



HCA Family Newsletter September 7, 2018

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

September

- 9 – St. Mary Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk, 4-7pm, please plan to join us!
- 8 & 9– *Manna Food collection at all Masses St, Mary & HCA*
- 10 – Scantron testing begins
- 13 – Confirmation meeting for 7th grade parents and students, FBH, 7pm
Preschool Parent meeting, St. Mary, 7pm
- 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, our school feast day, Mass, 8:15am
- 14-16 – Five Below fundraiser for the Drama Club
- 15 – Virtus training for volunteers (must be preregistered), FBH, 9am-1pm
- 16 – Chipotle fundraiser for the Drama Club
- 19 – Chocolate Buy-out ends. *(If you did not sign up for the buy-out (\$75), you will receive 2 cases of World's Finest Chocolate to sell for our PTO fundraiser.)*
- 20 – PTO Board meeting, 1:30pm, Conference Room
- 21 – School Mass, 8:15am; 11:30 dismissal, faculty professional development



Recess Duty

7th grade parents 9/10 - 9/19; 6th grade 9/20-10/10

If you are unable to fulfill your recess duty, a substitute list is available upon request at mdalton@holycrossweb.com

NOTES

Lunch accounts – we already have 34 negative balances. Please understand that we cannot run our lunch program this way. Students should not be getting lunch if there is not money loaded into their accounts. Of course, we will never allow a child to go hungry but please help us out and add money to your child's lunch account.

The Parent Portal for Power School is open. Letters have gone home to new families with directions about how to access this and your passcode. Any returning families who are not sure what to do should email Sr. Frances Carol at sfcarol@holycrossweb.com and Sister will send you directions and your passcode.

Do you like to meet new parents at the school!? Do you want to be a part of a fantastic event!?! Then come help us with our Grandparents' day luncheon! Please contact Wendy Roche at hokieswb@hotmail.com to get involved!

Please see our Attachments folder for a step-by-step tutorial on downloading SCRIP on your smartphone. No need to shop without SCRIP anymore!

The classroom allergy list has been updated on our website. Please consult this and check with the teacher before bringing food, pets or balloons to your child's classroom. Contact the clinic if your child has an allergy that is not listed.

It's About the Children!

We can't wait to see the cakes you are planning for our annual parish Cake Walk. Please join us for the fun beginning to our school year. All are invited!



HCA Fun Run/Walk, September 9, 2018

The 3rd annual HCA Fun Run/Walk is right around the corner. Please join us for the annual 1-Mile and "just added" 5K Fun Run/Walk right before the Parish Ice Cream Social, **September 9, 2018 at 3:00pm**. We will start and finish at Holy Cross Academy. Registration is \$5.00 for the 1-Mile and \$10.00 for the 5K, with all proceeds going to support the HCA building expansion. The 1-Mile event is primarily for children, ages 11 and under, but open to everyone. The 5K event is open to all ages. Both events are stroller friendly! We will have awards for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in male and female age groups: 12-14 and 15-17 in the 5K only. For Registration Information Contact Pearl: crypea@aol.com or stop by the registration table.

Back-to-School Forms: Please make sure you have handed in these forms: Handbook Acknowledgement, Media Release Form, Health History Update for all students and all health forms, **any corrections to Emergency forms** and Aviat Care registration. *We use our Emergency Forms to update our data base and create our Family Directory. Please make it a priority! If we do not receive any corrections, we will have to go with the information that we have. This is the LAST CALL for changes!*

We have a family who would like to carpool, they live in 22554 zip code area near Rodney Thompson Middle School between Park Ridge and Augustine. If you are interested, please email them at smustafa01@comcast.net.

The **Holy Cross Academy school chorus** is now accepting new members. If you love to sing, would like to learn more about music and harmony, and are a student in grades 5-8, please consider joining the Holy Cross Academy "Youth of Note." Rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 3:10- 4:00.

Art Classroom Update: Please consider sending in a smock for your child to wear in the art room. The children become so engaged in their work that they sometimes look like a piece of art themselves. An art smock could be: an old t-shirt, an apron or anything that will cover their clothes.

Square 1 Art: We will be participating in Square 1 Art again this year. Most students will begin making their work this week. Orders will be placed in October. Please consider a Square 1 Art gift for friends and family. The proceeds fund materials for our art program.

