



HCA Family Newsletter April 18, 2019

"The peak of perfection lies in our being what God wants us to be."

~ St. Francis de Sales

April

18 – Holy Thursday, dismissal, 11:30am; Aviat Care closes at 3pm
Chick-fil-A Day to support our Athletic programs, 11am-2pm

19 – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

21 – Blessed, happy Easter! All Masses at the Expo Center: 8am, 10:15am, 12:30pm (bilingual)

26 – Parish Night Out; consider joining your parish family for an adult night out.

29 – Welcome back from Easter break!

Summer uniforms: <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>

May

1 – 8th grade field trip to Finance Park

3 – school Mass, 8:15 am, all are welcome

4 – First Holy Communion, St. Mary Church, 10:30am

5 – Great Train Race! Run for HCA!

6 – Library Book Fair opens; Scantron testing begins; 3rd grade tip to Motts run Reservoir

16 – May Crowning, 8:20am



Recess Duty, 11:15-12:25 Kindergarten 4/29 - 5/9; **Make up recess duty – 5/13 – 6/7**

Here is the link for make-up, if you have missed and have not signed up by May 20, you will receive a \$50 fine per missed duty. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-make>

NOTES

We wish all of you a blessed, happy Easter, filled with the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus!

To all the faculty/staff, families and students of Holy Cross: I just wanted to thank you all for 12 wonderful years! You all have made my time here filled with so many joyous memories. I appreciated your kindness and the community through so many stages of my life and the life of the school. I will always think of my time here fondly. I wish all of you well. Love, Mrs. Jeffers



Congratulations to our amazing 7th and 8th graders who make us so proud! Last Saturday, 4 students won prizes at the diocesan Science Fair. *Soham Rajeshirke, Juliana Brown and Jasmine Nguyen* took 2nd place in their categories and *William Hughes* was awarded an Honorable Mention in his. Eight students participated in the West Point LEADS conference and 3 of them were awarded scholarships for their essays which highlighted the role of ETHICS in STEM: *Chris Florio, Sofia Colon-Gonzalez and Soham Rajeshirke*. Our sincere thanks to *Mrs. Lanzarone and Sr. Frances Carol* who lead the students through the Science Fair and constantly challenged them to do better and *Mrs. Darling* who arranged for our

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participation in the West Point Leadership Conference. We are very proud of our Middle School students and our teachers who constantly amaze us.



PTO

Be In The Know

PTO Board Elections are right around the corner. Please take a moment to consider being part of the board and assist in helping our school grow. Please send a short bio (really it does not have to be a resume) to Dawn Mauro at dawn.mauro@genexservices.com. The closing date is May 23rd. The offices are: President, Vice President Secretary, Treasurer, Member At Large (4)

If you are not able to be part of the Board...you ARE part of the PTO and your heart and help are needed to assist our children and our school. It is sad to say that this year several HCA activities had to be cancelled due to a lack of support and volunteers. The parents of our kinders, 1st grade etc... are HCA's future. Please reach out to any of us and ask how you can help. It is not hard and yes...we all are busy. But I promise you that you will receive so much more than what you give. We need our squires to learn from the knights so you can carry the torch into tomorrow.



Please VOTE! Let Fredericksburg Parent and Family (FredParent) know who your 2019 Family Favorites are by logging in each day. **Vote:** <https://www.fredericksburgparent.net/news/2019-family-favorites!> Please share with all your friends and vote for HCA **from now until May 1st!**

CHOICES, CHOICES! Mrs Beall is offering students more choices for lunch starting after spring break. She has been to the classrooms and explained the new program to students. It is quite simple. Instead of plating the full lunch, now students will have the main dish plated but students will have a choice of two different fruits and two different vegetables. They must take a fruit OR a vegetable and may take two fruits or two vegetables as their choice. They are not required to take the milk if they do not want milk. The price will stay the same; our kitchen staff is trying to eliminate some of the waste that they see when students do not like the offerings. If you have any questions please direct them to HCAkitchen@holycrossweb.com.

