



## HCA Family Newsletter February 22, 2019

*"In prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking."*

*~ St. Jane de Chantal*

### February

25 – field trip for Strings students, 9am – 12noon

27 – Varsity boys' basketball vs Harlem Rockets, 1-2pm, all are welcome; girls' soccer tryouts, 3:30  
Robotics team to St. Mary Preschool, 9:30am-12:45pm

28 – Character Dress Up Day, grades K to 5, 8:15; Digital Learning Day, girls' soccer tryouts, 3:30

### March

1 - School Mass, 8:15am; **Food for Those in Need** collection; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, 7-9pm

2 – Read Across America Day – Celebrate Reading today!

5 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders to All Saints Church for Mass with the Bishop, boys' lacrosse tryouts, 3:30pm

6 – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, Mass, 8:15; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Penance at St. Mary Church, 10am

15 - Financial Aid application deadline

Recess Duty, 11:15-12:25 4<sup>th</sup> grade 2/21 – 3/6; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 3/7-20; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 3/21-4/2

*We are asking anyone who can to **come at 11:15 to be present for the first recess** as well. We would like to get a few more eyes and ears on the playground at that time. If you cannot come at 11:15, recess duty begins at 11:35.*

*Just a reminder that it is important to refrain from using your cell phones when on recess duty. Multitasking is a myth and we want to give our full attention to our children. We thank you so much for your time, we know it is valuable and know that your young people love to see you.*

### NOTES

Please be sure to **register any incoming kindergartners** right away. We have begun accepting new families and want to make sure our current families are taken care of first!

**Our Marian Consecration** started on Thursday, one day late due to the snow. Please ask your children to tell you about the retreat that they follow each day to prepare for this beautiful event on March 25.

Our thanks to Mrs. Melissa Copeland for taking photos of the **Father-Daughter Dance**. Please email the school office to get the link.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, or nominate, please nominate Holy Cross Academy for the Freelance Stars "best of the burg" contest. Nominations need to be in by 2/24 and the top 5 nominees will be entered in the contest. You can nominate more than once a day! Here is the link.

<http://contests.fredericksburg.com/Best-of-the-Burg-2019/>

A **celebration of reading and literacy at Holy Cross Academy** will begin on February 28 with Character Dress Up Day! Each student, K-5, will dress up as their favorite character from a book they have read in school or at home. This event is PURE FUN and READING JOY!

Our students will start the day off with a **parade of characters at 8:15 down the halls of HCA** and culminate in Father Brisson Hall to "strut their stuff" down the runway and share their favorite book.

*It's About the Children!*

Our dress up day is an opportunity to kick off Read Across America activities and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

**Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration** that takes place annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids and books!

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. We are not in school on March 2 but encourage everyone to *Read Across America!*

**Digital Learning Day 2019 is on February 28!** HCA will join thousands of teachers and students across the country in this annual celebration of technology in teaching. DLD provides an opportunity to collaborate with peers, share ideas, try new digital tools, and celebrate education innovation. Most importantly, it encourages everyone to play a role in the transformation of our school and community through technology. Ask your child about their special lesson on Digital Learning Day!

**STOP! Please volunteer.** VOLUNTEERS needed for 4-1, 5-2, & 7-2 ! **Junior Achievement's programs** are designed to empower students at HCA from Kindergarten through 8th grade to own their economic success. They are taught by volunteers like YOU! To volunteer or for more information please contact: Linda Caporali at [lcaporali@comcast.net](mailto:lcaporali@comcast.net) or (540) 878-0125. **This is a great volunteer opportunity at HCA.**

**PTO Corner:** We've put it off for a long, long time, but Lent will soon be upon us! If you can help provide something for the Lenten Soup Supper, please contact Wendy Roche at [hokieswb@hotmail.com](mailto:hokieswb@hotmail.com). Your gift of time, soup or other staple will be well-appreciated. We still have a lot of openings for our **our HCA-sponsored Lenten Soup Supper**. This is a service we provide to our parish family and we need your help. Please check out our sign up and see if you can donate to this event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948aeaf2ea20-lenten>

The **first annual HCA Skate Night** is right around the corner! Skate Night will be Thursday March 7th from 7-9pm at Cavalier Family Skating. Pre-sale orders are due Friday March 1st. All attendees, skaters and non-skaters alike, are required to purchase an entrance at \$4/person. Got five or more in your family? Take advantage of the family rate at \$20/family. Non-HCA siblings, young and old, are welcome too. This is a family event and we want to have fun with you! Parents, if you can spare 30 minutes to help staff the registration table, please contact Lynne Malinowski at [lcmalinowski@gmail.com](mailto:lcmalinowski@gmail.com). Thanks!

