



HCA Family Newsletter September 28, 2018

"Great opportunities to please God are infrequent, but turning little actions into great acts of praising God can happen all the time."

~Saint Francis de Sales

September

29 – Council of Catholic Women Mother-Daughter Tea

30 – St. Mary Parish Life Weekend: *Youth of Note* sing at 12:30 Mass at St. Mary

October

1 – 1st grade trip to Virginia State Fair

4 – The Reluctant Dragon, performed by MVHS, 2pm

5 – School Mass, 8:15am *Food for Those in Need collection*

8 – Columbus Day, no school

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

10 - 7th grade trip to Wilderness Adventure Center

11 - 6th grade trip to Wilderness Adventure Center; PTO Used Uniform Sale

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

6th grade 10/1-4; 5th grade 10/5-/17; 4th grade 10/18-30

NOTES

Our 6th graders are once again sponsoring a food collection at our school Masses. Please bring in nonperishable food for those in need!

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.

*There are lots of ways you can support Holy Cross. Here are a few that you can try out. Designate Holy Cross Academy at Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and i.give.com and everytime you use these sites, HCA receives a rebate. And don't forget to be saving your **Boxtops for Education**. There is a collection bin right inside the front door. We also **collect printer cartridges (in the workroom) and Coke lids in the office**. All of these little things help to support our school and don't cost our families at all! Here is another one for you to try:*

MightyNest is a website with all green and healthy items that works just like amazon prime or the igive. If you buy from the MightyNest website and list our school we receive a donation.

<https://mightynest.com/school-faqs>

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.

It's About the Children!

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 website).

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!?

Did you know we have a **Webelo 1 den for girls**?! This is for 4th grade girls! For additional information please contact Ted Durant, Webelo 1 (girl) den leader, at ecdurant@verizon.net or Lorie Clark, Committee chair, at lccjcccsc@gmail.com

Grandparents' day is October 25th! Did you get your invitation? We are still looking for volunteers to join our committee! Come help us prepare for the Grandparents' day luncheon or help us during the event! Please contact Wendy Roche at hokieswb@hotmail.com to get involved!

M S M Middle School Minute: The school store started off great this week...it will be open every Wednesday selling pencils, pens, erasers and fun posters...items .25 to \$1. Student Council is planning their first dance of the year for Oct 19th, more details to come, this is for 7th and 8th grade only as 6th grade has their own dance. Student Council will be hosting our World Food Day on Oct 15th; more details on that next week. Permission slips for the middle school team building event went home last week. If you have not seen it, please ask your student or contact Mrs. Darling at hcacounselor@holycrossweb.com. This will be a great day for your student. On Oct.5th (Friday) Student Council will also be selling doughnut holes with a toppings bar. We will announce it next week during school to remind students to bring in \$1 if they want to buy them.

For the past 2 years, students in grades 5-8 have been invited to participate in **Crusaders for Life**, our own pro-life club. We are in need of a moderator for this group. If you are interested in leading our young people as they grow in an increased reverence for all human life, please contact Sr. Susan Louise. We have a parent who is willing to assist but cannot take this on right now. Thank you for your consideration of this group.

Casting Call! Drama Club is casting actors and looking for dedicated crew members to Star in Mary Poppins, Jr. 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. Please visit our website <http://holycrossacademydr.wixsite.com/drama>

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 10:00 for the Used Uniform Sale itself; volunteers will be needed to help set up the night before from 6 to 8 PM. 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.

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.

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

“It’s About the Children.”

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 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).