



# HCA Family Newsletter April 5, 2019

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## April

- 6 – Youth of Note participate in Pueri Cantores;  
Summer Camp Fair, see ad below
- 8 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade practice at St. Mary Church, the Tale of the Three Trees;  
5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Greenfield Assisted Living
- 9 – The Tale of the Three Trees, HCA performance for students, 2:30pm;  
St. Mary Church, 6:30pm
- 11 – Used Uniform Sale, FBH, 8:15-9:30am; Confirmation Formation meeting,  
FBH, 6pm  
Casual Dress Day for Middle Schoolers with '0' uniform infractions
- 12 – School Mass, 8:15am; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, 7-9pm, FBH
- 13 – Diocesan Science Fair; Life Walk
- 14 – Passion/Palm Sunday
- 15 – Kindergarten trip to Greenfield Assisted Living
- 17 – Science Squad/Robotics demonstrations, FBH, 1:00-2:30pm
- 18 – Holy Thursday, dismissal, 11:30am; Aviat Care closes at 3pm
- 29 – Summer uniforms: <https://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms-dress-code-1>



Recess Duty, 11:15-12:25 1<sup>st</sup> grade 4/8 – 4/17; Kindergarten 4/29 - 5/9; **Make up recess duty – 5/13 – 6/7**

If you have **missed a recess duty** here is the link to sign up for a make-up date and avoid the \$50 charge.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448A5A92AA1F94-make>

If you need the substitute list , please let Mrs. Dalton know at [hcarecess@holycrossweb.com](mailto:hcarecess@holycrossweb.com).

Missed recess duties result in a \$50 charge – better to pay the \$25 substitute!

## NOTES

*Sr. Miriam Elizabeth wishes to express her deep gratitude to all the teachers, staff, children, and parents for your prayers, flowers, and good wishes for her recovery, which gave her great peace and joy knowing what a wonderful blessing you all are to all of us.*

As many of you have probably already heard, **Mrs. Lori Jeffers has accepted another job** and will be leaving us. Her last day here is April 18. **Mrs. Anne Carroll will be replacing her.** She will be coming in next week for some training and begin work when we return from Easter on April 29. I know you will all help her to feel welcome and to learn her new job. And I know you all join me in thanking Mrs. Jeffers for her



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12 years of dedicated service to our school community. We wish her the very best in her new position and all her future endeavors and we will miss her presence in our front office.

A **Transition Team** has been created from volunteers in our school and parish family who have expressed an interest in assisting with the leadership transition at Holy Cross Academy. The members of this group have expertise in the area of education and/or have a vested interest in the school continuing its long history of academic excellence and Catholic formation built by the Oblate Sisters and faculty. The Team is seeking constructive input/suggestions from the community in order to work together for the good of our children. Please feel free to reach out directly to [holycross@stmaryfred.org](mailto:holycross@stmaryfred.org)

**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!**

***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](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) or stop by the scrip table after Mass. **Thanks for using scrip gift cards!**

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. 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.



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**MSM**

**Middle School Minute:** Robotics and Science Squad members will be holding demonstrations in FBH Wednesday, April 17, in the afternoon. Feel free to stop by and see what they have been doing. We are looking forward to our GLOW dance on April 12<sup>th</sup>; tickets go on sale Monday during lunch for \$5. Middle School students who received '0' uniform infractions may participate in a Casual Dress Day on Thursday. **Remind your students to check with their teachers to be sure that they are eligible and to check the regulations for Casual Dress.**

**PTO Corner:** What topic brings people together and makes everyone more comfortable than any other? That's right, POLITICS! Specifically, PTO election politics. 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](mailto: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.

Our first-rate fashionistas are at it again, presenting The April Used Uniform Sale! The sale itself will occur on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-9:30 am; the set-up on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Volunteers are needed both for setup and sale, so please contact either Annalisa Skaggs at [skaggs13@aol.com](mailto:skaggs13@aol.com) or Amy Uriell [amyuriell@gmail.com](mailto:amyuriell@gmail.com). Got old uniforms that aren't too worn, stained, ripped, spindled, folded or mutilated? These can be dropped off for credit on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3 pm during afternoon carpool. Imagine how great your kids will feel in uniforms that fit!

We are celebrating our Sisters and their many wonderful contributions to our school and our children with a week of activities beginning with the parish picnic on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any ideas or want to help with the celebration of their 21 years of service, contact Dawn Mauro at [dawn.mauro@genexservices.com](mailto:dawn.mauro@genexservices.com) and let her know what you think. Let's let the love we feel in our hearts be shown for these extraordinary women who have achieved an extraordinary thing.

**Crusader Corner:** Spring sports are off to a roaring start. All of our teams have had their opening game and are excited for more to come. Check the schedule, or Athletic Board in the middle school hallway, to see when you can come out and cheer them on.

**Last call for any outstanding uniforms.** Please return cleaned uniforms in a bag to Mrs. Meskunas by the end of next week.

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Mark your calendars for our **annual athletic banquet** to be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:00 on the patio. More details to follow.

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT TRAIN RACE



The Great Train Race will be held on **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. Beginning on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the HCA Running Club will have running practice on Saturday mornings at 9am at Kenmore Park.

We will be having T-Shirts made for **\$14** per shirt. Please wear them proud on race day to show our school pride! They can also be worn for gym.



Online registration can be found by going to [www.gtrfredericksburg.com](http://www.gtrfredericksburg.com) and clicking on registration, be sure to click Holy Cross Academy or <http://www.racetimingunlimited.org/R/GTR/Info.aspx>

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 Please send back this portion to order your HCA Run Club T-Shirt by April 15th

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size (Youth size XS-XL, Adult size S-4XL): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due (**\$14** per T-Shirt): \_\_\_\_\_

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UMW CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

## DINNER & AUCTION GALA

April 13, 2019 | 6:00-9:00 PM  
University Center Ballroom  
University of Mary Washington

Tickets available online at  
[www.umw catholic.org/gala](http://www.umw catholic.org/gala)

All proceeds go to fund programming,  
scholarships, service trips and retreats for our  
student community.

## parent SUMMER CAMP FAIR

April 6, 2019  
Spotsylvania Towne Centre  
12 noon - 4 pm

### STEAM into Summer

Science • Technology • Engineering • Art/Athletics • More

- STEAM and robotics activities
- Demonstrations of dance, gymnastics, and martial arts
- Summer camp sign ups
- Many regional camps present to provide information about summer camp opportunities.

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