016
WHERE St. Mary's
 (800 Orchard Street St. Clair, MI 48079)
TIME 9am-10:30am - Grades 1-4
 11:00am - 12:30pm - Grades 5-8
COST Donations Only!

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE www.10feetup.com/skills-clinic.html

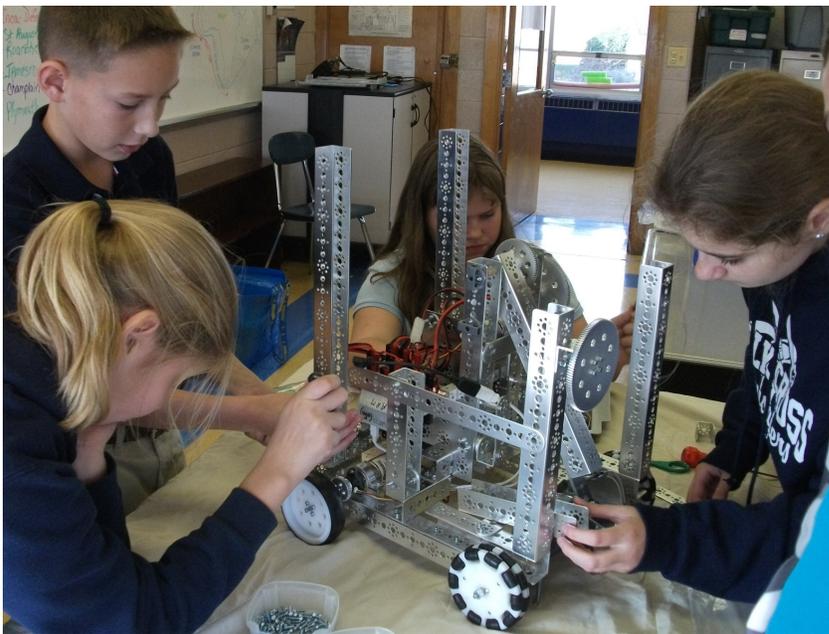
**50% PROCEEDS TO ST.MARYS
50% PROCEEDS TO SIITA'S NEST**

SIITA'S NEST
Orphanage in Jinja, Uganda
for children who have lost
their parents to AIDS

More information can be found here:
<http://www.10feetup.com/charity-stripe.html>

**COME TRAIN WITH
RACHELLE MATTHYS**

- St. Clair State Championship Runner Up
- Division I Athlete at University at Buffalo
- 4 Years of Professional Basketball in Germany, Australia and England
- Team USA U-19 Coach for the United World Games Klagenfurt, Austria 2015 & 2016
- USA Gold License Coach



The Junior Robosapiens

The pit crew has been tweaking “Timmy,” their robot, in preparation for their November 19 competition. On Tuesday night, they were able to run Timmy through the actual course, at Marysville Middle School. On the course, Timmy (and his driver and team) will show what he can do, as he attempts such feats as climbing, lifting and throwing. Best wishes to the Holy Cross robotics team!

“Flashback Friday”

Holy Cross alums interested in having their bio featured on “Flashback Friday” on our Facebook page—contact Mrs. DeMeulenaere (mrsd.leslie@gmail.com) for more info or to submit a bio.

Auction 2017 Classroom Items

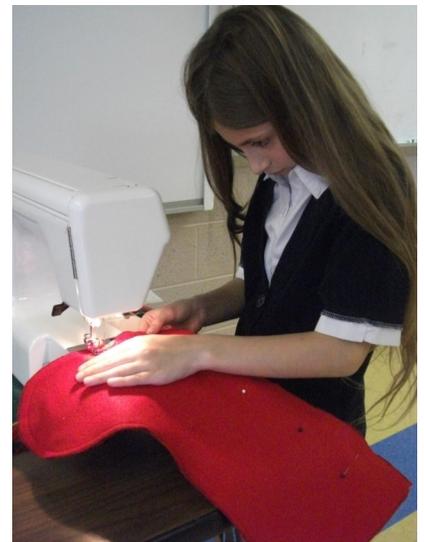
Yesterday, Auction Chairperson Pam Dezsi sent home a letter and envelope with each student. She is planning Auction items representing each class, and asks if parents would send a favorite photo of each HC student. She will use the photos to create these special Auction items.

You may send prints (high quality, please, so they scan well; they will be returned), or your photo may be emailed: send to maeseelem@sbcglobal.net. Pam hopes to have all the photos by next Monday so she can get started.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam at the above email address. Thank you for your help!

Santa's Helpers

The fourth graders are preparing their room for the holidays this week. They are sewing Christmas stockings to hang by the chimney they made in the hallway:



Honoring Those Who Served

Last Friday, Holy Cross 5th-8th graders walked to the Marine City Veterans' Memorial to honor the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. They held a short prayer service there.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS:

Veterans' Wall in School

Many thanks to **Julie Isrow** for envisioning and creating the Holy Cross Veterans' Wall in our middle school hallway: frequent is the visitor who stops to study the faces and stories enscenced there—

