



HCA Family Newsletter January 18, 2019

"At hundreds of times during the day, let us join our life to God's love." ~ Saint Francis de Sales

January

21 – no school, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

24 – feast of St. Francis de Sales

25 – school Mass, 8:15am; feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; **FOOD FOR THE POOR COLLECTION**

2nd trimester Interim Notices; 4th & 5th grade Girl Smarts/Character Connections in FBH

26-27 – HCA students speak at St. Mary Church and hand out thank you notes after each Mass

28 – CSW Prayer Service to begin our week, 8:15m, FBH

29 – Come join us for lunch! See the details below

29-30 (noon to noon) – Many Gifts, One Nation, A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

30 – celebrating our nations; wear your red, white and blue accessories

31 – celebrating vocations: thanks to our priests, deacons and Oblate Sisters for their service



February

1 – CSW Mass, please join us!

2 – **Father Daughter Dance. Sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45a9a629a7f49-fatherdaughter>

3 - **Open House:** St. Mary Preschool, 9:30-noon; HCA 1-3pm. Please invite friends, family & neighbors!

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25: 7th gr 1/14 to 1/25; 6th gr 1/28 to 2/7; 5th gr 2/8 to 2/20

NOTES

On Jan 29, we invite you, our HCA parents, to come have lunch with your student. Lunch is free to you and your children. Our menu includes baked ziti, a side salad and a roll. Sign up to join us for lunch:

Kindergarten to 2nd grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic4>

3rd, 4th & 5th grades: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic5>

6th, 7th & 8th grades: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic6>

We would love to have you with us! Our Middle School students are sharpening their 'Manners to Go' skills to serve their parents!

Calling All Science Fair Judges: You are invited to serve as a judge in this year's Holy Cross Academy Science Fair on February 7th from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. The only qualification is willingness to mentor and encourage budding scientists and engineers. If you can help please email Mrs. Lanzarone at elanzarone@holycrossweb.com or call the school office.

Registration information was sent home digitally on Thursday. If you are making any changes in your registration, please notify Mrs. Jeffers by Feb. 8, 2019. The registration fee of \$100.00 per student will be added to your March 2019 FACTS tuition payment. Registration packets for siblings of current students can be picked up in the front office. The completed packet with registration fee must be submitted by

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Feb. 8, 2019. For those who pay the tuition in full, the registration fee will be withdrawn on March 15th. PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION will be done by the Preschool Director at the preschool.

Scantron testing for grades 3 to 7 continues this week. Please avoid any unnecessary absences or lateness. We appreciate your cooperation.

Don't miss out on all the fun to be had at this year's **Father-Daughter Dance! It will be held on Saturday, February 2nd**; the fun begins at 6pm and will conclude at 8pm. The RSVP deadline is Friday, January 25th, so please be sure to turn in your money to your child's teacher or the front office. The cost is \$15 per family. Hope to see you there!

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.

From time to time, we hear gunshots when we are outdoors. There is a shooting range farther up route 17 and the neighborhood off Green Banks Road is a 'shooting zone'. People are allowed to shoot guns on their property. When we hear gunshots, we always take the students indoors and call the police to check. We do not go into a lockdown unless they advise us to do so (which they never have). I wanted to share this information with you since this happened the other day and happens from time to time. We do not panic but we do take precautions. Please let me know if you have any questions.

If there is anyone who can **help out by laundering and repairing our altar server outfits at HCA**, we would appreciate it greatly. They need to be washed and ironed and many of the snaps no longer function. Any help would be welcome. Please contact the front office if you can help with this task.

Did you know....**Junior Achievement alumni are 143% more likely to start their own business than the general population.** Please be a volunteer! VOLUNTEERS needed for K-1, 3-2, 4-1, 5-1, 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. 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.

On Monday, February 4th the Second Grade is sponsoring a schoolwide Jersey Day!! Second grade is asking students who want to participate by wearing a sports jersey (over school uniform) to bring in a monetary donation. All proceeds will go to Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg. For more information about Mary's Shelter, please see the following link: www.marysshelterva.org. This truly is a wonderful Hope Project for our second graders and allows us to help local women and their children who are in crisis. Thank you in advance for your support!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS FAST APPROACHING!

Here is a short list of activities for the week.

