



HCA Family Newsletter October 5, 2018

"Let us run to Mary as her little children and cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence."

~Saint Francis de Sales

October

8 – Columbus Day, no school

9 – Vision & Hearing Screening, grades 3 & 7; 8th grade trip to Wilderness Adventure Center

10 – Uniform buy back, 2:30pm; 7th grade trip to Wilderness Adventure Center

11 – 6th grade trip to Wilderness Adventure Center; PTO Used Uniform Sale;
Confirmation Formation Night, 6:30pm, grade 7

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

16 – Winter uniforms begin, see dress code: <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>

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

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

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

NOTES

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.
- If you have a GIANT CARD but do not know your 12-digit GIANT CARD number, call the GIANT CARD HOTLINE at 1-877-366-2668 and select Option #1. The representatives will be able to provide you your GIANT CARD number.
- 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.



Congratulations to **Mia Skaggs, James Sherman, Matthew Stoeter and McKenna Withers** who were selected for All-County Chorus. We are very proud of you and are looking forward to your concert on November 7th at 5:00 at Colonial Forge High School.

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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.

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.

Please see our Attachments folder for **3 documents from the Virginia Catholic Conference**. One is a sign up sheet for their updates. If you fill that out and return it to the school office, we will pass it on to the VCC. They will keep you updated on all relevant legislative programs in Virginia. The other 2 documents tell about the Virginia 529 Plan and the Education Improvement Scholarship Plan. We hope that you will look over all 3 documents.

From our Nurse: Head lice is common among children attending child care and elementary school. It can be prevented by avoiding head-to-head contact during play and other activities and not sharing personal items such as clothing, combs, brushes, hats, scarves, barrettes, helmets, or towels. See the attachment under health and wellness for more information.

Virginia School Health Guidelines recommend scoliosis screening for students in grades 5 through 9 (ages 10 to 15). Information on scoliosis is being sent home with all students in Grade 5. The information can also be found @ www.scoliosis.org, or on the school website attachments under health and wellness. You can follow the simple screening procedure provided to check your child at home. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please call Mrs. Richardson.

The Lions of Virginia will be assisting us with vision and hearing screening of students in **3rd & 7th Grades on Tuesday, October 9th**. Permission slips were sent home with those students. If you have a child in another grade that you would like screened, permission slips can be found on the school website under newsletter links and attachments – health and wellness. Please complete the personal data, sign and return the form. **SCREENINGS WILL NOT BE DONE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.** Students who wear glasses must have them available for the vision portion of the screening.

7th Grade (Year I) Confirmation Families: Our first *mandatory* Confirmation Formation Night will be held at Holy Cross Academy on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 6:30pm. Join us for dinner followed by a talk from nationally recognized Catholic speaker Dan Harms. We will end the night with family Adoration. All 7th grade Confirmation candidates and at least one parent must attend.

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 Food Day October 15th: On Oct 15th our student council will be helping with "world food day". All students will be invited to the gym during their allotted time to jump rope and enjoy free popcorn and water. Students are asked but NOT required to bring in a dollar to donate to the world food missions. We are combining a fun activity and a good work!

MSM Middle School Minute: Student Council is hosting their first 7th & 8th grade dance on October 19th from 7-9pm. Tickets will be on sale starting Monday Oct 15th during lunch they are \$5 and will not be sold at the door. On Oct 15th Student Council will also be helping with "world food day". All students will be invited to the gym during their allotted time to jump rope and enjoy free popcorn and water. Students are asked but NOT required to bring in a dollar to donate to the world food missions. Our student council reps will help organize and chaperone during the event. The school store has been a huge success....way to go 7th grade, kudos to all who have set up and sold!

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 and 7. If you are interested in playing, please submit your paperwork as soon as possible.

The spirit wear should be in any day now. The students will receive the items in class to bring 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 The next time we meet, it will be October, and you know what that means--Winter Uniform Time! The Metropolitan Museum of Art may soon be closing the Catholic Fashion exhibit, but we know we've still got style! Our next Used Uniform Sale is just around the corner, on October 11th from 8:15 to

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10:00 for the Used Uniform Sale itself; volunteers will be needed to help set up the night before from 6 to 8 PM. Also on October 10th at 2:30 PM during carpool parents can trade in used uniforms for credit **before** the actual sale (and of course on the day of sale too). Contact HCA's in-house Fashion Editor Annalisa Skaggs at skaggs13@aol.com to volunteer. If you look hard enough, you might even find a costume or two that featured at the Met.

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 will be up soon for those wishing to sell chocolate outside of mass either at St. Mary's or St. Matthew's. 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.

Another happy day on our schedule is Grandparents' Day! Please don't forget to sign up by returning the form. Last year we had a good old Testament number of grandparents appear at our door--40 in fact--without having sent in the form; fortunately, we also had 40 extra seats ready from those who had failed to appear. Dare we count on such forbearance of fortune again, or shall we get our forms in on time? Here's one vote for advanced organization. Please get those forms in, asap! The great day itself is coming in on October 25th.

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 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. **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** tomorrow October 6th only, the Running Club will not be meeting at Kenmore Park, so celebrate the long Columbus Day weekend by carb-loading with your favorite pasta and be ready to resume on Tuesday!

If a brand-new pair of rollerskates 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).

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