



HCA Family Newsletter October 19, 2018

"Just as birds find air wherever they fly, we find God wherever we are." ~ Saint Francis de Sales

October

19 – School Mass, 8:15am, sweaters now required for Masses, *Food for Those in Need*

Collection; 6th grade trip to Riverside Theater; 7th & 8th grade dance, 7-9pm

23 & 24 – St. Mary Preschool Grandparents' Day

25 – HCA Grandparents' Day; luncheon, 12:30pm, Living Rosary, 2:30pm

26 – no school, diocesan professional development day; Trunk or Treat

27 – drama auditions begin; Boy Scouts Fall Crop Event

29 – Boys' Soccer Tournament, Linton Hall

November

1- 9 Library Book Fair

1 – All Saints Day, Mass, 8:15am; All Saints Parade, 2:30pm

2 – All Souls Day, no school Mass



Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

4th grade 10/22-30; 3rd grade 10/31 to 11/14; 2nd grade 11/15-29

NOTES

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents on Thursday. This is always a very special day at Holy Cross. We end our day with praying the Living Rosary together. That is a beautiful tradition that unites us all in prayer. **Please let your children's grandparents know that they cannot ask to have the children dismissed early.** We want all our students present to pray together. If grandparents are taking your children home, they should sign the list when they sign in. We will have those students dismissed first. We need our grandparents to follow the directions of the teachers and safeties for dismissal.



We encourage our students to bring their rosaries for the Living Rosary. You are invited to join us for this beautiful prayer.

Your children may have mentioned that we are **not praying together over the loudspeaker**. We had a power outage that we think may have created a short in the loudspeaker system. We are working on having it repaired or replaced.

Morning drop-off: We have a lot of parents parking to drop off your children. That is fine if you really need to do so but you have to wait until the drop-off line has finished. You cannot pull out into the line. We prefer that you drop your child off in the line but realize there may be exceptions to this. And as a reminder, no one should be driving on our property while on a cell phone. **Please do not be on the cell phone when you pick up your children.** They have SO MUCH to share with you!

JUMP-A-THON JOY! A huge thank you to all who sent in donations for the jump-a-thon. We raised almost \$400 for world hunger and had a great time. Our Holy Cross community is very generous and we are thankful! Many hungry people will receive nutritious meals due to your generosity!

It's About the Children!

Stephanie Cook is available for tutoring for students in grades K-5. She has openings after school and on weekends. Please email her at CooksClass@holycrossweb.com for more information.

The **Virginia Catholic Conference provides information on candidates to assist us as we vote:**
<https://vacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-US-Senate-Candidates-English.pdf>

*Have you signed up your Giant card for HCA yet? Our school id# is 02320.
This is a simple fundraiser that helps our PTO support the education of all our children.*



St. Mary Preschool is seeking a part-time aide for the three-year-old program, Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. A preschool aide should have some education beyond high school, along with experience in either a child care or school setting. Interested applicants should email their resumes to Sheri Castellarin at preschool@holycrossweb.com.

Aviat Care is hiring an after-school childcare worker. The hours are 2:45-5:00pm. We are looking for someone who loves to be around children and is willing to lead them in play and guide them in completing their homework. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Sr. Miriam Elizabeth at aviatcare@holycrossweb.com.

All students in grades K to 5 participate in **our All Saints Parade on Nov. 1.** We encourage the children to research a saint they do not yet know much about, and to dress in a **very simple costume** depicting this saint. Consider an American saint or one recently canonized. **So many great saints to inspire us!**

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Our middle school is BUSY! Student Council sponsored the Jump-A-Thon on Monday and helped raise almost \$400 for world hunger; well done! The school store continues to be a huge success. The items were offered to the 3rd, 4th & 5th grades this week and this boosted sales...Great job 7th grade. Mrs Dalton is organizing a trip (THIS IS NOT AN HCA SPONSORED EVENT) to the haunted house at Mountain View High School on Thursday Oct 25th. There is no school on Friday, Oct 26th so all who want to participate should meet in the HCA parking lot at 4:30 and we will go to Mountain View High School together. The cost is \$7 per student and parents will need to drive. The theme of the haunted house is "Edgar Alan Poe" and there will be three rooms, guaranteed to be super spooky. Feel free to email mdalton@holycrossweb.com with any questions.

Crusader Corner: What a great week of games / matches this week by all of our fall sports teams. The season is quickly coming to a close in the last couple weeks of October. Congratulations to all for a wonderful season!

Basketball tryouts will be held Tuesday and Wednesday November 6 and 7. If you are interested in playing, please bring in all of the required paperwork before tryouts begin. If there are girls interested in playing, please have them see Mrs. Meskunas.

Everyone who ordered from the spirit wear cart should have received their orders. There are a few items that we are still waiting on, and those will be passed out as soon as they arrive. Please let Mrs. Meskunas know if there are any issues or concerns you have with the items you received.

