



HCA Family Newsletter February 15, 2019

"May all that is in us and of us find its way into our prayer, unite itself to God and abandon itself to his love." ~ Blessed Louis Brisson

February

- 15 – School Mass, 8:15am; **Food for Those in Need** collection; faculty meeting, 11:30am dismissal
- 18 – Presidents' Day, no school
- 21 – PTO Board meeting, 1:30pm, Conference Room; Confirmation formation night (gr. 7), 6pm, HCA
- 22 - School Mass, 8:15am; **Food for Those in Need** collection
- 25 – field trip for Strings students, 9am – 12noon
- 27 – Varsity boys' basketball vs Harlem Rockets, 1-2pm, all are welcome; girls' soccer tryouts
Robotics team to St. Mary Preschool
- 28 – Character Dress Up Day, grades K to 5; girls' soccer tryouts

Recess Duty, 11:15-12:25: 5th gr 2/20; 4th grade 2/21 – 3/6; 3rd grade 3/7-20; 2nd grade 3/21-4/2

*We are asking anyone who can to **come at 11:15 to be present for the first recess** as well. We would like to get a few more eyes and ears on the playground at that time. If you cannot come at 11:15, recess duty begins at 11:35. Just a reminder that it is important to refrain from using your cell phones when on recess duty. Multitasking is a myth and we want to give our full attention to our children. We thank you so much for your time, we know it is valuable and know that your young people love to see you.*

NOTES

Please be sure to **register any incoming kindergartners** right away. We will begin accepting new families within the next 2 weeks and want to make sure our current families are taken care of first!

We have a late Lent and Easter this year but it is time to think of **our HCA-sponsored Lenten Soup Supper**. Please check out our sign up and see if you can help us out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948aeaf2ea20-lenten>

FACTS GRANT & AID 2019-2020 WINDOW IS NOW OPEN - please remember you will need to submit 2018 tax and W-2 forms. FACTS Management annual fees will be going up to \$50.00 per agreement for the 2019/2020 school year. They will also be adding a great new online payment system for other fees & incidentals. **The financial aid application deadline is March 15th.**

Don't let these students go without JA. VOLUNTEERS needed for 4-1, 5-2, 6-2 & 7-2! [Junior Achievement's programs](#) are designed to empower students at HCA from Kindergarten through 8th grade to own their economic success. They are taught by volunteers like YOU! Programs are presented by JA's volunteers for 30-45 minutes each week for five to six weeks, with the exact time commitments dependent upon the grade level of the students. JA programs give students the opportunity to practice cooperation, teamwork, decision-making, and leadership skills through numerous exciting hands-on activities. All of the lesson plans and activities are provided in an easy-to-follow guidebook in the program kit that you'll be provided. The kit includes all of the materials necessary to implement the programs. The teacher will always remain in the classroom to assist with any issues that may arise.

It's About the Children!

Please volunteer and spend time with your child (children, grandchildren etc.) and experience school life first-hand. One day.....HCA students will be owners of a businesses that we frequent. To volunteer or for more information please contact: Linda Caporali at lcaporali@comcast.net or (540) 878-0125.

Crusader Corner: Spring sports are being scheduled. The tryout dates are listed on the website and will be posted on the athletics board in the middle school hallway. If you are considering playing one of these sports, please submit your paperwork to Mrs. Meskunas. All athletes should have returned their uniforms. If not, please do so right away.

MSM Student council is hosting their second dance on March 1st it is for 7th and 8th graders only as 6th grade has their own dance in the spring. This is a very exciting time for the middle school students, getting ready for graduation, confirmation and the NJHS notifications going out. Our middle school students continue to impress us with the great efforts they put into all of their many activities and projects. Look for a sign up for the dance in your inbox soon

Calling all Crafters!! Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Spring No Frills Scrapbook Crop-A-Thon Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9am – 9pm at HCA. Only \$35.00 per person! You bring your photos and supplies and we will provide a 6ft. table, snacks/drinks (meals on your own), and Boy Scouts to carry your supplies to and from your car. Please contact Torie Baldwin at keetongirl2@yahoo.com to register by March 23, 2019.

Marian Consecration: Vatican II noted, *“Everyone should have a genuine devotion to Mary and entrust their life to her motherly care.”* The students of Holy Cross will be conducting a 33-day Marian Retreat starting on February 19 and will conclude on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25. St. Louis de Montfort said, *“Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary truly is the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means to becoming a saint.”*

The Middle School students will be using Father Michael Gaitley’s *33 Days to Morning Glory*, while Kindergarten to Fifth Grade will use the book, *Marian Consecration for Children* by Dr. Carrie Gress. Dr. Gress is a parishioner at St. Mary. If you wish to follow along with your child, you can find both books easily on Amazon for under \$12. This is a great way to unite the family and you can use this opportunity as an extension of school to home. You can find more information on the *33 Days to Morning Glory* through the Augustine Institute at Lighthouse Catholic Media. You can find more material from Dr. Gress from Tan Books.

Announcements from Saint John Paul the Great High School:

March 2nd: Mardi Gras Gala! Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting their seventh annual gala on March 2nd, 2019. Come enjoy a night of fellowship and fun at Potomac Point Winery! Tickets are available at: www.jpthegreat.schoolauktion.net/jpgala2018

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