



HCA Family Newsletter April 27, 2015

*"Let us walk with the Lord; let us take our every breath with him.
Let us carefully and devoutly follow him step by step ~ Blessed Louis Brisson*

April

- 24 – Ninja Night, Martial Arts fundraiser
- 25 – St. Mary Parish Night Out
All-County Chorus
- 27 – 5th grade trip to Greenfields Assisted Living
- 28 – 6th gr. field trip to Natural History Museum
- 29 – dismissal, 11:30; faculty mtg, 'B' schedule
Casual Dress for Middle School***
- 30 – school Mass, 8:15am; *Food for the Poor*
Mountain View HS Chorus presentation:
The Reluctant Dragon, 2:15

May

- 3 – First Communion at Saint Mary Church
8:30am – grade 2-1; 12:30pm – grade 2-2
Great Train Race
- 5 – 7th gr. Field trip to the Newseum
***** THE COMMUNITY GIVE *****
- 7 – school Mass, 8:15am; *Food for the Poor*
- 8 – May Crowning, 8:20am

NOTES

Recess duty: 11:35-12:30

- 4/27 – 5/8 2nd grade
- 5/11- 5/22 1st grade



Let's GIVE - It's About the Children!

On May 5th, our community will come together for the Community Give, and we need YOU to join us. It's 24 hours of *unprecedented* non-profit giving- and it's your chance

to make a real difference, right here in our community. We are using 100% of your donation to go towards our expansion fund at Holy Cross Academy. How wonderful that our school is growing and so many feel that Catholic education is important! Your gift of \$25 (or more) to Holy Cross Academy via TheCommunityGive.org can help us reach our goal and in addition, win up to \$10,000 in grant prizes! Get ready to donate and begin spreading the word!



We are beginning to list summer opportunities for our students. We will have several summer camps sponsored by our teachers and some teachers will be available for tutoring. All this information is beginning to be listed in our attachments folder on our website. Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Wiley are offering summer camps on a first-serve basis. Please see the folder for more information on signing up for these wonderful enrichment opportunities.

Middle School students who do not have any uniform infractions have earned a Casual Dress Day on Wednesday. If students are not sure, they should check with their homeroom teachers. Please consult our website for Casual Dress regulations.

<http://www.holycrossweb.com/uniforms.htm>

Mrs. Wiley is available for tutoring. Please email bniej@verizon.net for more information.

Congratulations to our students who recently represented HCA in the diocesan Science Fair: *Elizabeth Garay, Hillary Jean-Bart, Joan Leist, Lily Malinowski, Laura Paquette, Natalie Rios, Sophia Sirks, Grace Thome, Tanya Vorder Bruegge and Madeline Weber.* **Special congratulations to Tanya for her 1st place win** in the Earth & Space division with her project, "Are the Stars Going Out?" and to **Maddie Weber for her 1st place project** for Microbiology "Liquid or Bar Soap?"

On Saturday, *Meghan Dreany, Isabella Grasso, Jaci Jedrych, Stephan LaPietra and Maddie Weber* will **represent HCA in the All-County Chorus** at Brooke Point High School. Everyone is invited to attend the concert on Saturday, April 25 at 4:30pm. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments. For more information regarding the programs or simply to register for a program, call [1-800-964-9974](tel:1-800-964-9974) !!

NINJA NIGHT! Mountain Kim Martial Arts and the HCA PTO



Given in love. Called in love.

invite you to a special fundraiser for the PTO. Join us at Mt Kim at 570 Celebrate Virginia Pkwy in Stafford (near the Five Guys just down from Giant) on Friday, April 24, from 6-10 PM. The cost is just \$25 per student (\$15 for each additional sibling) and includes pizza, games, some Tae Kwon Do instruction, and a movie. All proceeds go directly to the PTO. Call Jacob at 540-752-0707 with questions.

Looking for Online Programs to enhance your child's summer reading skills? Flyers are now available in the library offering classes for individualized skills instruction and independent reading! These programs range from 3-4 year olds to those entering 9-12th grade. Children learn key reading, phonics, comprehension, fluency, and decoding skills. If interested in learning more about the program, stop by the library during regular school hours to pick up a flyer or have your child pick one up during his or her library period!

