

K –8 Parent Newsletter

January 27, 2023

Administrators' Note

Our campuses have been all a buzz as we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to **CELEBRATING HCA** all week long!

January saw the end of our 2nd quarter and our first snow day of the year. We also celebrated our 100th Day of School. The Primary campus had the Shrewsbury Fire Department evaluate our Fire Drill and the Shrewsbury Police Department assist with our Intruder Drill. Both departments complimented the hard work of our K-2 students during these safety drills! As an administrative team, we reviewed and prepared all the registration and enrollment documents for the upcoming school year. Our K-5 buildings are in the process of doing our Winter AIMSweb screenings. The new Wonder Groups at the Intermediate Campus will be determined soon! Our Middle School campus took ten students to the Middle School Math Competition at SLUH and **TOOK FIRST PLACE!!!** Please see the below slides with pictures from the event!

As we look ahead to the month of February, each week has something special. The month begins in the middle of CSW. The next week, our buildings will be taken over for a day by a student Principal. Valentine's Day comes the week before our Middle School students will have their Mission Carnival. Then we will all enter the season of Lent together, with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

Between now and then, we will be learning and growing as one community!

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, **January 29**: Catholic Schools Week Open House, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Monday, **January 30**: OLP First Communion parent meeting
- Catholic Schools Week: **January 29 - February 3**
- Friday, **February 3**: Early Dismissal; No ASP
 - Middle School dismisses at 11:30 AM
 - Intermediate dismisses at 11:45 AM
 - Primary dismisses at 11:50 AM
- Monday, **February 6**: SMA First Communion parent meeting
- Wednesday, **February 8**: Principal for the Day Gala Winners
- Thursday, **February 9**: JP2 First Communion parent meeting
- Saturday, **February 11**: Campus Crawl
- Tuesday, **February 14**:
 - Valentine's Day Parties 2:00-2:45 PM
 - Red, Pink, and White Dress Down Day
- Friday, **February 17**: Land of Smiles Dental Presentation for Kindergarten - 3rd grade.
- Monday, **February 20**: No School
- Wednesday, **February 22**: Ash Wednesday
- Monday, **February 27**: Intermediate Campus Talent Show
- SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, **March 30**: Grandparents and Special Friends Day at the Primary campus!
- CALENDAR CHANGE: The Intermediate Campus Spring Concert will be on Wednesday, **May 10**.

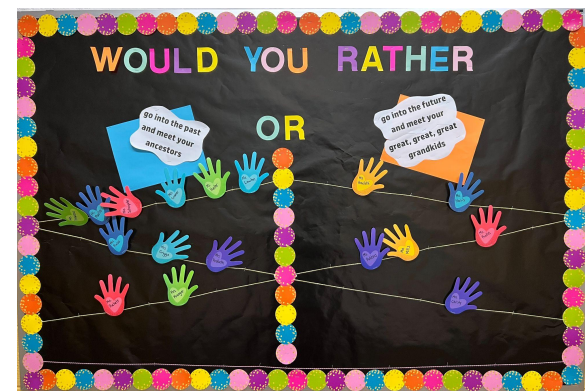
Primary Campus!



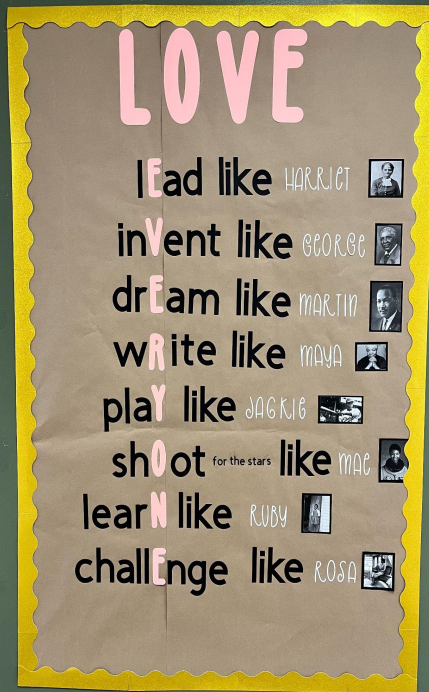
Intermediate Campus!



