



HCA Family Newsletter October 26, 2018

"Works of love are always works of peace."

~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

October

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

27 – Boy Scouts Fall Crop Event

29 – Boys' Soccer Tournament, Linton Hall, dismissal at 12:15pm

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

3 – Confirmation Retreat, Volleyball Tournament at CORE

6 – Basketball Tryouts (Varsity & JV together): boys @ 3:30; girls @ 5:30

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8 – 4th grade Mini-Mall; dismissal, 11:30am; parent conferences

9 – no school, parent conferences



Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

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

NOTES

If you did **not yet sign up for a conference with your child's teacher**, please do so right away. The teachers will share the Scantron test scores and other information about your child's progress. The link for each class is different so we cannot include it here. If you do not have the link to sign up, please email Mrs. Jeffers at hcasecretary@holycrossweb.com and she will send it to you.

Many thanks for your support for of our last-minute Hurricane Relief drive. We were able to send quite a few donations to help our brothers and sisters in need. Special thanks to Young Catholics for donating \$200 worth of baby formula. We know it will be put to good use!

FINAL CALL! Mary Poppins is coming to HCA. This is the final week for auditions. Please visit our production website www.holycrossacademydr.wixsite.com/drama . We have added a new audition time slot and Monday 10/29. If you do not find an agreeable audition slot, submit any requests for audition appointment to the contact tab on the website and we can try to accommodate you. *Mary Poppins is a huge musical. We need actors, dancers and stage hands. Now is an amazing time to join Drama Club. We have numerous characters to bring to life. Come on out and see us!*



Your children made some amazing artwork for Square 1 Art this year! Please consider a Square 1 Art gift for friends and family. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the HCA art program. All orders will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. Order Deadline: November 2nd. The perfect gift for loved ones!

It's About the Children!

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!

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. 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 Schoolers were wonderful servers for Grandparents' Day. They displayed their best manners and were helpful and kind to all our special guests. Way to go, HCA Middle School! We are very proud of you. Our 7th & 8th graders had a great time at their dance. It was fun to spend some time together outside of class!

Please see the flyer for the St. Mary Craft Group open to students aged 4 – 11 years. There are many different craft opportunities, along with the chance to make new friends.

Crusader Corner: Next week will be the conclusion to a great fall season. Good luck to all our teams! The **boys' soccer team** will travel to Linton Hall on Monday for their conference tournament. **They finished the season in first place and we wish them luck on bringing home the trophy again this year.**

Girls' volleyball has three final matches and then will be hosting the conference tournament on Saturday. Please consider coming out to cheer these girls on. (details below)

Our field hockey team will be finishing off their season with two games this week. Once the season is over, please return cleaned uniforms in a bag with the athlete's name to Mrs. Meskunas.

Basketball tryouts will be held on Nov 6 and 7 in Father Brisson Hall. I am happy to say that it seems we have enough interest to form a JV girls basketball team, and we have coaches excited to hold the tryouts. Please turn in your forms as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for the number of players in tryouts. See the times of the tryouts above!

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!!!

SCRIP News – Amazon.com is now available in a new, more durable type of physical card at \$25 and \$100 denomination to replace the printed tickets. We carry the \$25 denomination in stock, however; we can order the \$100 denominations. Just send an email to scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com or ask a scrip volunteer to order.

Additionally, we are still **seeking a dedicated individual** who would be willing to help manage the SCRIP program as one of its coordinators. Our SCRIP program directly supports Holy Cross Academy (HCA) earning rebates for the school expansion fund through the sale of gift cards for many favorite stores and retailers such as Wal-Mart, Giant, Wawa, Weis, Target, Olive Garden, Ruby Tuesday, Sheetz, and Regal Theater just to name a few. The SCRIP Coordinator duties are shared by two individuals who divide the duties. This volunteer position takes approximately 1-2 hours per week and includes placing orders to replenish inventory, picking up and delivering the St. Mary and HCA Scrip bags in partnership with the other coordinator, creating the SCRIP Schedule (once per month), and being the POC for Parishioners who need assistance with setting up an account in SCRIPWARE and/or answering questions. Training will be provided. If interested, please email scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for more information.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in being a part of this important effort that directly benefits Holy Cross Academy, our parish school. After all, It's for the children.