GREAT TRAIN RACE IS NEAR! We are so very excited for the Great Train Race that will be held on May 5th downtown. Mrs. Klumpp has organized a running club that will meet this Saturday, April 20th and Sat April 27th at 9:00 am at Sunken Road at the Fredericksburg Battlefield. There are gravel and mulched paths in case the weather is wet. If you have questions please feel free to message or call Mrs. Klump



at kateweh1@yahoo.com and phone 202-236-7453. Holy Cross running club t-shirts have been ordered

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and should be delivered the week we return from spring break. There will be a Holy Cross table at the event and we hope you stop by and spend a little time at our booth with friends. This is a wonderful event, we hope to see you there! Be sure to say you are from HCA! Here is the sign-up link: docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/c0e365_ed2649d70a4b4f51b8ded08e481935d7.pdf

Our 2018-2019 student created yearbook is going to be amazing! Wonderful memories from this school year have been beautifully preserved in full color, with professional graphics and designs. Class field trips, school performances, special guests, holiday traditions and of course the famous 8th grade baby pictures and superlatives will all appear in this year's book! Reserve your copy now at just \$45. After April 30th, the cost will be \$50. Follow the link here or from the Yearbook tab on our school website: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?event=general.displayLanding&jobnumber=13280>.

Spring into Spring with Scrip Gift Cards: Spring is here. Many important dates will be occurring during the Spring, including teacher appreciation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and a birthday or two. Give the gift of a gift card and support Holy Cross Academy. Can't decide which gift card is best? We have Scrip Gift Certificates available. For more information, just send an email to the Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com or stop by the scrip table after Mass. **Thanks for using scrip gift cards!**

FACTS tuition agreements for the 19/20 school year will be renewed within the next week. Please keep an eye out for the email from FACTS letting you know that a new payment plan has been set up. We have a new eleven payment plan available for Holy Cross families (not available for preschool). Please send an email to hcabookkeeper@holycrossweb.com if you need to request any changes to your agreement. Thank you!

Previously in Virginia, students were required to have received the **Tdap vaccine prior to entry to sixth grade**. To align with current medical practice, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation effective July 1, 2019 that changes the grade that students need to have had the Tdap vaccine from sixth to seventh grade. Therefore, for the upcoming 2019/2020 school year, only those entering seventh grade (or higher for new students) will be required to have received the Tdap vaccine. As long as the student received the vaccine at age 7 years or older, the student will meet the school vaccination requirement for Tdap. Please see the FAQs regarding this change on the school website and let Mrs. Richardson know if you have further questions.

The Scout Mass at St. Mary Church will be on Saturday, **April 27th at 9:00am**. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Boys are welcome. Please wear your unit's Class A uniform.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINUTE: Robotics and Science Squad members held wonderful demonstrations in FBH! We can't wait for summer uniforms; please check the handbook to review the dress code <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>

PTO Corner: How do the many events that PTO sponsors get done? With the help of parents just like you. Each year, the executive board that organizes PTO activities is dissolved and begins again on July 1st with a newly elected board. The time has come to elect a new executive board for our PTO, so if you'd like to serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or in one of our four available member-at-large positions, please send a short biographical paragraph to Dawn Mauro, head of the elections committee, at dawn.mauro@genexservices.com. Be sure to include the position for which you wish to run and any ideas you have--this will be made available online so that parents can make up their minds when the vote comes in May.

The Great Train Race is almost upon us! Register now for this wonderful, family fun event, held this year on May 5th, at gtrfredericksburg.com. Early registration ends on April 23rd, so go online and sign up now or you may have to print out a form and follow all sorts of other instructions. Either way you register, be sure to mention that you're party of Holy Cross Academy's running club, and your children will be counted toward the participation competition. This can result in our school winning real money for our athletic programs or other prizes. Show your support and enjoy one of the largest youth runs in the entire country by signing up today!

While many of our PTO members have expressed wonderful ideas of how we can celebrate the Oblate Sisters, Sister Susan Louise has asked us to focus on just one or two events. To that end, we will be holding a farewell gathering on Sunday, June 9th, from 2 to 4 PM in Father Brisson Hall. The Sisters from Maryland will be joining us on this day, and desserts and finger foods will be served. We will need many volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up, so please contact Dawn Mauro at dawn.mauro@genexservices.com to offer your services.



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