



## HCA Family Newsletter February 8, 2019

*"Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." ~ St. Francis de Sales*

### February

8 – All-District Chorus concert, Massaponax High School, 7pm

11 – our annual BoxTops Competition begins!

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

18 – Presidents' Day, no school

21 – PTO Board meeting, 1:30pm, Conference Room; Confirmation formation night (gr. 7), 6pm, HCA

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



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

### NOTES



Our final total for our Day of Giving is over \$15,000 from more than 100 donors. We are very proud of our community. Thanks for your support!

*Thanks to all who sent family and friends to visit our Preschool and HCA on Sunday during our Open House! We had our largest Open House ever. Many of the new families told us that they heard about HCA through friends – that means you!*

Please be sure to **register any incoming kindergartners** right away. We will begin accepting new families within the next 2 weeks and want to make sure our current families are taken care of first!

Our second graders are very **grateful for your support** of Mary's Shelter. They raised almost \$600 on Jersey Day. Everyone had fun and Mary's Shelter is very grateful for the support.

We have a late Lent and Easter this year but it is time to think of **our HCA-sponsored Lenten Soup Supper**. Please check out our sign up and see if you can help us out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948aeaf2ea20-lenten>

After months of hard work and preparation, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders **participated in our HCA Science Fair**. We are grateful to the 25 wonderful volunteer judges who gave their time and expertise in service of our students. Congratulations to all the students who presented excellent work and to Mrs. Lanzarone and Sr. Frances Carol for teaching and guiding them through this process. We are proud to announce the winners of the Science Fair who will go on to represent HCA at the Diocesan Science Fair in April.

1st place: *Andrew Appleton* "Rain, Rain, Go Away"

2nd place: *Roma DiGiacomo* "Is It Important to Wash Your Produce?"

3rd place: *Soham Rasjeshirke* "An App A Day"

Honorable Mention: *Julianna Brown* "Starts of Wonder"; *Miriam Doyle* "Pond Plants"; *Carter Huber* "Bridge the Gap"; *William Hughes* "A Change in Color"; *Jasmine Nguyen* "Darcy's Law and

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Underground Fluid Flow"; Theresa Varga "How Does Smell Affect Taste?"; McKenna Withers "Do Plants Have Ears?"

Congratulations to our **grade-level winners who represented HCA in the Spelling Bee** of our area Catholic Schools this week. Although they did not win, they all did well and made us very proud. Our school participants were *Sahas Rajeshirke, Hannah Malinowski, Aleena Patel, Soham Rajeshirke and Carter Huber*.

Our **annual Box Tops class competition** will take place this week, February 11-15. Students are asked to bring in Box Tops and give them to their homeroom teacher. The class collecting the most will receive an ice cream sundae party. Any questions may be directed to Marsha Sirks at [sirks7@gmail.com](mailto:sirks7@gmail.com)



**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. **The financial aid application deadline is March 15th.**

**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!

**Good news to share:** We recently learned that Natalia Sipko placed in the top 12 in the Youth of America Grand Prix youth classical ballet competition. Julia Sipko placed 5<sup>th</sup> all around in the Manhattan Classic national gymnastics meet. Congratulations, Natalia and Julia! We are very proud of you!

*Don't let these students go without JA* . Please 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. 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.

**Crusader Corner: 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. All athletes should have returned their uniforms. If not, please do so right away.

**MSM**

Science Fair, Spelling Bee and All-District Chorus. Our students were busy with many competitions and activities this week. They continue to amaze us! Their school week ended with the next lesson in Top 20 Thinking for Teens. Ask them about the topics they are discussing in their bi-weekly small groups. Great topics for our great kids!

**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](mailto:keetongirl2@yahoo.com) to register by March 23, 2019.**

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 2nd, 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)

**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 marriage, 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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