



# Holy Cross School

~A Catholic School Committed to Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ~

## *The Falcon Flyer*

March 5, 2010

### Reminders:

Sunday, March 7	Parish Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m. Church
Monday, March 8	Parish Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m. Church
Tuesday, March 9	Parish Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m. Church
Wednesday, March 10	The school will attend the 9:00 a.m. mass with the parish. FULL DRESS UNIFORM DAY
Thursday, March 11	Life on the Lake Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15	Preschool Buddy Day in Kindergarten (registration required) Jump Rope for Heart
Tuesday, March 16	Kindergarten Field Trip to Natural History Museum Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday, March 17	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> NO SCHOOL
Thursday, March 18	Malley's Easter Candy Sale Pick-up 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. School

### Congratulations Nick Hiti!

#### **Rubber Band Contest - Fifth grader advances to Semi-finals!!!**

Ten fifth graders from Holy Cross submitted entries to Akron's Second Annual Rubber Band Contest: Michael Shivak, Emily Mastalski, Daniel Ostroske, Morgan McGarry, Nick Hiti, Chris Rusnak, Daniel Michals, India Harrison, Sara Adamson and Alex DiFrancesca. Students were asked to come up with a design that demonstrates their creativity and ingenuity by creating an invention that incorporates the use of rubber bands. Congratulations to Nick Hiti. His invention - the Paper Flinger has been chosen as one of the top ten rubber band inventions in the category of science and technology. He will represent Holy Cross in the semi-finals. Congratulations, Nick and Good Luck!

### **Registration for 2010-2011 Now Due**

All currently enrolled families who wish to be enrolled for next year, MUST re-apply. This includes all families who have the EdChoice Scholarship. Those students who have the EdChoice scholarship will not have the scholarship renewed for next year unless they file their registration application for Holy Cross and pay the required registration fee that was due March 1. The state deadlines are approaching for Holy Cross to renew EdChoice scholarships. **DO NOT WAIT AND MISS THE RENEWAL OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOLARSHIP!**

We are now accepting registration applications for students who are not currently enrolled in Holy Cross School. Only those families who turn in the registration application with the required registration fee will be re-enrolled for next year.

### **EdChoice Scholarship**

Some students attending Holy Cross School currently enjoy the EdChoice scholarship which pays the tuition, but does not pay the fees. In order to qualify for the EdChoice scholarship students must be eligible to enter kindergarten at Memorial Park or Indian Hills elementary schools in Euclid. Also students currently in attendance at one of these schools are also eligible for the EdChoice scholarship.

The EdChoice scholarship was established by the state to provide scholarships for those students who were entering kindergarten or attending schools in academic emergency or academic failure. In the past, a number of schools in Euclid have been in academic emergency. For the 2010-2011 school year only Memorial Park and Indian Hills are in academic emergency. That is why only those students in those two elementary school districts are eligible for the EdChoice scholarship. If students have been attending Holy Cross without the scholarship, they are not eligible to apply.

The Cleveland scholarship is provided for students living in Cleveland and attending schools located in Cleveland. Therefore, Holy Cross is not able to accept the Cleveland scholarship.

For more information, please visit the Ohio Department of Education website at [www.ode.edu](http://www.ode.edu).

## **Congratulations Mrs. Davis, Holy Cross Challenge Program Teacher! Toyota Tapestry/NSTA Grant**

Mrs. Davis who teaches the Challenge Program for qualifying students won a Toyota Tapestry/NSTA grant which she will be using at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross has been awarded a Toyota Tapestry/NSTA grant for the 2010/11 school year. This will enable students in 4th through 8th grade to be fully immersed in a 6-day cross-curricula enrichment project titled "Surviving Extreme Environments". The "extreme environments" include the desert, frozen tundra, mars, the moon and the physiology of the human body in lower earth orbit. The project encompasses 7 strands including: 1) a literacy component - reading a theme related novel 2) a writing component in the form of an informal science journal, 3) a math component - measurement, data collection, analysis and graphing, 4) an art component - a large scale mural, 5) hypothesis driven experiments completed in groups, 6) a problem based learning activity including biomimicry or the design of a new novel device to solve a real life problem, and 7) a research component to enable students to fully understand the problems, before they attempt to solve them. On the sixth day, students will share their environments with the community. This is sure to be an exciting project for students.

