



Holy Cross School Newsletter

October 21st to November 4th, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your tremendous support of the Pray and Walkathon for Holy Cross School. Our final total to date is \$10,019.14. Wow! For a little school and a small community, we certainly have done ourselves proud! Especially since only one day before the event we had collected \$4,248! I can't tell you enough, parents, how blessed I feel to be working with you and your children. May God continue to bless you in abundance for the generous and overly abundant way you bless us!

With the dust hardly settled on the Pray and Walkathon, we now focus our efforts on one of the major fundraisers of the parish and school, the 48th Annual Holy Cross Fish Fry. This event is more than a fundraiser, as it is truly a time to join together as a Christian community to serve and assist our church. Make sure you read through the newsletter carefully to determine how you could share of some additional time to make this friend and fundraiser a true success.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, or if you just want to talk! How blessed we are at Holy Cross School.

Ms. Scipioni

*Tuition due from those of you who are paying monthly on the 15th
Thank you for your prompt attention to this bill.*

Wed. October 19th –

- The first day of our Pray and Walkathon incentive prizes! Kids may bring gum to chew at school, and may also wear a cap/hat throughout the school day hassle-free from the teachers and Ms. Scipioni!
- **Students who ride the ROCORI bus are reminded that Cold Spring School District has an early dismissal today.** Because of their schedule change, that bus will not be transporting students home at the end of the school day. Students on that bus must make other arrangements for transportation home today. *All other buses will be running as usual. Holy Cross School does NOT have an early dismissal today.*

Angel Care will NOT be open after school today.

- Family Faith Formation class for the Tri-parish cluster. Tonight's subject is Scriptural Prayer, and will be held at 6:30 in Luxemburg. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. Why not give it a try?

Thursday and Friday, October 20 – 21 -

There will be no school on these two days due to the Education Minnesota conference set for public school teachers. Enjoy the long weekend with your family!

Sun. Oct. 23 - FISH FRY HELP NEEDED! Send your husband to help set up the back pavilion behind the school for frying fish – 1:00 start. Please come!

Monday, October 24 –

- 8:30 – Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish community. The kids are going to assist with the music at this mass, but the “usual” daily Mass attendees are going to assist with the readings, etc.

Lunch Menu Change: Today’s lunch entrée has changed to chili and rice. All other items for the day (fruit, vegetable, milk, etc.) remain the same.

- Pray and Walkathon Incentive – It’s Kickball day! The teachers play grades PK / K and then grades 1 / 2 in a kickball marathon! Be ready for some sad faces from your kids as I think we can beat the little kids!

Tues. Oct. 25 – FISH FRY REMINDER – Remember to turn in your FISH FRY raffle tickets in to your group leader by TODAY. You may bring your tickets in to the school if you would like. You need to turn in all sold (and the money) and all unsold tickets that you don’t plan on selling. All tickets sold and unsold need to be returned on/by the event.

Wed. Oct. 26 –

- Pray and Walkathon Incentive – It’s Kickball day! The teachers play grades 3/4 and then grades 5/6 in a kickball marathon! Be ready for some sad faces from the teachers as I think we are going to get killed!

Family Faith Formation class for the Tri-parish cluster. Tonight’s subject is Scriptural Prayer, and will be held at 7:00 in Rockville. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

Thursday and Friday, October 27 – 28

Another long weekend for the kids with NO SCHOOL.

Thursday, October 27 -

The teachers have been diligently working on various assignments for the reaccreditation of Holy Cross School, and will meet on Thursday to share their results.

- If you need a break from your kids today there will be plenty of work to do at the school in preparation for the Fish Fry. Come down at 10:00 (or anytime throughout the morning/afternoon) to help with making the potato salad. Come at 6:30 (or throughout the evening) to help bread the fish. Many hands make work light ... please come!

HOLY CROSS FISH FRY – FRIDAY OCT. 28TH –

All Holy Cross School parents are expected to work at the Fish Fry that is scheduled for today from 4:00 - ???. It takes a lot of time and talent to put on any event. That is especially true for our fish fry, put on by a school of 52 students and a parish of 180 families to serve 1800 people! All school parents have been scheduled to assist at this event, and your help is needed and expected. Make every effort to come to help not only when you are scheduled, but as listed in this newsletter as well. Your support of this fundraiser directly supports the school. Please be generous with your time, talent and treasure!