Attention Parents: **If you want to volunteer in the classroom this year**, coach, be a cub scout or girl scout leader, or be a chaperone for field trips, you must complete the 4-hour VIRTUS class along with an additional volunteer packet that you may pick up from the office. A VIRTUS class will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday, September 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must register online at www.virtus.org and go under the "live training tab" and sign up under our location. Please note that you can't be late to attend the VIRTUS class and it's adults only, no children allowed! If you have

already done the class and paperwork, you do not need to do it again at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeffers in the office.

Dear Parents, the "Battle of the Books" is a literary book club open to 5th/6th grade students. The books selected for reading are chosen each year by diocesan librarians. The program culminates in May with a competition against 20 other diocesan schools. A team of five students will be chosen from the club members to compete in this annual event. However, all students who have participated in the book club will be invited to attend.

The "Battle of the Books" club will meet every week during lunch/recess. Students and the coaches will eat lunch together and discuss the latest read. The coaches are Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Strickland. 6th gr. will meet every Monday, 12:00-12:40, in the library. 5th gr. will meet every Wednesday, 11:40-12:20 in 3-1.

In order to take an active part in the books discussions, it is imperative that each student complete the assigned reading for that week. Preparation is critical to meaningful book discussion. The students will be sharing the books from the England Run Library that are available. Some books may need to be purchased. Students should return the completed permission slip to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Strickland by Thursday, September 13th. We look forward to a stimulating year of exploring, learning, and sharing books! First meetings will begin the week of September 17th. Sincerely, the "BOB" coaches

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Middle School Minute: Middle school is rolling! Congratulations to Kylie Meskunas for winning the "decorate the rock" contest. Kylie will gather her friends and paint her winning design on the rock next week. The school store is being brought back by 7th grade. We have ordered many cool new and useful items so watch the newsletter for the start date of the sales, it will be open on Wednesdays during lunch, most items will be \$1. Snack cart will also be offered every Friday for the middle school during snack, all items \$1 so send money in with your student if they want to buy a snack. All middle school lockers will be decorated for their birthday and those students who have summer birthdays will be decorated on their half birthdays.

Speaking of celebration, **we celebrated all of the new HCA students this week** with a fun ice cream social.....We are so happy to welcome the new students to our family.

7th grade will be bringing back the "school store" where school supplies and fun trinkets will be sold one day a week during lunch period for grades 3-8. If your student signed up you will be getting an email with details.

The Drama Club invites you to join us for a back to school fundraiser at Chipotle ([28 South Gateway Drive](#)) on Sunday, September 16 from 4-8pm. Please see attached flyer. *The Drama Club is raising funds for our Spring production of Mary Poppins.* Please present the flyer, valid for in-store purchases only. We cannot hand out flyers at the door (*that is cheating, their words*). Please share and share and share. We stand to make 33% of the sales for every HCA friend and have a delicious meal.

"It's About the Children."

Go back to school shopping for supplies, treats and accessories. Bring flyer or show on your smart phone and mention HCA before checkout. Please help Drama Club raise funds for our Spring production of *Mary Poppins*. Stop into **Five Below in Central Park** 9/14 through 9/16 and a portion of your purchase will go to Drama Club.

Band classes are offered for students in grades 4 - 8 on flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and snare drum. The 3rd grade students can sign up for keyboard classes. The rates are reasonable and if you would like to sign up for band or keyboard you can email me at laurie.kendall@comcast.net.

PTO Corner: Marie Antoinette never had it so good! The Cake Walk starts at 4 PM this Sunday, September 9th. Please have the most inventive, amazing cakes you can create at the judging tables by 3:45 PM--the music will start promptly at 4 and you can't win a cake unless you're walking on the numbered squares. Prizes will be awarded, so start dreaming up the cake that will give you bragging rights for the rest of the year. If you have something against cake, the Council of Catholic Women will be spooning up vats of delicious ice cream, just for you! But we're quite sure that Queen Marie Antoinette had indeed "let them eat cake", the French Revolution would never have happened (well, not until 1968 or so).

Many activities are already on the horizon, 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. PTO Corner wasn't exactly sad and lonely before volunteering for PTO, but he's definitely happy that he did!

