



HCA Family Newsletter March 15, 2019

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only a chance to love you."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

March

15 – Diocesan Financial Aid application deadline; **Mary Poppins, 7:30pm, all are welcome!**

Report cards and Scantron test scores come home.

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17 – Happy St. Patrick Day!

18 – Students are invited to wear St. Patrick Day accessories!

5th grade trip to the Museum of Natural History

21 – George Mason Academy String Quartet, 9am – grades K to 4;

9:45 – grades 5 to 8

24 – HCA Art Show, 2-4pm in FBH

25 – Matsiko World Orphan Choir, FBH, 1:30pm

27 – STEM Night, FBH, 6:00 – 7:30pm

28 – 6th grade Career Fair, FBH, 1pm

29 – Mr. Peace Assembly



Recess Duty, 11:15-12:25 3rd grade 3/7-20; 2nd grade 3/21-4/2;

1st grade 4/3 – 4/17



NOTES

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! Holy Cross Academy is one of the 5 finalists in the Best of the Burg Private School division. *Hooray!* Thanks for your support in the nomination process. Voting started on Monday. You can vote once a day. Please put a daily reminder in your *to do* list so that **HCA is named #1** in the Best of the Burg! Here is the link: <https://consumers.secondstreetapp.com/og/71ee6084-daea-43cf-a99f-8c2fb8e760f2/gallery/148989358>

Please join us Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm for our Drama Club production of Mary Poppins, Jr. It is a wonderful show. We hope to see you there. The times are listed above.



We are in the process of putting safety guards on FBH doors so that students' fingers cannot get caught. They are not very noticeable but they are very effective.

Scantron test scores are coming home with report cards today. The testing window was delayed due to the bad weather and many illnesses in all our schools. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

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The Office of Catholic Schools is putting out a **preliminary calendar**. We will work on ours in the coming weeks. We will open on Monday, Aug. 26 (consistent with the past) and will close on June 12. Within the next few weeks, we will have a preliminary calendar so that you know when vacations, etc. will be. We realize that it will be hard on those of you who have students in the public high schools but the diocese does not have the option of schools starting at different times.

Mrs. Darling has arranged for **Mr. Peace to come speak with our students** on March 29th. Take a look at his message and what he will be offering our children:

<https://catholicspeakers.com/profiles/kevin-szawala-mr-peace>

Attention 8th Grade Parents: When scheduling your appointments for high school, please fill out a records request at the new high school. All of their records will be sent out to their new high school at the end of the school year. If you need a transcript or a copy of their current report card to have at the time of their appointment, please contact Mrs. Jeffers. Thank you!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE CLINIC- Nuts are the most common allergen, and the most likely to cause a serious reaction, therefore, **ALL CLASSROOMS ARE NUT FREE**. Please do not send peanut butter or other food containing nuts for snacks or when lunch will be in the classroom.
(Wellness Policy page 6 and Appendix A – Food Allergy Prevention and Management Plan)

We have had **several cases of Influenza and Strep throat** the past two weeks. Please remember that students must be fever free for 24 hours (under 100 without using fever reducing medication) before returning to school. (Handbook page 67).

All medication including cough drops must be kept in the clinic and will not be administered unless we have a completed medical authorization form. (page 68 in the handbook).

Mary's Shelter provides an expectant mother, and any additional children she may have, with housing for up to three years in order to further her education and/or secure employment. **Babysitters are needed every Monday from 5:45PM – 7:15PM** while the Moms attend mandatory parenting and life-skills classes. Any middle/ high school male or female students interested in helping please contact Mrs.

Richardson @ 540-286-1600, or jrichardson@holycrossweb.com. This is a great experience and fills an important need in our community. You can make a huge difference with the gift or your time!

It is time for us to begin planning for our **2020 School Dinner Auction**, or newly configured major fundraiser. This event finances amazing projects around our school: our patio, stained glass window, musical instruments, technology, playground improvements, our art room kiln, and the list goes on. It has also made substantial contributions to our expansion fund. We foresee making some changes and doing something new and different, but we need a group of energetic, imaginative, hard-working volunteers to help us. We don't know how it will change, but we are tossing around a lot of ideas. **If you would like to be part of our next auction dinner (or whatever major fundraiser we hold)**, please contact Mrs. Dalton or Sr. Susan Louise. We would like to get our heads together soon to generate some ideas and form a plan. We **need your help** to make this work!



It's that time of the year again! This year the "Great Train Race and Caboose Run" is being held on May 5th. In order to prepare for this epic event, Mrs. Klump, our running club leader, will be having running practice at Kenmore Park on Saturday mornings starting on April 6th. Time and place will follow in the next newsletter. The race gives prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 to the school with the most participation and Holy Cross has won it several times...let's do it again. The registration form is in our attachments.

Please volunteer for our very enriching Junior Achievement Program. We need you in 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 or (540) 878-0125. **This is a great volunteer opportunity at HCA.**

M S M **Middle School Minute:** Our 7th and 8th grade dance is scheduled for Friday April 12th, 7-9pm. The theme is now a "glow" dance as march madness will be behind us at that point. Send your students with glow sticks and glow accessories if you like. St Michael of the Archangel High School visited our 7th & 8th graders to talk a little bit about their high school. They also brought pizza! *Best of luck to all in "Mary Poppins"....what a great show!*

PTO Corner: We've put it off for a long, long time, but Lent is upon us! If you can help provide something for the Lenten Soup Supper, please contact Wendy Roche at hokieswb@hotmail.com. Your gift of time, soup or other staple will be well-appreciated. We still have a lot of openings for 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 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

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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: Our spring season has begun with many of our students joining the three teams. Boys' lacrosse will be playing the first game of the season on Wednesday at Walker Grant Middle School at 4:00. Good luck to all!

We have coaches who are scheduling clinics throughout the season for those students who would like to try out the sport before tryouts next year. Keep an eye out for information on each of these in the future.

Volleyball clinics open to all rising 6th through 8th graders, and any current season players, who want to learn more about the techniques of passing, setting, game play and serving a volleyball consider attending our spring Volleyball clinics. These will be held during the month of May at CORE! For more information contact Mrs. Meskunas at hcaathletics@holycrossweb.com.

If you have not yet done so, please turn in any outstanding uniforms (cleaned and in a bag labeled with the student's name).

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 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**.

Today is the DAY to VOTE! The **FredParent Family Favorites** are back by popular demand.

Let Fredericksburg Parent and Family (FredParent) know who your 2019 Family Favorites are by logging in each day. **Vote Here:** <https://www.fredericksburgparent.net/news/2019-family-favorites!>

Please share with your clients, family, friends, and co-workers so they can also vote for your business **from now until May 1st!**

Please join us for family

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Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Night

Hosted by: Holy Cross Academy Teachers

Discover the fun of STEM through hands-on activities for the whole family!

Date: Wednesday, March 27th Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm Where: Father Brisson Hall at HCA

What's Provided: One slice of cheese pizza, drinks, and supplies for STEM activities.

Cost: \$3 per person and \$1 per additional pizza slice

To register, fill in the form in our Attachments folder and return the bottom of the slip including payment to your child's teacher or the school office.

Kindly RSVP by Friday, March 22nd

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APRIL 13, 2019 FREDERICKSBURG, VA

LIFE WALK

#pro-life walk beneficiaries

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

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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!

Live Jesus!