Sunday, May 3, 7:30-11:30am Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's time to dust off those running shoes and check if last year's tie-dye race t-shirt still fits. On-line registration for the **Great Train Race** is now open! **The Great Train Race** is managed by the Fredericksburg Area Running Club. Registration and race information is available online at racetimingunlimited.org and qtrfredericksburg.com. As in the past, a \$2000 cash prize award will be divided by the 5 schools that have the most registrants. If we win, this money will go to our athletic department for new sports equipment or replacement equipment. More information to follow. T-shirt orders for the distinctive maroon-swirled running shirts will start in the near future and will be due in by April 17th. Questions? Please contact Mr. Brian Fannin at [571-201-7957](tel:571-201-7957) or brianfannin@hotmail.com.

FROM THE BOOKKEEPING OFFICE: FACTS tuition agreements will be automatically renewed for the coming school year. In **May**, you will receive an e-mail from FACTS with the details of your new tuition agreement. If you need to make changes to the agreement please submit them

in writing to hcabookkeeper@holycrossweb.com.

FINANCIAL AID AWARD INFORMATION

COMING SOON: We anticipate the award decisions to be completed by **May 15th**. Please look for an e-mail from FACTS regarding your award. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for an award.** The second round of awards will take place during the summer months **if funds are available**.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS! Please submit the \$60.00 graduation fee by May 15th. A reminder will be sent home with your student in the coming weeks. Please make sure all fees and outstanding balances are paid in full before graduation. Thank you!

THROWBACK DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT Parents, please join us for a **family movie night** on Friday May 29, 2015 at 6:30 at HCA. We will be screening the original Disney "Herbie the Love Bug" (1969 version). Dinner will be hot dogs, chips and a drink, \$4 per person or \$20 for a family ticket. All proceeds will benefit the Oblate Sisters Mission in Pella. See order form in attachments. Contact Mercedes Skamarycz with questions mommaskam@gmail.com or [540-752-1437](tel:540-752-1437).

Our yearbook committee is **working hard to finalize sections of this lovely memory book.** They are asking for all types of pictures, especially candid photos of each grade, science club, and all school activities. Please send pictures with the names of the students in photo and the grade to martythompson74@gmail.com

Please see the announcement about our 2nd Annual Writing Contest for grades K to 8. Students are invited to submit their best work for this contest. Grades K to 5 are asked for a poem (any style) and a complimentary work of art. Grades 6 to 8 are challenged to write a short story or play. Prizes and more information are included in the contest flyer.

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HCA graduate Maddie McNult is available as a babysitter. Contact Maddie at mdmcnult@gmail.com. If you need a babysitter who can drive, Maddie can help you out.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS - A Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering 6th grade, if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Proof of immunization will be required **BEFORE** the first day of school in August.

CRUSADER CORNER The weather has been making a mess of our fields and our schedule. The games for the next week are as follows (as always weather permitting)

Girls Soccer:

Tuesday 4/28, 4:00 home vs Linton Hall
Thursday 4/30, 4:30 away vs Aquinas at Veterans Memorial Park; 2:45 dismissal

Lacrosse Girls and Boys:

Wednesday 4/29 away vs Walker Grant; girls 4:00 (2:45 dismissal); boys 5:00 to be followed with a cookout at Walker Grant....HCA please bring drinks

There are still Holy Cross warm-up long-sleeve shirts available in youth s, m, l. Email hacaathletics@holycrossweb.com or stop in to the copy room to purchase one.

HCA Tritan Tumblers are on sale for \$16.

These "Tervis-like" cups are customized with HCA's very own logo! The drama club receives 40% of the proceeds from the sales. Orders will be collected through Monday, April 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Simms. Thank you!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Power Camp is a Christian sports camp held at Fredericksburg Christian High School. It is open to girls and boys ages 8-12. It is held June 22-26 from 9am-4:30pm. The website to register and to get more information is <http://www.battlefieldfca.org/power-camp>.

Casino Night at SMHS. Friday May 1st, 7-10pm. Sponsored by Battlefield Council Knights of Columbus and St. Michael the Archangel High School PTO. Join us for a fun night of 1950's /60's Vegas style. Casino tables, horse races, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, appetizers and cash bar. Tickets are \$25/person. Dress in "Rat-Pack" style and get an extra \$100 "Funny Money" to play with that night. Cut out and mail in the below for tickets or print the ticket provided in the newsletter attachments link on the HCA website. Mail to: SMHS 6301 Campus Dr. Fredericksburg VA 22407 Make checks to "SMHS PTO" Point of Contact for questions is Anne-Marie Theriot, amtheriot@gmail.com



Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____
Number of Tickets: _____



4th Sunday of Easter

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