There is a date in October--the 25th to be precise--to mark on your calendars. What's that you say, who have grandparents of HCA students living with you, near you, or calling you, writing you, or Skyping you? You already know about Grandparents' Day? Well, you're ahead of the games, fun, food, photos and music that make up that magical day--and if you haven't yet, pencil that day into your calendar, unroll the extra futon, stock up on hot chocolate and check the train schedule--Grandparents' Day will bring you lots of family and lots of fun. If you can help at all, let us know.

What's that smell, a mix of cocoa beans and anticipation? The chocolate sale is coming soon! This is a requirement for all HCA families and it funds many great activities and programs without the need to put onerous fees or increased tuition on anyone. The opportunity to buy-out at the cost of \$75.00 **per family (NOT PER STUDENT)** will last from September 7th (**THAT'S TODAY!! BLIMEY!!**) through September 19th and can be done online just by following the instructions on the Attachments page. This is a good option for those families looking for convenience or that can't find the time or place to sell some chocolate. Because the sale funds present-year activities, it's a burden on everyone to be chasing down chocolate sale money after the due date. If you're capable of selling two or more boxes of

chocolate however, the fun of that experience will be yours shortly after the buyout period ends. We appreciate your support!

Our SCRIP program needs you! We are **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, Target, Olive Garden, Ruby Tuesday and Regal Theatre just to name a few. The SCRIP Coordinator duties are shared by two enthusiastic 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 a 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.

We are also **seeking additional volunteers** to help sell after Saturday and Sunday Masses. SCRIP is sold after most Masses at the Church, at the 10:30 Mass at HCA, and at HCA during the week during carpool. This effort takes about 15 minutes after each of the Masses when SCRIP is sold.

If you are intrigued by the possibility of either (1) taking over as one of the Co-Coordinators, (2) selling SCRIP or (3) both, 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!

INTERESTED IN CUB SCOUTS? Did you know Pack 1410 received the Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award, Gold Level, from the Diocese of Arlington!?

Pack 1410 is chartered through Holy Cross Academy. All kindergarteners through 4th graders are welcome to come to our first pack meeting on September 14th at 6:30 PM. We meet in Fr. Brisson Hall. For additional information please contact Lorie Clark at lcjcccsc@gmail.com



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.

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American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128, chartered to the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women, is having their registration and Open House Thursday, September 6th, at 7pm at HCA. All new and returning families are invited to attend. Please email the Troop Coordinator Maureen Siegmund at AHGVA0128@yahoo.com for more information.



2018-2019 Majest Martial Arts HCA Taekwondo Program



We'll be kicking off our 2018-2019 HCA TKD classes next week. Classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:45-4:30p.m. Program runs from September 11, 2018 to June 7, 2019. Take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in an activity that is individually based while working in a family setting. At Majest, we teach beyond the "kick and punch". Through taekwondo, students learn the physical and mental skills to apply to their life outside our dojang doors. At the cornerstone of our teaching is respect. We partner with our families to assist students to establish and achieve personal goals and reinforce family values. A percentage of the registration fees will be donated to HCA programs. Transportation is still available. For more information, contact Pearl Conroy at 540.899.5588 or customerservice@majestTKDfredericksburg.com.

FASL Junior Cotillion Social Dance and Etiquette Classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

begin Sunday, September 23rd. There is still time to enroll your child for the Junior Cotillion of Fredericksburg, where they will learn proper etiquette in social situations and ballroom dance lessons. For information, please go to our website: <http://www.faserviceleague.com/juniorcotillion.html> or contact Belinda Leonen directly at MannersMatterVA@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the Fredericksburg Area Service League and support children in Fredericksburg and surrounding areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday - September 29th 9:00am - noon - *Super Science Saturday*. This is a great chance for middle school science fans to work high school level labs in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science ... they'll be able to meet our phenomenal science teachers, National Science Honors Society students and have a great time with other science fanatics! The cost is \$30 (to cover supplies) and space is limited. Registration closes on Wednesday, September 26 (last year we had to close registration as this was so very popular an event). NO REGISTRATIONS will be taken at the door.

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

On Thursday, November 15th our Drama Club will host a Middle School matinee of our Fall 2018 play, *Sherlock Holmes*. Admission is free and if you are interested in having your students attend, we can provide a lesson plan for use before and after the performance, as well as possibly using our school buses to transport your students. The play starts at 12 noon and will end by 2:00, getting your students back to school in time for carpool.