Saturday, Oct. 29 – FISH FRY REQUEST - Helpers are needed from 8:30 a.m. and on to help with clean up from the fish fry. Please be generous with your time to help with this important fundraiser.

Mon. Oct. 31 – Halloween!

Students are welcome to bring their costumes to school today for a short Halloween observation in the afternoon. Students may bring treats to the classroom if that is what the teacher requests. The sixth grade and parent helpers have been working on a “spook house” that they are setting up in the rectory. If you would rather not have your child go through the spook house, just let your child’s teacher know. All kids should plan on stopping by the office to trick or treat from Ms. Scipioni! Double treats for all our great kids.

- *Tuition Due for all of you who have chosen an end of the month tuition payment. Thank you for your prompt attention to this bill.*

Tuesday, November 1 –

Feast of All Saints! A Holy Day of opportunity! All families are invited to attend Mass at Holy Cross Church at **10:30 a.m.** with the children. The students of grades 1/2 will assist at the Mass. We celebrate ALL saints today – those of us who are still Saints in the Making, and those saints who are now at rest and known to God.

Wednesday, November 2 –

Feast of All Souls – We remember in a special way all those who have died. Masses today are as follows: 6:30p.m.-St. Wendelin; and 8:00 a.m. at Holy Cross and Rockville.

Thurs. Nov. 3 –

Board of Education meets tonight at 7:00 in the school gym.

NOTES

PRAY AND WALKATHON – The hard work is done, now for the fun! Thanks again, parents, for all you did to make the Pray and Walkathon such an outstanding success! Raising \$10,019.14 with such a small school and parish community speaks volumes of your desire and willingness to support Catholic education in the Pearl Lake/Marty area. Our incentive prizes are set (gum and hat day on 10/20; Kickball tourney starts with PK/K and grs. 1/2 on 10/24; Kickball tourney ends on 10/26 with grs. 3/4 and grs. 5/6), and the greatest prize of them all, a visit to the Bounce Depot tentatively set for Thursday, November 10th. I'll get a note out before that time regarding information about the Bounce Depot, what the kids can bring, permission slip, waiver, etc. Watch for that in an upcoming Friday Folder. Thanks again!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDERS – As you are aware, the children are not able to bring weapons of any kind to school. This DOES include toy weapons such as swords, pitchforks, knives, guns, etc. that may be thought of as part of a Halloween costume. Please check your kids costume carefully to be in compliance with this guideline.

RIDE AND RIB FEST THANK YOU - Thank you to all parents who assisted in any way (set up, served food, registration, clean up) with the Ride and Rib Fest that was held on Sunday, October 9th. What a fantastic event! The people of Pearl Lake do the coolest things for fun and fundraising! Special thanks to Jayne Lochen for organizing and coordinating this wonderful event that raised necessary funds for Holy Cross School. It certainly was a great day. Thanks again to all who continuously bless us with your volunteer service.

TODAY'S OFFICE ENVELOPE INCLUDES:

- Fish Fry Children's Raffle tickets – check the note of explanation with the tickets.
- November Breakfast and Lunch Menu (two separate sheets)
- Breakfast request forms from October 31st – November 4th

UPCOMING NOVEMBER DATES:

- Mass, Monday, November 7th
- Vision Screening by the School Nurse (Grs. 1,3,5), November 9th
- Bounce Depot, Thursday November 10th
- Teacher Inservice – No school – Friday, November 11th
- School Retake Day – Monday, November 14th
- Mass, Monday, November 21st
- Early Dismissal on Wednesday, November 23rd.
- Thanksgiving Vacation – November 24 / 25
- Sunday, November 27th – the first Sunday of Advent.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - If you have any Box Tops for Education that you are saving at your house, please send them into the school on / by October 24th. They need to be redeemed by the end of October, so please get them in now!