



HCA Family Newsletter February 1, 2019

"We should see our neighbor in God and God in our neighbor, with all his virtues and faults." ~ Blessed Louis Brisson

February

2 – Father Daughter Dance. Sing up here to help with this special event. It is not too late to join us!

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

Varsity Basketball tournaments, JPG High School

3 – Youth of Note sing at 12:30 Mass; **Open House**: St. Mary Preschool, 9:30-noon; HCA 1-3pm.

Please invite friends, family & neighbors!

4 – Staff-Student Volleyball game, rescheduled for 2pm; Jersey Day to benefit Mary's Shelter

7 & 8 – Preschool Doughnuts with Dad

7- HCA Science Fair; Regional Spelling Bee, 10am, SWOY

8 – School Mass, 8:15am; **Food for Those in Need** collection

All-District Chorus, Massaponax High School, 7pm

15 – School Mass, 8:15am; **Food for Those in Need** collection; Faculty meeting, 11:30am dismissal

18 – Presidents' Day, no school

Recess Duty, 11:35-12:25: 6th gr 2/4 to 2/7; 5th gr 2/8 to 2/20; 4th grade 2/21 – 3/6

NOTES

Thank you for **your amazing support of our National Day of Giving**. We received a **congratulatory email from NCEA**. Holy Cross was in the Top 15 in online gifts. We received 89 gifts online and received \$10,360. We have received quite a few donations since then, at least another \$3,000. We will give you a final total next week. We are very proud of our generous, giving community!



Please send family and friends to visit our Preschool and HCA this Sunday during our Open House!



Please join St. Mary Parish in meeting the **needs of our community on this Super Bowl weekend**. The parish is collecting hearty soups and canned ravioli to restock the parish food pantry. If you can help out, families in need in our community will be grateful!



STEM on display in Fr. Brisson Hall on Thursday: This Thursday, February 7th from 8:15 to 11:25 we will have our Annual Science Fair. All the hard work the students have done since the beginning of the school year will be on display in the afternoon from 1PM to 2:30 PM for parents and students to see. I'm sorry but we cannot allow parents to be in the Hall during the actual judging. See you there!

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 or call the school office.

It's About the Children!

Registration information was sent home digitally. If you are making any changes in your registration, please notify Mrs. Jeffers by Feb. 8th. 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** is open for next year. Please contact Mrs. Castellarin at preschool@holycrossweb.com for more information or to request a registration form.

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.

Surprise Fire Drill: We were all busy working and learning Tuesday afternoon when the fire alarm went off. We suspected that it was a false alarm (we just had the panel replaced) but we could not take a chance. The panel was working perfectly. It reported low pressure in the sprinkler system. I want to tell you how cooperative all the children were and what good sports they were. It was cold, but not freezing, and it was a little misty but they did not complain. We are very proud of them!



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!

OH NO! We cannot order the materials until all classes have a volunteer! Please be a volunteer! **VOLUNTEERS** needed for 4-1, 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 or (540) 878-0125.

On Monday, February 4th the Second Grade is sponsoring a school wide 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 go to 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!

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WOW our middle schoolers were seen everywhere this past week during Catholic Schools Week. They helped set up tables for the lunch, served their parents, cleaned up and did it all with enthusiasm and smiles. Several 7th and 8th graders visited the preschool to read a "teddy bear" book and help the children celebrate the teddy bear picnic. Amazing that some of the readers were once students at St Mary's Preschool. Keep up the great work middle school!

PTO Corner: Thanks to all for making our Catholic Schools' Week such a success. Our Father-Daughter Dance is Saturday. You can follow the link above or register at the door. You are welcome!



Crusader Corner: We want to wish our Varsity basketball teams good luck in the tournament this weekend being held at John Paul the Great High School. The boys will have one final game on Monday evening versus Victory. Come cheer them on one final time.

Spring sports are being scheduled. The tentative tryout dates are listed on the website and will be posted on the athletics board in the middle school hallway. If you are considering playing one of these sports, please submit your paperwork to Mrs. Meskunas.

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.

An URGENT Pro-Life Rally and Press Conference, featuring national and Virginia pro-life leaders will be held this weekend in response to the radical abortion measures being introduced in our Commonwealth, and to call upon Delegate Tran to abandon this extreme legislation. It will take place at South County High School; 8501 Silverbrook Rd, Lorton, VA 22079, this Saturday, February 2. The Rally and Press Conference are at 12:00 Noon. **RSVP:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1239733392851717> Please arrive early if you can, and dress warmly. After the Rally and Press Conference, please try to also attend Delegate Tran's Townhall at 1 PM.

Announcements from Saint John Paul the Great High School:

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

"It's About the Children."

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS OFFERING

SAVE THE DATE

**2019 Marriage
Enrichment Workshop**

*Featuring Retreat Leaders
Greg and Julie Alexander*

Saturday, March 9, 2019
9am-5pm
at HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



THE ALEXANDER HOUSE
Building Stronger Marriages and Relationships

Attendees will discover God's plan for marriages, as well as gain practical tools to build a stronger and more joy-filled marriage.

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After miraculously, returning from the brink of divorce by inviting God back into their relationship, Greg and Julie developed what is now known as The Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to proclaiming the beauty, goodness and truth of marriage. Their revolutionary Date Night Ministry is consistent with Catholic Church teachings, Christian family values and virtues, and has helped hundreds of couples return to live happy and joy-filled marriages. They have been regular guests on EWTN and are one of the most sought after speakers on the vocation of Marriage.

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