



## HCA Family Newsletter January 25, 2019

*"We should hide our littleness in God's greatness and stay there like a little bird beneath its mother's sheltering wing ~ St. Francis de Sales"*

### January

26-27 – HCA students speak at St. Mary Church and hand out thank you notes after each Mass

28 – CSW Prayer Service to begin our week, 8:15m, FBH

29 – Come join us for lunch! See the details below

29-30 (noon to noon) – Many Gifts, One Nation, A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

30 – **celebrating our nation**; wear your red, white and blue accessories

31 – celebrating vocations: thanks to our priests, deacons and Oblate Sisters for their dedication;

**No Afternoon Aviat Care; Academic Fair and Family Dinner, 6pm**

### February

1 – CSW Mass, please join us!

2 – **Father Daughter Dance. Sing up here to help with this special event:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45a9a629a7f49-fatherdaughter>

Varsity Basketball tournaments, JPG High School

3 - **Open House:** St. Mary Preschool, 9:30-noon; HCA 1-3pm. *Please invite friends, family & neighbors!*

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25: 6<sup>th</sup> gr 1/28 to 2/7; 5<sup>th</sup> gr 2/8 to 2/20

### NOTES

#### **Attention Furloughed Government Employees:**

*The National School Lunch Program has provided a way for your children to receive **discounted or free lunch** through the program. Please contact Susan Halsey at 540-322-3702 for more information.*

*We are moving **our reregistration fee** posting to April 1 for all families. We hope that this will give time for all of you to stabilize your finances from the government shutdown.*

*We are excited about **our National Day of Giving**, Tuesday at noon to Wednesday at noon. For those families impacted by the government shutdown, we realize that you may not be able to support this effort in spite of wishing to do so. Please know that we understand. Once things are stabilized, if you wish to make a contribution to our Chromebook Project, it will not be too late.*

**Interim notices are coming home in grades 3 to 8 today.** These are just an indication of where a student is right now; it is not an official report. We have half of the trimester left. If your child has a low grade, please ask him/her about it and check PowerSchool to see what might be missing. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

*It's About the Children!*



**Sign up deadline for our CSW lunch is Sunday; please come and join us. .**  
On Jan 29, we invite you, our HCA parents, to come have lunch with your student. Lunch is free to you and your children. Our menu includes baked ziti, a side salad and a roll. Sign up to join us for lunch:



Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic4>

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic5>

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5a92aa1f94-catholic6>

*We would love to have you with us! Our Middle School students are sharpening their 'Manners to Go' skills to serve their parents!*

**Calling All Science Fair Judges:** You are invited to serve as a judge in this year's Holy Cross Academy Science Fair on February 7th from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. The only qualification is willingness to mentor and encourage budding scientists and engineers. If you can help please email Mrs. Lanzarone at [elanzarone@holycrossweb.com](mailto:elanzarone@holycrossweb.com) or call the school office.

Please read this great article: Invest in the future of Catholic Education:

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/c0e365\\_ccbe3b4d9e71404aa55f5e777cdc1e80.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/c0e365_ccbe3b4d9e71404aa55f5e777cdc1e80.pdf)

Congratulations to the students have won their class competition for the **National Geography Bee:** *Hannah Malinowski, Peter Britton, Isabelle Fannin, Curtis Ebitz, Nathan Marx, William Hughes, Miriam Doyle, Victoria Parage, and Michael Duffy.* We are pleased to announce that **Michael Duffy is our school winner**, Nathan Marx took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Curtis Ebitz 3<sup>rd</sup> place. *Great job by all our contestants.*

**Registration information was sent home digitally last week.** If you are making any changes in your registration, please notify Mrs. Jeffers by Feb. 8, 2019. The registration fee of \$100.00 per student will be withdrawn on April 1 by FACTS. Registration packets for siblings of current students can be picked up in the front office. The completed packet with registration fee must be submitted by Feb. 8, 2019. PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION will be done by the Preschool Director at the preschool.

Someone handed in a **plain white envelope in the office with money for lunch** but it had no name on it. If you think it might be yours, please contact Mrs. Jeffers.

Don't miss out on all the fun to be had at this year's **Father-Daughter Dance! It will be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>;** the fun begins at 6pm and will conclude at 8pm. The RSVP deadline is Friday, January 25th, so please be sure to turn in your money to your child's teacher or the front office. The cost is \$15 per family. Hope to see you there!

**FACTS GRANT & AID 2019-2020 WINDOW IS NOW OPEN** - please remember you will need to submit 2018 tax and W-2 forms. FACTS Management annual fees will be going up to \$50.00 per agreement for the 2019/2020 school year. They will also be adding a great new online payment system for other fees & incidentals.

All District Chorus will be held on Feb. 8, 7pm, at Massaponax High School. HCA will be represented by Mia Skaggs and James Sherman. Congratulations, Mia and James. All are invited to this beautiful concert.