Come one, come all to support your HCA Crusaders Volleyball team! On November 3rd, the Crusaders will battle other VCAC teams to try and bring home the championship trophy. The tournament will begin at 9 am and is at Core Volleyball Club, 1127 International Parkway, Suite 141, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Wear your maroon and grey proudly! Hope to see everyone there!!!

Casting Call! **Drama Club is casting actors** and looking for dedicated crew members to Star in Mary Poppins, Jr. Please visit our website <http://holycrossacademydr.wixsite.com/drama/rehearsal-schedule>

Audition spots are filling quickly; please schedule early and start preparing and listening to our music uploaded to our website. All those who audition are cast in the show. We have many parts available!

Please follow the directions for auditioning; if you are in grades K-3 or are crew, download the permission form from our website and submit with dues no later than October 29, 2018. If you are in grades 4-8 please bring form and dues with you to your audition. I look forward to another great season, Mrs. Marty Ferraioli.

PTO Corner: Chocolate will be here, just a few days later than we reported earlier. Watch this space for more information!

On October 26th, come one come all to the **newly restored Trunk or Treat!** The event starts at 7 and runs until 9, and will feature games, sponsored tables, concession popcorn and soda, and, for the bravest of the brave--an entire parking lot full of ghastly trunks and ghoulish tailgates, decorated, bearing candy, and in many cases holding a surprise or two. Please feed your little ghouls and goblins their supper before arriving, since a dinner of popcorn could leave you positively skeletal. Contact Tara Durant at ecdurant@verizon.net to volunteer.

Are you a master gardener? Or do you just have some green skills ready to roll and looking for a school courtyard to turn into the Eden of your imagination? Contact wolfjill7@yahoo.com to volunteer for the Garden and Patio committee.

Anyone suffering from auction withdrawal? The idea of holding a **Children's Auction this year**, in the off-year from the full-scale Adult's Auction, has been suggested--your thoughts? Your feelings? Contact Brian Fannin at attorney@brianfanninlaw.com to let us know how you feel.

And if you feel like running, that's a good thing! A group representing HCA plans to run in the **Thanksgiving Turkey Trot**, and what's more, plans to practice for the event at least twice a week, on Tuesdays at HCA and on Saturdays at Kenmore Park. Come and join this Running Club of Turkey

"It's About the Children."

Trotters by sending a note to Katie Klumpp at kateweh1@yahoo.com and she will tell you all about how to go about joining the fall running club.

If a brand-new pair of roller skates is more your speed, send a note to Lynne Malinowski at lcmalinowski@gmail.com and let her know you want to help prepare for our **first annual HCA Roller Skating Party**, set for March 7th, 2019. This event is in the planning stages, so your help is welcome with ticket sales, offering suggestions on how to make the evening family friendly, and helping Madame Malinowski with whatever she ends up needing to make this a very special night for our school family.

We need volunteers for Scrip Coordinator and helpers; Grandparents' Day helpers; Yearbook Coordinators, Photographers, Editors and Helpers; and many other key positions. Please contact Brian Fannin at attorney@brianfanninlaw.com to express your interest in these or any other positions.

Kaleidoscope Occupational Therapy LLC is offering FREE developmental screenings for students at Holy Cross Academy! As an Occupational Therapist, I am professionally trained to identify challenges in an individual that may be unseen to the common eye and address those areas through functional and engaging therapeutic tasks. OT is unique in that it helps individuals gain or regain the skills they need to perform tasks necessary for them in day-to-day activities (eating, dressing, playing, socializing, performing academically, etc.). For example: Some children seem clumsy, unmotivated, or constantly on-the-go. Others have difficulty concentrating and behaving well in school. OTs are trained to see beyond the symptoms to the underlying challenges, which - if addressed - could change everything for that child! A screening is a short (5-10 min) observation of a child performing various tasks, assessing their fine motor skills (small movements/precision), gross motor skills (large movements/motor planning), and sensory-motor tasks. After the screening, the child will be sent home with a note indicating whether or not a full OT evaluation is warranted and why. If, after an evaluation, further treatment is deemed necessary, we would be honored to partner with you, the parent and/or legal guardian, by working directly with your child and providing you with the skills and resources needed to help your child succeed! Please contact me, Christiana Cooper, OTR/L Founder, and Occupational Therapist at 540.324.5330 or Christiana@gmail.com if you would like more information. My website is www.KOTfxbg.com.

Please join us at **Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, the newest of the four diocesan high schools for our Fall Open House:** Sunday, November 4 from 1-4pm, 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026. You can register online at jpthegreat.org. This is a great chance to tour our amazing facility, meet and chat with teachers and coaches, and learn all about what our GREAT school has to offer. Email: admissions@jpthegreat.org if you have ANY questions!

From Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School Come enjoy **an official 5K run or a Fun Run/Walk** on Saturday, November 10th at 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, 22026. The race starts at 9 with the Fun Run and other great activities for the whole family immediately after, followed by a pancake breakfast! All proceeds benefit our Special Services Programs: "Options" for our intellectually disabled students and "Laudare" for our students with learning disabilities. *Sign up now and receive a T-Shirt at runsignup.com/jp5krunwalkforoptions.*