We made a “100” to celebrate the 100th Day of School. When you stop by Open House, you can see our “100 Days of Hard Work” display! Each student was awarded a certificate for something they can do now that they couldn’t do when school started 100 days ago. You can also see our Would You Rather board to find out what our teachers prefer, and you can read about all the reasons our students love HCA.



Middle School Campus!



Middle School News

On 1/11 ten students (2 teams of 5) from HCA participated in the Middle School Math Competition at SLUH. There were approximately 25 teams competing from the archdiocese area. The teams were given problems that they had to solve as a group and turn in 1 answer sheet. They took 2 "tests" with 10 problems each and were given 30 minutes to complete them. We had one team win first place overall and HCA will receive a banner to display in the lobby! GO TEAM!!

We also went to the 8th Annual Clavius Project Robotis Jamboree at SLUH! The students had a blast! It will take weeks to calculate winners, but we were just happy to be a part of something so amazing! To learn more about it and catch a glimpse of some of students on Channel 5, please watch the 1 minute video here: [Jamboree News Clip](#)

Last, but not least, 6th grade students attended BIZ Town this month through the Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis! To learn more about Biztown, please check out this link with a short newsclip: [BizTown](#)
Students also did several awesome labs this week in science class!

We've been busy this Month, but it's been great!!

Lastly, our 8th graders all received their High School acceptance letters today!! Please check out our Facebook page for their celebratory pictures! We can't wait to celebrate them next Tuesday at our Region Mass honoring 8th graders!!

8th grade parents, please make sure to get their permission slips back to school by Monday!

If you need an electronic copy, please reach out to me!
Have a great weekend!

Middle School Campus!



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Open House
Sunday, January 29
11:00am - 1:00pm

Early Childhood Education - Ages 2-5 at St. John Paul II
Primary Campus - Grades K-2 at St. Michael the Archangel
Intermediate Campus - Grades 3-5 at Our Lady of Providence
Middle School Campus - Grades 6-8 at Annunciation

All four campuses will be open for tours. Faculty, staff, parents, and students will be able to answer your questions.

Come see how our four-campus system offers a different model of Catholic education for the St. Louis area.

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29

Celebrate our Parishes

Wear Your School Uniform to Mass - Join us for Open House: 11 AM - 1 PM

Monday, January 30

Celebrate our School

Dress Down: 10 Year Anniversary Apparel or Other HCA Spirit Wear - Special Student Activities at Each Campus

Tuesday, January 31

Celebrate our Teachers

Students Dress in Uniform - HCPA Lunch for Teachers - [Parent Volunteers Needed to Cover Duties](#)

Wednesday, February 1

Celebrate our Students

Dress Down: Wacky Wednesday!
No Homework or Tests - Surprises at Each Campus

Thursday, February 2

Celebrate our Community

Dress Down: Anything St. Louis (sports teams, high schools, locations, etc.) - Cereal Box Donations Due

Friday, February 3

Celebrate our Families

Dress Down: In a Family Member's Favorite Color -OR- Dress Like a Grown Up You Know - Surprise Thank You for Parents

Financial Aid Information

Scholarships Family & Student Information



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**Application Period Opens
February 1, 2023**

Benefits

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Students must:

- Live in St. Louis, Saint Louis County, St. Charles County or Jefferson County
- Meet income limits based on Free and Reduced Price data
- **Either**
- Attend a public school as a full-time student for at least 1 semester during the previous 12 months
- **or**
- Be an incoming kindergartener or first grader
- **or**
- Have an approved IEP/ISP in place

Scholarship Opportunities 2023-2024



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January 17, 2023**



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Questions? Contact

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Appt.
Thursday
Ca 5pm



HCPA Happenings

1. Our next HCPA meeting will be held on **February 8th** at 6:30 pm in the St. Michael's cafeteria. We hope to see you there in person or on Facebook Live!
2. The Middle School Bowling will now be held on February 24th from 6pm-8pm at Shrewsbury Lanes! Cost is \$10 per child and will be taken out via FACTS! Please send your child with extra cash for drinks! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer so far! We could use a few more parents to volunteer the night of so please consider volunteering!
3. The campus crawl has a new date! We are so excited to host the Campus Crawl on **February 11th**, 2023! We hope to see you there and do not forget to register/spread the word!!
4. Mom's Night Out will be Thursday, **February 16th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Helen Fitzgerald's! Don't forget to register!
5. The Father/Daughter dance will be on Friday, **February 17th** at OLP! See the included flyer for details.
6. The Mother/Son event will be on Saturday, **February 18th**! We will be watching the SLU basketball team battle it out against Duquesne! Registration has closed and thank you to everyone who has registered!!