PTO Corner: *Many thanks to Wendy Roche and her fantastic team* for giving us a Grandparents' Day to be proud of! Thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who participated--grandparents are an essential part of our families in many cases, and Holy Cross Academy wouldn't be the same without all of you. **Don't forget, you are members of PTO too, and we'd love to see more of you!**

And don't forget to **come back to school tonight dressed in your finest, or scariest, or funniest costume**--it's time for Trunk or Treat from 7 to 9 PM. Drop the kids off for some popcorn and drinks while you decorate your trunk, and then be ready for the little goblins to begin their quest for candy at 8. All wrapped up and on the road by 9--is there a better, safer way to celebrate Halloween?

“It's About the Children.”

Save the Date of **December 9th!** **The Holy Cross Academy Barnes & Noble book fair** will be held that day, with a portion of all sales from the Central Park Barnes and Noble coming to our school as a fundraiser. If you're available to help wrap gifts, direct shoppers or even to entertain the masses with a special talent, please contact Brian Fannin at attorney@brianfanninlaw.com to volunteer. This year we will have teacher wish lists available in advance, so if you don't know what to get that special teacher for Christmas, this will help you know what is needed for the classroom. And don't forget: cheesecakes! Watch this space for more information shortly.

Anyone up for an adult night out? **The fantastic Murder Mystery Dinner Show may be coming to Holy Cross Academy to raise money for Drama Club and PTO**--but first, we have to figure out who wants to be part of the team that will be putting on this spectacular Dinner Theater event. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11th at 2 PM at the school.

Contact amyuriell@mac.com or skaggs13@aol.com to learn more about this evening of fantastic food, wonderful wine, and a touch of deductive reasoning--you may even get to pick whodunit!

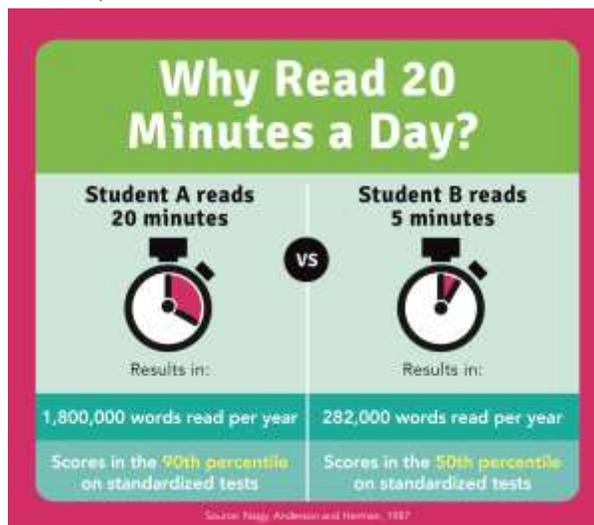
A Signup Genius was sent out to sell chocolate outside of Mass either at St. Mary or St. Matthew. This is **a proven way to sell all that chocolate** before the parents of the house eat it and deny it ever happened; **it's also a great way to spread word of our school to our parishioners and other sympathetic people.**

Last Chance to Express Your Opinion Before a Decision Is Made!!!! 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 do I hear fifty, fifty-five, sixty fun-filled hours volunteering to lead the Auction in 2020?!?!? **Please give a thought to whether you could make the 2020 auction** magically efficient, beautifully decorated, memorably delicious or just the most well-oiled fundraiser ever to support our school. The time is now to volunteer yourself and your friends for this fun, social event.

Many activities are already happening, and we especially need volunteers for Scrip Coordinator and 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.

Dear Parents and Families: Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students



develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, Mathematics, Science, and History!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Mark your calendar!

Book Fair dates: **November 2-9, 2018**

Shopping hours: **7:30-3:30**

NEW digital payment option: eWallet! Now your student can shop the Fair cash-free! Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and to create an account:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holycrossacademy1>

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from **October 27** to **November 12**. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!

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!

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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.*

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critical thinking, and real-world skills.**

All are welcome to attend!

Visiting Speaker:

Dr. Joseph Wysocki, Dean of the Honors Program at Belmont Abbey College

<p>Date and Time: Tuesday, November 6 6:30 – 8:00pm</p>	<p>info@thesummitva.org www.summitacademyva.org (540) 684-3989</p>	<p>Address: 5888 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22407</p>
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