

K - 8 Parent Newsletter

January 6, 2023

Administrators' Note

Happy New Year to all of our HCA families! It is wonderful to have everyone back to learning and growing at school. As winter drudges on and the cold days stack up, these next two months can be challenging for kids and adults, too. We've got some days off and some fun activities coming down the line, which help to keep spirits high! Most of all, we remember that our God is a God of **PEACE** who walks with us through every season!

One order of business to address: beginning this month, our campus newsletters will be going out once a month, instead of weekly. We hope that this will help streamline our communication and make it even more effective. The next campus newsletter you'll receive will come on Friday, January 27. It will give an overview of the month of February. Please say attuned to the weekly homeroom newsletters to help keep track of important dates. We look forward to communicating with you according to this new schedule!

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, **January 13**: 2nd quarter report cards viewable on FACTS after school
- Saturday, **January 14**: Diva Dash
- Monday, **January 16**: No School, MLK Day
- Thursday, **January 26**: 100th Day of School
 - Primary students 100th day dress down (Please see flyer below!)
- Sunday, **January 29**: Catholic Schools Week Open House, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Catholic Schools Week: **January 29 - February 3**
 - There will be many CSW details coming soon!
- Friday, **February 3**: Early Dismissal; No ASP
- Monday, **February 6**: SMA First Communion parent meeting
- Thursday, **February 9**: JP2 First Communion parent meeting
- Saturday, **February 11**: Campus Crawl



Primary Campus!





**Intermediate
Campus!**



Middle School News

Beginning Monday we are moving away from A-F days! Your child will now have a set day for PE, study hall, and electives!!

Students were able to rank their top three electives and were granted at least one of their top choices.

New schedules go out on Monday. We have some really great electives this semester and even have four parents teaching electives!! A HUGE thank you to:

Mrs. Heidenreich for volunteering to teach **American Sign Language**

Mrs. Salmo for volunteering to teach **Woodworking,**

Mrs. Sturm for volunteering to teach **Finance**

Dr. Peterson for volunteering to co-teach **Middle School Medical** with Mrs. Hasten.

Middle School News (Cont.)

This semester:

All students will have three electives that meet once a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

6th graders will have study hall on Mondays and Wednesdays.

7th and 8th graders* will have study hall on Thursdays. While Thursday is a designated study hall, students can also use their time in Academic Lab on Tuesdays as a study hall.

*Mrs. Chehval and Mrs. Nolan will have an additional study hall for students who need extra help!

PE DAYS:

6A/7A/8A have PE on Monday's

6B/7B/8B have PE on Friday's

In addition, we have three PE electives: Just Breathe with Mrs. Tavernaro (Yoga), PE Tryhards with Mrs. Smyka, and Gym Fit what Mr. Ewing. *Students can elect to bring a change of clothes on that day or stay in uniform. More information will be given in class.*

Please see the next slides with elective titles.

ELECTIVES

- ★ PE TryHards (Mrs. Smyka)
- ★ American Sign Language (Mrs. Heidenreich)
- ★ Ceramics 1 (Mr. Sullentrup)
- ★ History Book Club (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Power (Ms. Tavernaro)
- ★ Gym Fit (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Just Breathe (Mrs. Trueman)
- ★ Paper Art (Mr. Sullentrup).
- ★ Design (Ms. Tavernaro)
- ★ Board Games (Mr. Clever)
- ★ Duolingo (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Children's Book (Mr. Sullentrup)
- ★ Robotics (Mrs. Tavernaro)
- ★ Sewing (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Woodworking (Mrs. Salmo)
- ★ Ceramics 1 (Mr. Sullentrup)
- ★ Board Games (Mr. Clever)
- ★ Gym Fit (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Knitting
- ★ Marketing (Mrs. Sturm)
- ★ Children's Book (Mr. Sullentrup)
- ★ Robotics (Mrs. Tavernaro)
- ★ Sewing (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Woodworking (Mrs. Salmo)
- ★ Ceramics 1 (Mr. Sullentrup)
- ★ Board Games (Mr. Clever)
- ★ Gym Fit (Mr. Ewing)
- ★ Knitting
- ★ Marketing (Mrs. Sturm)

A description of each elective is attached to this email.

Financial Aid Information

Scholarships Family & Student Information



Introducing Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program...

About MOScholars

On July 1, 2022, the State of Missouri launched the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program known as MOScholars. It provides financial support to qualifying families to offset educational expenses including tuition.

Learn More

Visit
ttef-stl.org/MOScholars
Or
Scan the QR Code



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Contact Us



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Application Period Opens February 1, 2023

Benefits

- A **\$6,375 annual scholarship** for eligible K-12 students
- **Renewable** through high school
- No repayment requirements
- No family tax liability
- Unused **funds rollover** to support future tuition obligations
- Access to premium education and resources

Who is Eligible?

Students must:

- Live in St. Louis City, 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



TTEF offers
scholarships
to
Catholic schools
&
private schools

Scholarships Available
Apply Online at
TTEF-STL.org

2023 -2024 Applications Open
January 17, 2023

Appt.
Thursday
@ 5pm



Questions? Contact

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HCPA Happenings

1. Our next HCPA meeting will be held on **January 11th** 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 that was on Friday, January 13th will need to be postponed! We could really use parent volunteers to help make these events a success! Please consider signing up to help chair when it gets rescheduled!

Thank you!

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!!
4. Mom's Night Out will be Thursday, **February 16th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Helen Fitzgerald's! Stay tuned for more information and a sign up genius coming out soon!!
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!!
7. We will be providing another teacher luncheon for all of our school staff at the end of this month! We will keep you posted on where we choose!

HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



**Cub Scouts at
Holy Cross**

Lion scouts learning all about what to do in an emergency, who to contact and community service with special community guest Shrewsbury Mayor Mike Travaglini!



Scout Parents - Check your email for Pinewood Derby Rules and Summer Camp Dates!

Upcoming Pack Events...

January:

Pinewood Derby Workshop - Saturday, 28th 3-5pm @ TBD

February:

Scout Sunday - Sunday, 5th 9am Mass @ JP2

Blue & Gold - Sunday, 5th after Mass @ TBD

Pinewood Derby - Sunday, 19th 1pm @ Shrewsbury City Center - More details to come!

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



Woohoo!! It's almost our 100th day of school!

To celebrate our special day, we would like you to make your child a 100th day of school shirt for them to wear to school on **Thursday, January 26th**. Have fun!

Here are some ideas.....



****Please note that this is ONLY FOR PRIMARY CAMPUS!****

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:**

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

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Volunteer!](#)

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AFTERSCHOOL
ENRICHMENT
SOLUTIONS

Chess Scholars

Winter 2023

St Michael the Archangel Campus

No Experience Needed



Grades K-5

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: 8 Wednesdays, January 18th - March 8th, 3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

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

You will need to enter the course code **MOS1.15.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/10 for the early bird price of \$127.60.

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.



Save the Date
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
DIVA
DASH
January 14, 2022
Seven Holy Founders Cafeteria
Registration coming soon!

[Diva Dash
Registration](#)




VS

HCPA
MOTHER SON
GAME NIGHT
FEBRUARY 18TH AT 7 P.M.
AT THE CHAIFETZ ARENA
SLU VS DUQUESNE
TICKETS ARE 2 FOR \$25 AND \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL TICKET
REGISTER BY DECEMBER 30TH AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/SRNXTREPINVMCFMG9](https://forms.gle/SRNXTREPINVMCFMG9)

[Mother Son Game Night
Event Registration](#)