**OH NO!** We cannot order the materials until all classes have a volunteer! Please be a volunteer! VOLUNTEERS needed for K-1,4-1, 5-1, 5-2, 6-2 & 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! Programs are presented by JA's volunteers for 30-45 minutes each week for five to six weeks, with the exact time commitments dependent upon the grade level of the students. JA programs give students the opportunity to practice cooperation, teamwork, decision-making, and leadership skills through numerous exciting hands-on activities. All of the lesson plans and activities are provided in an easy-to-follow guidebook in the program kit that you'll be provided. The kit includes all of the materials necessary to implement the programs. The teacher will always remain in the classroom to assist with any issues that may arise. Please volunteer and spend time with your child (children, grandchildren etc.) and experience school life first-hand. The program will start in 2019! One day.....HCA students will be owners of a businesses that we frequent. To volunteer or for more information please contact: Linda Caporali at [lcaporali@comcast.net](mailto:lcaporali@comcast.net) or (540) 878-0125.

**On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> the Second Grade is sponsoring a schoolwide Jersey Day!!** Second grade is asking students who want to participate by wearing a sports jersey (over school uniform) to bring in a monetary donation. All proceeds will go to Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg. For more information about Mary's Shelter, please see the following link: [www.marysshelterva.org](http://www.marysshelterva.org). This truly is a wonderful Hope Project for our second graders and allows us to help local women and their children who are in crisis. Thank you in advance for your support!



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS FAST APPROACHING!**

**Here is a short list of activities for the week.**

**SUNDAY:** Students will be giving out thank you cards and speaking about HCA at the end of each Mass.

**MONDAY:** celebrating community: prayer service - parents are invited to attend right after drop off.

**TUESDAY:** NCEA Giving Day; all parents are invited to lunch with their student. Please RSVP.

**WEDNESDAY:** celebrating nation; all students are allowed to wear red, white and blue accessories and the staff vs crusaders volleyball game will take place at 2:00....join us if you can, sure to please!

**THURSDAY:** celebrating vocations; thank yous are sent to the Oblate Sisters, priests, and deacons. We will also be acknowledging the parish staff, thanking them for all they do.

**FRIDAY;** Principal appreciation day; join us for Mass as we thank our principal and assistant principal for their service

**SUNDAY:** open houses: St Mary Preschool 9:30am to 12pm , HCA 1-3pm. There will be food and demonstrations by students. Encourage anyone you know who is considering HCA to come check us out. Youth of Note will be singing at the 12:30 Mass at St Mary Church.

*“It’s About the Children.”*

Some of the slots to hand out thank yous at Mass are full. Please come anyway! We want as many children outside of Mass as possible. The link to sign up is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AFAC23AA8-2019>

**University of Virginia Curry School of Education 2019 Summer Enrichment Program.** An exciting opportunity for gifted and high ability students in grades 4-10. Information and application available at [curry.virginia.edu/sep](http://curry.virginia.edu/sep)



**MSM** During Catholic Schools Week **you will see many of our middle school students lending a helping hand!** Some will be playing volleyball against our staff, some will be serving you lunch on Jan 29th and some will be surprising teachers with small treats during the week. Also some of our 7th grade students will be getting an invitation to the National Junior Honor Society. It is a very exciting time!

**PTO Corner:** Catholic Schools Week will be held from January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. **The Academic Dinner will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 7 PM, with visits to classrooms** following. This is the second of our open PTO Meetings, and the PTO executive committee will be there to mingle and speak to whatever concerns or questions you may have. Also, catering will be coming from Aladdin's and Sam's again, featuring kebabs, penne alfredo, and other Mediterranean delights--plus chicken fingers for those kids who just won't try anything new! **The flyer to sign up for the dinner was sent home and is in our Attachments folder.**

Other winter events include the Father-Daughter Dance, Lenten Soup Suppers and a **Roller Skating Night at Cavalier on March 7-** details coming soon. If you want to volunteer to help with any PTO events, please contact PTO President Brian Fannin at [attorney@brianfanninlaw.com](mailto:attorney@brianfanninlaw.com) and let him know where your interest lies.



**Crusader Corner:** Basketball season is coming to an end. The Varsity teams will be participating in the conference tournament next Saturday (2/2) at John Paul the Great High School. We wish them the best of luck. Once the season is over, please return a cleaned uniform to Mrs. Meskunas as soon as possible.

Spring sports will be starting at the beginning of March. If your child is interested in playing please submit the paperwork soon to avoid the rush as the season starts.

Announcements from Saint John Paul the Great High School:

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mardi Gras Gala!** Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting their seventh annual gala on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Come enjoy a night of fellowship and fun at Potomac Point Winery! Tickets are available at: [www.jpthegreat.schoolauction.net/jpgala2018](http://www.jpthegreat.schoolauction.net/jpgala2018)

**BioEthics Seminars:** Sister Terese will be hosting a 6-session overview of the course "Called to Happiness" (the second course in the JP Bioethics Curriculum). Sessions will be held on Tuesday

evenings, starting January 29. Please come, and invite your friends! Please see [this flyer](#) for more information!! For registration [click here](#).



**SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND  
AT SAINT MARY'S**

**FEBRUARY 2-3**

**HELP STOCK OUR EMERGENCY  
FOOD PANTRY AND SCORE A  
TOUCHDOWN FOR THE HUNGRY IN  
OUR COMMUNITY BY BRINGING  
CANS OF RAVIOLI OR HEARTY  
"CHUNKY SOUP" TO MASS**

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