



HCA Family Newsletter October 12, 2018

"Nothing so wins God's Heart as acts of confidence in him."

~Blessed Louis Brisson

October

- 12 – School Mass, 8:15am, Feast of Blessed Father Louis Brisson, *Food for Those in Need collection*
Kindergarten trip to Belvedere Plantation; 1st trimester interim notices
- 15 – World Food Day activities (**students may wear phys ed uniforms**) see below;
8th grade Confirmation meeting, St. Mary, 7pm
- 16 – Winter uniforms begin, see dress code: <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>
- 17 – National Shake-Out Earthquake Drill
- 18 – *student pictures, sweaters required, may purchase online or use form*
- 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
- 27 – drama auditions begin



Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

5th grade 10/15-17; 4th grade 10/18-30; 3rd grade 10/31 to 11/14

NOTES

Winter uniforms begin on Tuesday, see dress code: <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>. *Please note the regulation about shoes.* We have some students wearing sneakers instead of dress shoes. All students are required to wear black dress shoes.

School pictures will be taken on Oct. 18. You can order online or use the packet that will come home next week. The Victor O'Neill link is on our homepage. Students must be in complete winter uniform, including the sweater.

Although you can check your child's grades on PowerSchool, we thought it would be helpful to **send home interim notices since we are now in trimesters.** Each student in grades 3 to 8 received an interim notice today. Please ask your child for his or hers. If any tests or assignments were recorded since the notice, they will be reflected online. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please look on PowerSchool first. If an assignment or a test is missing, that will lower the grade considerably and your child needs to take care of that immediately. After looking on PowerSchool, if you still have questions, please contact your child's teacher. If you do not remember how to get on to PowerSchool, please email Sr. Frances Carol at sfcarol@holycrossweb.com and she can help you. *Remember that this is just a notice so that you know how your child is doing. Report cards come out on December 7th.*

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*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.*



- You need your 12-digit GIANT CARD number found on the back of the card
- Visit www.giantfood.com click on SIGN IN, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, SAVINGS & REWARDS, to log on to your online account or click REGISTER to create your on-line account. Once you are logged in to your account, you can select a school for A+ Rewards.
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- If you need a GIANT CARD, please visit your local store to obtain one or click here: [I NEED A GIANT CARD](#). It can take up to seven (7) days for a new card to get into the system. After your first purchase, it can take an additional seven days to see the points from your initial purchase to appear on your receipt.

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>

St. Mary Preschool is seeking a part-time aide for the four-year-old program. 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.

Confirmation Year II meeting (8th graders): Join us Monday, Oct. 15th at 7pm in the Church for our Year II meeting where we will cover what is left of the confirmation process. All candidates and at least one parent must attend. Please make sure to turn in your permission slips for the upcoming Confirmation Retreats (permission slips are available on the youth ministry website).

WORLD HUNGER DAY is celebrated on October 16th. This year our Student Council is sponsoring a "jump-a-thon" on Monday Oct 15. All classes will be invited to the gym to enjoy popcorn and water and jump rope with their friends and classmates. Student Council is suggesting a \$1 donation that will go to the hunger fund of Cross Catholic Outreach; this is not a requirement, just a suggestion. Of course, they will be happy to receive more! It should be a fun day for all and, as always, parents are welcome! Students should wear their phys ed uniforms all day, The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:15 -9:00:	3-1 & 4-1	9:00- 9:45:	3-2 & 4-2
9:45 - 10:30	7-1, 7-2, 1-1, 1-2	10:30 - 11:15:	K-1, K-2, 8-1, 8-2
12:50-1:35	5-1, 5-2	1:35 -2:20:	6-1, 6-2, 2-1, 2-2

Hats off to Mrs. Darling for organizing the Middle School team building at the Wilderness Center. Our students had a great time and enjoyed the outdoors. Student Council is preparing for the "harvest dance" for 7th & 8th graders this coming Friday Oct 19th from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold during lunch all next week but will not be available at the door. Student Council will also be selling donut holes again Friday during after school carpool cost is \$1.

Crusader Corner: The fall sports are in full swing, and will be winding down at the end of October. Please check the calendar and come out to watch the **volleyball, field hockey and soccer teams and visit the concessions stand at home soccer and field hockey games.**

Basketball tryouts will be held November 6 & 7. If you are interested in playing, please submit your paperwork as soon as possible.

The spirit wear should be in very soon. The students will receive the items in class to bring it home.

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: A Signup Genius will be up soon for those wishing 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.

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.

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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 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. Circle the date on your calendars! This event is in the planning stages, so your help is welcome with ticket sales, offering helpful 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.

Many activities are already happening, and we especially 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.



Calling all Crafters!! Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Fall 2018 No Frills Scrapbook Crop-A-Thon. Saturday, October 27, 2018 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 vebaldwin1@gmail.com to register by October 15, 2018.

Please see the Attachments for **St. Matthew Parish's Craft Fair** which will be held on Oct. 14, 9am-2pm. Delicious food and lovely crafts will be available.

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL: On Sunday, November 4th from 1:00-4:00pm, we will host our annual **Fall Open House**. This year, all of the diocesan high schools' open houses are on different days to give all a chance to see where their student/family would thrive best (of course, we hope it is here at JP the Great).

The Fredericksburg Chapter of LIFE Runners is hosting its first ever **Fill-A-Purse Campaign**. Many women in our area need help, some with basic needs such as toiletries. During October LIFE Runners will be collecting gently used purses in good condition. In November they will collect and fill these purses with toiletries such as feminine hygiene products, *travel size* deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo,

conditioner, body wash, lotion, perfume, toothbrush, hairbrush/comb, ChapStick, lip gloss and other items, whatever individuals wish to contribute. In December they will donate the filled purses to various local charities such as Empower House, Micah Ministries, Hope House, Mary's Shelter and others that support women. **"All in Christ for Pro-Life!"** The first step is the collection of handbags this month: **Pearl Esquibel will be collecting purses on Sunday, October 14, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at church and Sunday, October 28 at Holy Cross Academy.** Questions? Please contact Pearl at 540-373-0566.

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