

K –8 Parent Newsletter

February 24, 2023

Administrators' Note

At the Intermediate Campus, Mr. Daniel Kheriaty was our Principal for the Day on February 8th. He was popular with the students, granting everyone a bonus recess for that Friday! Our Primary Campus Principal for the Day was Ms. Natalie Thomas. She helped with principal duties, read to the Kindergarten students, and declared a dress down day for the following Friday!

Students had a blast at our Valentine's Day parties. Many thanks to our parents who planned this year's holiday parties. Our students always look forward to the celebrations.

On February 16, our 5th grade students had their D.A.R.E. Graduation. We are thankful for our close partnership with the Crestwood Police Department. I want to say thank you to our local Schnucks bakery for donating a cake. I also want to say congratulations to our D.A.R.E. essay winners: Anthony Gavranovic, Madison Conrey, Sam Schmidt, and Camille Adams!

It was so fun to have our 3rd graders visit the Primary campus for Land of Smiles! The Kindergarten students were happy to welcome them into their classrooms to do some reading prior to the presentation. We always love partnering up siblings and cousins for these activities!

Our 5th graders loved their preview of Middle School when they joined Mission Carnival! Middle School raised \$1,628.00 for The American Heart Association! In addition to the fun activities and fundraising, they also were given CPR training from Nurse Rita! Go HCA!!

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, **February 27**: Intermediate Campus Talent Show
- Wednesday, **March 1**: This is the last day for the EARLY BIRD Registration discount. The price goes up tomorrow!
- Friday, **March 3**: Early Dismissal; No ASP; HCPA DOT Fundraiser
 - Middle School dismisses at 11:30 AM
 - Intermediate dismisses at 11:45 AM
 - Primary dismisses at 11:50 AM
- Friday, **March 10**: End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 13 - 17**: Spring Break
- Thursday, **March 30**: Grandparents and Special Friends Day at the Primary campus!
- Thursday, **March 30**: “When Worries Take Over” Parent Workshop (see flyer)
- Friday, **March 31**: 3rd quarter report cards go live

Primary Campus!





Third Graders visiting the Primary Campus!



Intermediate Campus!



Middle School Campus!



6th Grade *Futsal* Champions

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Red Team

7th Grade *Futsal* Champions

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Green Team

8th Grade *Futsal* Champions

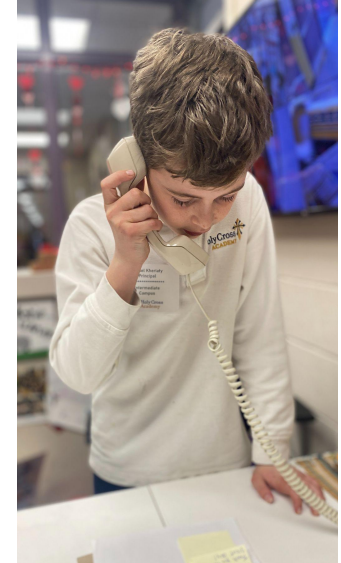
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No Jersey

Principal for the Day!





Middle School News

Middle School has been busy this month! Here are a few highlights and updates from some of the classes:

Here's what's happening in the Art Room:

- Our eighth grade students just completed a unit on tessellations. Look for them in the second floor gallery. They have now started the painted shoe project. This year they will be designing their shoe around one person who inspires them.
- After wrapping up two Op Art projects, our seventh graders are learning about one-point and two-point perspectives. After a few weeks of practice, we will be creating a final project involving drawing words in perspective.
- Sixth grade started the quarter with a couple of projects using "lines," and are now venturing into some relief sculpture work. The students are creating faces out of egg cartons.
- As far as our art electives, eighth grade students in Open Studio are making garden dragon flies out of old ceiling fan blades and the Art of Star Wars is diving into Episode 4, A New Hope, and learning about the art that went into creating the film.
- Seventh grade students in the Children's Books elective are in the middle of creating original stories (with prompts supplied by some professional writers) and sixth grade students have started the process of building paper bowls.
- Both the sixth and seventh grade Ceramics students have built and started painting a series of bowls, mushrooms, and snail or octopus cups.