## **Important Parent Meeting scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Attend the Meeting and Earn a Dress Down Day Pass for Your Children!**

Parents/guardians who are struggling to help their children with homework will find the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March very helpful. The McKeon Education Group will provide ideas to assist parents/guardians in helping their children with homework, motivating them to do their homework and surviving the difficult moments that some families experience trying to get homework done. Don't miss this opportunity. Bring your questions. All parents/guardians who attend the full one hour presentation will earn a dress down day pass for their own children for Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **EVENING PRAYER**

Join us as we gather Sunday evenings in Lent for Evening Prayer at **6:30 p.m.** in the church. This simple Vespers service guides our prayerful journey in Word and song during this holy season. Evening prayer on March 7<sup>th</sup> only will be at 7:00 p.m.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Using the bowl as a symbol of poverty and hunger, people participate in this special program by praying, fasting, learning and giving alms. We encourage each household to take part in this worthwhile Lenten project. Rice Bowls are available at the Church doors. Please return them by Palm Sunday, March 27, 2010.

**Lenten Brown Bag Project** – Bags with lists of needed items for St. Aloysius Hunger Center, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Womankind Prenatal Clinic and Pregnancy Support Services, and our parish Baby Corner will be available on Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday in Lent. You are asked to contribute any of the items listed and put them in the bag during Lent. Be sure to attach the paper that names the recipient organization for your donation and return the bags to the church on Palm Sunday, March 27, 2010. If you would like to assist in delivering bags to any of the listed organizations, please call the rectory.

## **LENTEN MISSION – “REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE”**

Please consider joining us on **March 7, 8 & 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the church** for an inter-generational Lenten Mission. We will not only be Our Lady of the Lake parishioners (soon). We are God's people. We are washed and

welcomed through the waters of Baptism. We come together to proclaim and share God's Word and stories of salvation. We celebrate being One Body through the Eucharist. As we begin a new parish, **Fr. Tom Dragga** will lead us in examining our new relationships with one another and how we can be a stronger Catholic presence in the area and the world.

**The Mission will be for ALL ages so bring your children, your family and your friends.  
All are welcome!**

## **The Dangers of Abusing Technology -- Sexting, Harassment, Bullying**

This past week the McKeon Education Group discussed with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders the dangers of sexting, harassing or bullying others on cell phones. Respect for each other was emphasized in the presentation as well as the legal repercussions of abusing technology.

Many students were very surprised at the legal ramifications for poor judgment regarding sexting and harassment. Current laws on sexual offenses and harassment may apply to students who become involved in posting/texting, receiving, possessing, or disseminating unlawful texts and images.

Parents and guardians who actually own the student used cell phones and computers used to post or disseminate unlawful information including text and images may be legally vulnerable. The recent parent meeting for all Euclid Catholic school parents/guardians at St. Felicitas School included information on this topic. Parents and guardians are urged to be aware of the laws and to monitor closely the use of cell phones and other technology by their children.

## **Pop Tab Collection**

We have learned that the pop tabs collected from Holy Cross over the previous year and continued this school year have helped to raise about \$6,000! Keep collecting and sending in those tabs!!!

## **Booster News**

### **REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SPORTS (Grades 4 through 8)**

HOLY CROSS WILL BE OFFERING BOYS VOLLEYBALL AND GIRLS SOFTBALL THIS SPRING. TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO [www.holycrossoh.org](http://www.holycrossoh.org). There are forms you can print which include the Holy Cross Sports Registration Form, the CYO Physical Form, and the CYO Eligibility Request Form (out of parish). These forms are also available at the rectory.

The cost for spring sports is \$80.00. Please submit your Registration Form, registration fee, and Physical Form. All 3 items must be received. Do not send a registration in without payment of the fee or the Physical Form. If you played basketball, it would help if you would provide us with another copy of your child's Physical Form. If you are unable to locate it, please indicate that and we will pull one from the master file the Boosters keep. Remember, physicals are good for 13 months so please be aware of when they are expiring.

Depending on interest, we may or may not be able to offer all sports at all levels. You may register, but if we don't have enough players to field a team we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

We have also contacted some local parishes for information on other sports offering that may be of interest to some of our parishioners. We do not determine the cost for programs not directly sponsored by Holy Cross.

**Boys Volleyball** – Rich Holzheimer (216)486-1115 or [rich.holzheimer@yahoo.com](mailto:rich.holzheimer@yahoo.com)

**Girls Softball** – Bryan Smith (216)789-7475

**Boys and Girls Track** – Tom Wilhelm – (216)531-1684 –The track team will be run by St. Paschal Baylon.

Please contact Coach Wilhelm for details.

**Boys Baseball** – Michelle Pinzone – (216)731-1895 – The baseball team is sponsored by Sts. William & Robert.

## **Market Day**

The next Market Day sale is Monday, March 22, 2010 between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Orders are accepted by completing the order form and returning it to the school or online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Please order online if possible. You can also pre-pay for your online order with a credit card for a faster checkout at the sale. Order forms are due in the school office by Tuesday, March 16 or online by 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no school on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, so order forms must be received in the office no later than Tuesday! Online orders will still be accepted up until 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

We always need volunteers to help at the sale. If you need service hours and can help please come to the church hall on March 22nd between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the February sale. The sale would not be a success without you!