SUNDAY: Students will be giving out thank you cards and speaking about HCA at the end of each Mass.

MONDAY: celebrating community: prayer service parents invited to attend right after drop off.

TUESDAY: NCEA Giving Day; all parents are invited to lunch with their student. Please RSVP.

WEDNESDAY: celebrating nation; all students are allowed to wear red, white and blue accessories and the staff vs crusaders volleyball game will take place at 2:00....join us if you can, sure to please!

THURSDAY: celebrating vocations; thank yous are sent to the Oblate Sisters, priests, and deacons. We will also be acknowledging the parish staff, thanking them for all they do.

FRIDAY; Principal appreciation day; join us for Mass as we thank our principal and assistant principal for their service

SUNDAY: open houses: St Mary Preschool 9:30am to 12pm , HCA 1-3pm. There will be food and demonstrations by students. Encourage anyone you know who is considering HCA to come check us out. Youth of Note will be singing at the 12:30 Mass at St Mary Church.

Some of the slots to hand out thank yous at Mass are full. Please come anyway! We want as many children outside of Mass as possible. The link to sign up is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AFAC23AA8-2019>

University of Virginia Curry School of Education 2019 Summer Enrichment

Program. An exciting opportunity for gifted and high ability students in grades 4-10. Information and application available at curry.virginia.edu/sep



MSM During Catholic Schools Week **you will see many of our middle school students lending a helping hand!** Some will be playing volleyball against our staff, some will be serving you lunch on Jan 29th and some will be surprising teachers with small treats during the week. Also some of our 7th grade students will be getting an invitation to the National Junior Honor Society. It is a very exciting time!

PTO Corner: Catholic Schools Week will be held from January 27th through February 2nd this year. **The Academic Dinner will be held on January 31st from 6 to 7 PM, with visits to classrooms** following. This is the second of our open PTO Meetings, and the PTO executive committee will be there to mingle and speak to whatever concerns or questions you may have. Also, catering will be coming from Aladdin's

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and Sam's again, featuring kebabs, penne alfredo, and other Mediterranean delights--plus chicken fingers for those kids who just won't try anything new! **The flyer to sign up for the dinner was sent home and is in our Attachments folder.**

Other winter events include the Father-Daughter Dance, Lenten Soup Suppers and a **Roller Skating Night at Cavalier on March 7-** details coming soon. If you want to volunteer to help with any PTO events, please contact PTO President Brian Fannin at attorney@brianfanninlaw.com and let him know where your interest lies.

Crusader Corner: We are **still in need of some fall sports uniforms.** Individual emails will be sent out to make sure you are aware, but if you have one, please return it now.

For those **considering playing our spring sports** (girls' soccer, boys' and girls' lacrosse) please begin compiling paperwork. Those tryouts will be the last week of February through the first week of March. If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Director at hcaathletics@holycrossweb.com.

Dear Sister Susan Louise and all at Holy Cross Academy.

Happy New Year! Once again, thank you for the generosity shared this past year with our Mary's Shelter families.

As you know, Mary's Shelter provides safe, secure homes to women who find themselves in crisis. We are funded through private and Church donations. Over 300 women, along with any other children she may have in tow, and hundreds of beautiful infants have graced our homes over the past thirteen years.

This past year, we were invited once again to receive donations from the students who raise money for charity. This is one of the best fundraisers we get to be part of. It is heartwarming to know that they have worked hard to raise funds so they can provide for others in need and a highlight for us, seeing such goodness and giving firsthand. Incredibly joyful spirits.

We would like to thank you once again for including us in your Christmas giving. We are always thankful to be thought of and included in these events. The items and gift cards donated are incredibly needed and appreciated and go a long way in supporting the needs of our residents. The Holy Cross families have always been so generous to our ministry. We are incredibly blessed and thankful to all.

We will keep you in our prayers throughout this year. Prayers for a blessed and Holy New Year.

In Christ, Kathleen Wilson, Director - on behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Mary's Shelter

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.schoolauction.net/jpgala2018

BioEthics Seminars

Sister Terese will be hosting a 6-session overview of the course "Called to Happiness" (the second course in the JP Bioethics Curriculum). Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, starting January 29. Please come, and invite your friends! Please see [this flyer](#) for more information!! For registration [click here](#).

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