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Here's what's happening in Religion

-The middle school prayed the Stations of the Cross today in this first week of Lent. It was a beautiful prayer service led by our 8th Graders who did a fantastic job!! Thank you to Barb Roddy for playing the beautiful music during the stations, and to the parents/grandparents that were able to join us today. Parents are invited to join us in church at the middle school campus for Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 11 a.m.

-In the classroom, students have been learning about Lent and focusing on the three pillars of prayer, fasting/penance, and almsgiving. Each student was given a Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" box and lenten calendar if they would like to participate in that almsgiving activity as a family. This is an optional activity, and many have found it to be a fruitful way to engage in this Lenten season with the calendar listing daily giving challenges, the "Did You Know" facts, and the various stories about people the organization has helped.

If you do choose to participate, families can donate directly to the organization at the end of Lent (more details and website information is on the box).

Have a Happy Lent!

Reminders:

The 7th grade fishing trip is April 26th. Permission slips are due Friday, March 3.

Please contact Ms. Sasser for any questions!

8th graders are working on their English Research paper. Please note due dates in Classroom.

Middle School News

Dear Families,

We had fun celebrating Mission Carnival with our students! Everyone had a great time and we raised \$1,628.00. I am so impressed with the giving spirit of our community!

The 5th graders came over for Mass and activities. Mrs. Griggs and I spent time with them in a Q&A session! We loved hearing their questions about Middle School and look forward to getting to know them more in the future!

Quick reminder to check Google Classroom for updates regarding your child's homerooms and class assignments. This is our weekly newsletter from our campus for you so you can "stay-in-the-know" prior to my Monthly newsletter (mailed out on the last Friday of each month!).

We are looking forward to this Lenten season as a time to be reflective and continue to grow as one community rooted in Christ.

I was at a principal training this week and the opening prayer and reflection really resonated with me. I shared it with our teachers and I would like to share it with all of you as well. I am posting on the next slide.

I hope you have a great weekend and find time to relax and enjoy time with your family.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bickel

Middle School News

The Lenten Season offers us a time to ask ourselves in what ways we can deny our personal wants and needs to more closely follow Jesus? How can we change our attitudes and responses to clear away the clutter and hear God's plan more clearly?

Instead of complaining....focus on gratitude.

Instead of Pessimism...see the best in people

Instead of harsh judgment...think kindly thoughts

Instead of worry...trust Divine Providence

Instead of discouragement...be full of hope

Instead of bitterness...turn to forgiveness

Instead of hatred...return good for evil

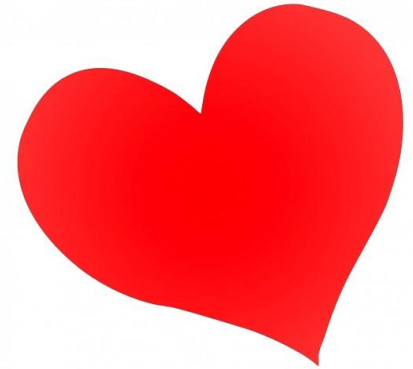
Instead of anger...be more patient

Instead of jealousy...pray for trust

Instead of sin...turn to virtue

Instead of Gloom...enjoy the beauty that is all around you

Instead of giving up...trust our Lord has a plan for you



WHEN WORRIES TAKE OVER PARENT WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Join us for a Parent Workshop as we explore the many challenges of raising an Anxious child. Learn Tips and Tricks to assist in supporting your child with their **BIG WORRIES.**



When: Thursday, March 30th 6:30-7:30 PM

Where: Google Meet
(Google Meet link will be sent on March 29)
Join on your computer or phone.