**Market Day Snow Day Procedures** - If Holy Cross School is closed due to inclement weather, Market Day will still have the sale. Please plan on picking up your items even if there is no school that day. Items that are not picked up are returned to Market Day which results in a loss of profit to Holy Cross. In the rare case that the Market Day truck can not make it for the sale we'll do our best to notify all customers via Edline and/or a phone call.

If you have questions please call Stacy Walsh at (216)486-8560.

Thank you for supporting Market Day and Holy Cross School.

## **FULL DRESS UNIFORM DAY ON MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Grades one through eight will be attending the 9:00 a.m. mass on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> with the parish. All students need to be in full dress uniform.

## **Classroom Notes**

### **Grade 1**

The first graders have been very busy testing this week. They have been going to bed early, eating a good breakfast and enjoying a mid-morning snack. Keep up the good work!!!

On Thursday, the first graders went on a field trip to the Cleveland Zoo. They attended a program on habitats in the zoo classroom. Then they were treated to a free hot dog lunch which they thoroughly enjoyed. Following lunch, they visited the Rainforest. What a great time!!!!

The first grade olympians received a gold medal for a great job in reading and wonderful work in math on the doubles plus one facts. They have been working very hard. Please continue to work hard!!!!

### **Grade 2**

The second graders continue to work on their goals for Lent. The students will not be assigned religion homework from the text. Instead, students should be completing the act of kindness found on the homework sheet each night. Class time will be spent creating a Stations of the Cross book. Students will bring these books home at the end of Lent.

### **Junior High**

The junior high students have been working these past two weeks on their "Stirring Up Health Middle School Recipe Contest" for a collaborative English and math project. This opportunity allowed for students to work individually or in small groups within their grade. Be sure to ask your student how their recipe turned out and whether they decided to officially enter it in Del Monte's contest!

Be sure to ask your student for information sent home this week including the Census Guide for Families and information from John Carroll University about their summer reading courses.

The junior high students met with their final week for the OSU extension program in their math classes. A special thank you to Miss Vanessa Lange for working weekly with the students in the Real Money, Real World curriculum. Please have your student share their check register sheet with you as well as the ultimate simulation.

This week, the McKeon Education Group (MEG) met with the junior high students regarding discussion in bullying and discrimination. Also presented was safety usage of telecommunications as both sender and recipient. Please continue the lessons on the home front.

On Monday, March 8, the Diversity Center will be presenting a Living Voices performance to the junior high on the topic of immigration. This unique traveling field trip will give students a dramatic narrative to develop their historical perspective on this topic.

### **Grade 8**

The eighth graders led Faith Families this week as part of our Lenten journey. Students designed a piece for a quilt reflecting Lenten and Easter symbols. Check them out should you happen to be in the building!

The eighth graders had their practice proficiency tests this week in all four content areas. Next week the regular weekly schedule will be resumed.

For a reading enrichment lesson on analyzing lyrics, the eighth graders created their own videos in computer class to a selected piece. We cannot wait to view them!

## Visual Art

Thanks to all those families that donated toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Several classes will be using them for mask-making. We should have enough to get us through the year so you do not need to send more in, though you are welcome to save them at home for next year! Items that we now need are cardboard cereal boxes and cardboard egg cartons. Please send them with your child and have them give the items to their homeroom teacher.

Grade 8 is finishing their pointillism drawings and moving on to Pop Art. The students took close-up photos of each other, and in computer class used a photo-editing program to change them to high contrast images in the style of Warhol. They then painted them in the style of the Pop Artists.

Grade 7 is beginning a study of one-point perspective and looking at DaVinci's Last Supper to see how the Renaissance artists used the mathematical proportions of perspective to give their work depth.

Grade 6 is finishing their study of Op Art by creating abstract line drawings that visually fool the eye and look 3-D.

Grade 5 is beginning a study of African-American collage artist Romare Bearden. Through his layered collages he tells the story of his life and experiences growing up in Harlem in the 1920s. We are creating our own personal collages in his style.

Grades 3 and 4 are learning about the artwork of Oaxaca, Mexico and creating 3-D masks.

Grade 2 is exploring the concepts of unity and symbols as they create prints using sandpaper. What a fun technique!

Kindergarten created pictographs on their Native American "rock art" paintings.

*Please pray for peace and the people of Haiti and Chile.*

## Hope

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune--without the words,  
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chillest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

~Emily Dickinson