HCPA Happenings (cont'd)

7. We will be providing another teacher luncheon for all of our school staff on January 31st from Biggies. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have signed up to drop food off at each campus and to everyone who will be helping out during lunch duty!
8. All Academy Trivia Night will be held on April 21st at the Annunciation Gym! More information to come!

HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



Cub Scouts at Holy Cross

January:

Pinewood Derby Workshop - Saturday, 28th 3-5 PM @ JP2 Campus Totus Tuus Center Basement

February:

Scout Sunday - Sunday, 5th 9am Mass @ JP2 Church - Donuts in the Parish Hall to follow. *Reader practice is Saturday, 4th 10am @ JP2 Church

Blue & Gold Banquet - Sunday, 5th @ JP2 Cafeteria 11 AM

Pinewood Derby - Sunday, 19th Shrewsbury City Center

Registration @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Race Start @ 1 PM

Parents please fill out the Sign Up Genius for Scout Sunday and Pinewood Derby Volunteers!

Scout Sunday - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CABAD22A1F58-scout1>

Pinewood Derby - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CABAD22A1F58-pinewood>

Want to join Cub Scouts? You can sign up anytime! Reach out to Sarah Krah, Cubmaster, stlpack914@gmail.com

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CYC JUNIOR GOLF

Annunciation will accept registrations from CYC participants for Junior Golf from any of the Holy Cross Academy parishes (Grades 2-8).

This is different from “regular” CYC sports, and the rules requiring sign-ups at your home parish do not apply to golf.

Registration Open February 1-15:
<https://www.goannunciation.com/athletic-registration.html>

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HCA Little Lambs



The Little Lambs playgroup will meet on the following
Fridays from 9-10:30am this spring:

- **2/10, 3/24, 4/28, 5/19**

We plan to meet in the gymnasium at the HCA-SMA campus, and also explore local playgrounds and parks as the weather warms up! Parents/caregivers and their children (birth to preschool age) in the Holy Cross parish community are invited, and all friends are welcome! For more information, contact Kay Sisk (kaysisk@gmail.com, 417-840-8553).

Holy Cross Academy

Campus Crawl

Saturday, February 11, 5:30-9:30pm

Please RSVP by February 6

Join us for a FREE adult evening, hosted by HCA parents! Parents of Kindergarteners, Preschoolers, and families new to HCA this year (any grade!) are welcome. This no-cost event is sponsored by the Holy Cross Parent Association(HCPA).

Meet at JPII (7748 Mackenzie Rd.) for a walk-through and mingle, starting at 5:30p.m. Leave at 6:00p.m. for the Campus Crawl to OLP, SMA, and ANN. The bus will return to JPII by 9:00 for mingling and time for Q & A.

Questions? Email hcpa@hca-stl.org.

Please register here by February 6:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49afad2aa2f49-hcacampus1>



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HCPA MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Please join the HCA Moms for a Mardi Gras Night Out
at Helen Fitzgerald's!
Thursday, February 16
5:30-7:30pm

The night will feature appetizers,
drink specials, and a raffle!

Please sign up to attend so we can plan ahead:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084EA9AB2AA2F94-moms>



FATHER
DAUGHTER

Dance

**Friday, February 17
6:00-8:00pm in the OLP Gym
\$20 per family through FACTS**

Please RSVP by February 10:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAC2DABF49-father>

**Volunteers are needed!
Families who sign up to help get
FREE admission:**

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HCPA Presents:



Middle School Bowling

**\$10 per child
(charged through FACTS)**

—February 24 • 6-8pm—

Shrewsbury Lanes

There will be snacks provided but please send
your child with extra money for drinks!