

K -5 Parent Newsletter

September 9, 2022

Administrators' Note

We had a wonderful, busy week! Even though it was a short week, it was packed full of fun! Thanks to all of our parents who attended our K-5 Back to School Night. It was truly a great evening!

At the Primary campus our Kindergarteners took their first trip to the ECEC. They will be going over twice a month to participate in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It was so great seeing students return to the Atrium as well as introducing our new friends to it!

At the Intermediate campus, our 4th graders received their Bibles from the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Schilli blessed them all at Mass. This is a long standing tradition for 4th grade, and they were excited to participate this year!



Primary Campus Photos!





4th Grade
Bible Blessing



Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, September 14: All Academy Mass at OLP
 - K-8 Morning Drop Off will be at OLP. See the slide below for more details
- Friday, September 16: HCPA Movie Night at OLP
- Monday, September 19 - Friday, September 23: ITBS testing for grades 1 - 8.
- Wednesday, September 21: Papa John's Fundraiser
 - Order from Papa John's and up to 25% of your purchase will be donated back to HCA. The more we order, the more will be donated back to our school! Use promo code: **SSH007**.
- Friday, September 29: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

All Academy Mass

On Wednesday, September 14, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We are kicking off our “10 Years of HCA” celebration with an All Academy Mass and activities, held at Our Lady of Providence!

Morning drop off for all K - 8 students will be at the **Intermediate Campus** from **7:15 - 7:45**. Buses will **not** be running that morning.

Please follow the signs that will mark the appropriate drop off path. All cars should enter via the **Church parking lot**. Cars will not be able to enter from the Sunray ramp.

K- 5 students do not need their backpacks. Snack will be provided. Lunch will take place at the individual campuses.

All students will return to their campus via bus. Dismissal will take place as normal, with buses running in the afternoon.



¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español!
Welcome to Spanish class!



My name is Denise Mills and I am very excited to start the new school year with your child. This is my sixth year teaching Spanish at HCA. My husband and I are OLP parishioners and have two children who have graduated from HCA. My previous teaching experience includes teaching Science at the high school level and substitute teaching at various Archdiocesan elementary schools. In my spare time you can find me on the golf course, walking for exercise, or curled up in a chair with a good book.

I am hoping to instill the love of learning a new language in your child. In Spanish class we will learn new vocabulary terms, the Our Father and other prayers, and become familiar with Spanish speaking countries and their cultures. We will sing songs, play games, speak and write in Spanish. *¡Nos divertiremos mucho!* We will have a lot of fun!

In order to learn a new language and have fun I expect students to come to Spanish class ready to learn and follow the classroom guidelines. Class participation is imperative to learn Spanish. I hope your child will share a few new vocabulary words, songs or prayers with you this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. The primary campus will have Spanish on Wednesdays and the intermediate campus on Thursdays. Since I travel to different campuses the best way to reach me is through email at dmills@hca-stl.org.



HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



**Thank you to everyone that attending Scout Sign Up Night last night!
We had a great turnout and are looking forward to a year full of fun
and adventure!**

**Weren't able to make it to sign up night? You can sign up anytime!
Reach out to Sarah Krah, Cubmaster, stlpack914@gmail.com**

Current scouts can renew membership at any scout event this month.

Upcoming Events...

**Saturday, September 17: Family Campout @ JP2 Grove - REGISTER HERE!
<https://forms.gle/6NZjtg4GGqwW18wM6>**

**Join us for dinner, games, a campfire, s'mores and a pancake breakfast
on Sunday morning!**

Sunday, September 25: Scout Sunday Mass @ SMA, 10am

Sunday, October 30: Pumpkin Carving @ OLP, 4:30pm



HCPA Happenings

1. Our first HCPA meeting will be held on September 14th at 6:30 pm in the St. Michael's cafeteria. We hope to see you there in person or on Facebook Live!

2. Movie Night at OLP will be on September 16th from 7 pm – 9 pm. This movie night is for all HCA families and we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of both HCA and the movie we chose, Hotel Transylvania. We hope to see you there!

3. We still need a few more volunteers for upcoming HCPA events. Please consider signing up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054FA8AF23A5FC1-hcpa1>

HCPA Movie Night



When: Friday September 16th

Where: Our Lady of Providence Field

Who: All HCA Students and families

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Movie: Hotel Transylvania
(rated PG)

Bring your own chairs, blanket, food, and drinks! We are looking forward to seeing you for a fun night for all ages!

HCA Legacy Gala

Classroom Baskets – The Legacy Gala & Auction Committee kindly requests your donation of \$10.00 per child/student (or more if inspired!)

Your donation will help the Committee create amazing packages and experiences for this year's Gala & Auction.

The HCA Class that donates the most money wins a Pizza Party!

Please submit cash/check (made payable to Holy Cross Academy) to your campus office along with a note "Gala Classroom Donation" on the envelope.

Donations are due by October 14, 2022.



OLP Parish Book Sale

The O.L.P. Book Fair will again be held during ProvidenceFest on Saturday, October 8th, from 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. and Sunday, October 9th from 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in the parish meeting rooms.

A collection box has been placed in the lobby at school for donations through September 30th. All categories of books are needed, as well as DVDs, CDs, and audio books. *Textbooks, magazines, cassette and VHS tapes are not being collected.*

Please do not donate books that are damaged, mildewed, water marked, or have writing/coloring in them. For large donations, please contact the rectory to drop off at the garage. If anyone is interested in helping with the Book Fair, please contact Betty Amelotti at 843-3604.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



Chess Scholars

Fall 2022

St Michael the Archangel Campus

No Experience Needed



Grades K-5

Please feel free to bring a nut free snack from home to eat before class. Register early, limited number of participants.

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Schedule: 9 Wednesdays, October 5th - December 7th, 3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

No class: 11/23

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **MOS10.5.22** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 9/26 for the early bird price of \$142.50.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.