The time has come to consider VOLUNTEERING WITH PTO! By now you have experienced many of the fun, exciting, family-friendly events that our PTO organizes; you may have shopped at the Used Uniform Sale, or maybe your children mentioned how much they enjoyed Girl Smarts or Boy Day or how great it is to have another water fountain in our school. All of this takes some effort but I assure you, as PTO Corner finishes up five active years volunteering with the PTO, it is well worth it! There

may be some minutes of the last five years that I consider wasted, but not one of those was spent with PTO. **Which gets to . . . you!** In the next few months the torch will be passed, a new executive board will be elected, and it will be time for some parents of children in the lower grades to take over from those of us who've been here a while. Please consider volunteering to help and to join the PTO actively--because without you, the torch could go out.

**Crusader Corner:** Thank you for a great basketball season. To finish off the year, the eighth-grade players will be **hosting the Harlem Rockets at 1:00 Wednesday**. This should be a very exciting, and fun, event. For those who have not yet done so, please **return your clean uniforms** in a bag with your name on it as soon as possible.

**Spring sports are right around the corner.** The tryout dates, which are posted on the website, are as listed below. Please submit the required paperwork and fee prior to participating.

**Girls' soccer:** February 27 & 28 from 3:30 - 5:00; **Girls' lacrosse:** March 6 & 7 from 3:30 - 5:00

**Boys' lacrosse:** March 5 & 7 from 3:30 - 5:00.

**MSM** It's time for another 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-9. Tickets will be on sale at lunch all next week the price is \$5. Parents look for the sign up in your inbox to bring in snacks or chaperone, the theme is "March Madness" as in the basketball term....Students are encouraged to wear a basketball jersey (or any other type sports jersey) over their outfit and break out those high top sneakers if you have them! This year during character dress up day some of the middle school students will be helping to organize and keep the event running smoothly. Thanks for always helping!

**Calling all Crafters!! Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Spring No Frills Scrapbook Crop-A-Thon Saturday, March 30, 2019 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 [keetongirl2@yahoo.com](mailto:keetongirl2@yahoo.com) to register by March 23, 2019.

**Scholarships are available for CyberMath Academy's summer camps.** Interested students can sign up for consideration at <https://cybermath.org/scholarships/> \_Scholarship amount varies depending on the student's achievements and/or need and availability of funds. Our camps are open to students in grades 4-12. Application Deadline for scholarships is **March 24, 2019. Two locations for July 2019:**

- Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall, 1585 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138.
- Harvard and Stanford campus experience!
- Learn from the graduates and students of Harvard, MIT, Stanford and similar universities and experienced coaches.
- Attend guest lectures by researchers at these top institutions.
- Join campus tours and admission sessions.

*“It’s About the Children.”*

- Get a taste of most recent cutting-edge scientific research.
- Programs for students ranging from ages 11-18.
- Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford, CA 94305

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**BUILDING STRONGER MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

Lead by Greg & Julie Alexander of the Alexander House

Saturday, March 9 | 9am-5pm

at Holy Cross Academy  
230 Shefford Lake Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE AND GAIN PRACTICAL TOOLS TO BUILD A STRONGER AND MORE JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE



**\$20 PER COUPLE**

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For questions contact Elena Doyle | [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491



APRIL 13, 2019 FREDERICKSBURG, VA

**LIFE WALK**

at 1000-20th Street, Fredericksburg  
Mary's Shelter  BETHANY 

5k • Walk with us!  
April 13, 2019  
Old Mill Park, Fredericksburg, VA

After the walk, join us as we cheer on Fredericksburg's fastest babies in the **DIAPER CRAWL!**

REGISTER FOR THE WALK • BECOME A SPONSOR

[lifewalkfxbg.com](http://lifewalkfxbg.com)

2019 marks our second annual Life Walk event!

Acknowledging that LIFE begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the community of Fredericksburg is WALKING in support of the various LIFE-AFFIRMING ministries that directly sustain and offer hope to those most vulnerable.

Come out with your family, church group, and neighbors for a fun walk, food and music as we raise awareness and funds together!

Every registrant will receive a t-shirt and goody bag the day of the walk!

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**THE INAUGURAL JOHN PAUL ASBELL SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$2,500 Scholarship will be awarded to one incoming student, regardless of need, who demonstrates a highly distinguished record of achievement, merit, and personal character. Details at:  
[www.thesummitva.org/scholarship/](http://www.thesummitva.org/scholarship/)

<b>Contact Us:</b> <a href="mailto:info@thesummitva.org">info@thesummitva.org</a> (540) 684-3989	<b>Scholarship Application Deadline:</b> March 18, 2019	<b>Requirements:</b> Essay and Interview with the Headmaster
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*Family: Forever, Faithful, Fruitful*