



HCA Family Newsletter September 21, 2018

"Let us work for the happiness of others."

~ St. Léonie Francis de Sales Aviat

September

- 21 – School Mass, 8:15am; 11:30 dismissal, faculty professional development
- 26 – menu change for lunch: *lasagna changed to mozzarella sticks.*
- 28 – School Mass, 8:15am **Food for Those in Need collection**
- 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
- 5 – School Mass, 8:15am **Food for Those in Need collection**
- 8 – Columbus Day, no school
- 9 – Vision & Hearing Screening, grades 3 & 7

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25

6th grade 9/20-10/4; 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!

Our **Mother General, Mother Maria Rita, and her assistant, Sr. Maria Theresia**, will be visiting us next week. Mother resides at our Motehrhouse in Troyes, France. She will be present at Mass if you would like to say *Bonjour* to our Sisters!

*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 cartirdges (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 2:45-6:00pm. 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.

The Parent Portal for Power School is open but there is a glitch. The Office of Catholic Schools is working to fix this. Apparently the phone app works fine!

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Teachers will be presenting the Formation in Christian Charity Program in grades 1 to 8 beginning next week. Parents can opt their child out of the program. Please take a look at the program which is promoted by Bishop Burbidge. If you chose to opt your child out, please fill out the form and send it to Sr. Susan Louise. <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/>
The opt out form can be found here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/Youth-Training-Opt-Out-Form.pdf>

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!

MSM **Middle School Minute:** Student council held their first meeting this week, we look forward to lots of interesting and fun events hosted by our newly elected student council. Finally the weather has turned and our middle school will be allowed to eat outdoors, 6th grade on Wed, 7th grade on Thurs and 8th grade on Fridays. 8th grade parents please remember to put your students name on the tag of their sweatshirt, they are all alike and mostly the same size. The school store will open on Wed Sept.26th, and be open every Wed during lunch and most items are 25 cents to \$1 so send your student in with change or money if they would like to purchase any items. NJHS will have their first meeting this coming Tuesday, it will be during lunch recess on the patio outside, look for Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Dalton. Lots to discuss!

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.

Crusader Corner: After all of the rain, our fall sports were able to play their first games this week. There are lots of games throughout the month of October, so please check the calendar and come out to cheer our teams on. While cheering on our athletes at our home games, **please partake in the concessions to support our athletic department.** Tryouts for winter sports will be held in early November, so please consider turning in your registration forms early.

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. 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.

Trunk-or-Treat is back! It will be Friday, Oct. 26 7:00-9:00 pm. Please plan to come for a fun evening of carnival-style games, crafts and of course trunk-or-treating! We will have concessions: soda, water and popcorn. Vendor tables: \$25/ sponsor a game. Decorations are needed! Pumpkins, straw hay bales, Halloween-themed inflatable yard decor, corn stalks and Halloween lights. Donations may be dropped off at school. Please email Tara Durant if interested in helping! ecdurant@verizon.net.

PTO Corner: Thank you all for making our Used Uniform Sale a success! It's hard to believe that another Used Uniform Sale is just around the corner, but here we are approaching a new season and a winter uniform! Save the date of 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.

A Signup Genius will be up soon for those wishing to sell chocolate outside of Mass either at St. Mary's or St. Matthew's. 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 the word of our school to our parishioners and other sympathetic people.

Speaking of calories, thank you to Frank Guzman and our many volunteers for making the Cake Walk and Ice Cream Social so special; and thank you to Pearl Escobar for organizing the 1 mile and 5K runs which raised \$411.00 for our school! HCA gained 441 dollars, PTO Corner gained 441 pounds, and all was happy in the world!

Another happy day on our schedule is Grandparents' Day! Please don't forget to sign up by returning the form that should have been sent home this week. 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

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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 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 roller skates 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. This event is in the planning stages, so your help is welcome with finding the perfect date, setting it with Cavalier Skating, and selling tickets to what could be 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. PTO Corner wasn't exactly sad and lonely before volunteering for PTO, but he's definitely happy that he did!

There's much more going on than we can fit in one newsletter, but we're glad you're here and still reading! Many thanks to all of you who've made our events so far a success.



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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday - September 29th 9:00am - noon - *Super Science Saturday*. This is a great chance for middle school science fans to work high school level labs in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science ... they'll be able to meet our phenomenal science teachers, National Science Honors Society students and have a great time with other science fanatics! The cost is \$30 (to cover supplies) and space is limited. Registration closes on Wednesday, September 26 (last year we had to close registration as this was so very popular an event). NO REGISTRATIONS will be taken at the door.

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).

SEEKING HOPE & HEALING IN THE MIDST OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Hosted by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge & Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

September 29th, 2018 | 10AM - 3PM

Registration at 9:30AM. (Mass will be celebrated at 9AM)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church | 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Michael Horne, Psy.D.**

Director of Clinical Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

The day includes a keynote address and a variety of informative breakout sessions.

Bishop Burbidge will conclude the Conference with a Prayer Service for the Intentions of all affected by the opioid crisis.

Free will offering for refreshments and lunch will be accepted.

Registration required. RSVP to attend by **Sept. 26th** at events@arlingtondiocese.org



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