**Who: Event Hosted by Mehlville School District Title I
and
Yvette Pelikan MSW, LCSW, RPT- Creative Counseling 4 Kids**

Reach out to tretter-larkinl@msdr9.org if you have any questions.



register here
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HCPA Happenings

1. Our next HCPA meeting will be held on **March 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 be tonight, February 24th from 6pm-8pm at Shrewsbury Lanes! We hope the Middle Schoolers have a fantastic evening!
3. Today is the last day to order your Gus' Pretzels for the pretzel fundraiser! Be sure to check out the flyer on how to purchase yours! Pretzels will be sent home March 1st!
4. The final uniform release will be held on March 5th in the St. Michael's cafeteria from 11am-1pm. If you have any uniforms to donate you can take them to any of the campuses starting now! Also, we could use a few more volunteers for that day to either help set up from 9am-11am or be there during the event! Please email amholman123@gmail.com if you will be able to volunteer!
5. HCPA's first trivia night will be on Friday, April 21st! Doors will open at 6:30pm and trivia will start at 7pm! Registration for this event will be going out the monday after Spring Break (March 20th)! Be sure to get your tables ready! Also, if you have any photos from any HCPA or HCA events, please send them to amholman123@gmail.com. We will be using these photos on this night! Thank you!!



HCPA Happenings (cont'd)

6. Secretaries Day will be on April 25th. We will be sending a basket of goodies to all of our hardworking secretaries at HCA!

7. Mom's Night Out, Father/Daughter, and Mother/Son were all so much fun! Thank you so much to everyone who signed up for these events, volunteered, and chaired! Without all of you parents, these events would not be a success so a huge thank you to all of you!

HCPA Angel Families

Are you interested in volunteering but haven't found your "fit"?

We are kicking off a new HCPA program
and would love your help!

HCPA would like to create an Angel Family program to
welcome new families to HCA, by pairing up a new family
with an existing family to mentor them.

We are looking for 1 chairperson to lead the program as well as
3 -5 committee members to coordinate the program and create
the pairings to serve for the 2023-2024 school year. Please
contact Angie Huber at angiehuber21@gmail.com or text at 314-
583-1720 by 3/7/2023 to indicate interest.

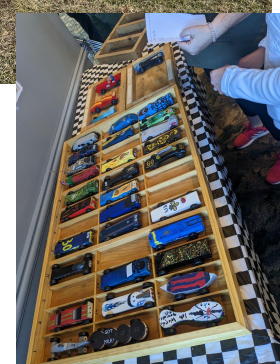
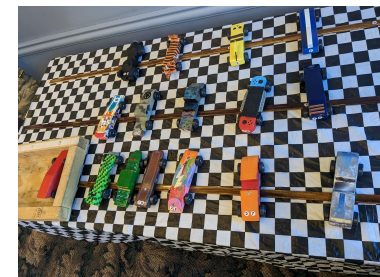


Cub Scouts at Holy Cross

HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



Pictures from Scout Sunday Mass, Blue and Gold Banquet and Pinewood Derby!



Upcoming Dates:

March 26 - Scout Sunday Mass @ ANN 10AM - Pack activity to follow!

April 22/23 - Earth Day of Service @ HCA campus gardens

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



Arts & Crafts Fair

Save the
Date!

Sponsored by HCA
Cub Scout Pack 914

Sunday, April 2nd 11am - 3pm
St. Michael the Archangel
Gymnasium

For more information, and to
register, click [here](#)! OR Contact
Karen Rossfeld at
karmo09@yahoo.com or
314-452-4245



[Click](#)
[Here to](#)
[Register!](#)



From Saturday, March 18 through Sunday, March 26, the **Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis**, in conjunction with the Respect Life Apostolate, will be **collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults as part of our annual archdiocesan-wide, pro-life service project to assist families in need.**

Last year, over 225,000 diapers were collected and you can help increase that total for 2023. Your donations and prayers for the success of the drive are appreciated. There is a great need especially for larger size diapers: 3, 4, and 5. For more information, contact your parish's permanent deacon, nearby participating parish, or archdiocesan Permanent Diaconate Office at 314.792.7431.



Read Across America

A CELEBRATION OF READING

We are excited for grades K-2 to be participating in Read Across America week from Monday, February 27th to Friday, March 3rd. Throughout this week teachers will be incorporating fun book activities in their classrooms. **PRIMARY STUDENTS** may dress like their favorite book character on Wednesday, March 1st.

31st Annual

D.A.R.E. DAY WITH THE CARDINALS

SUNDAY, MAY 7th @ 1:15 pm



VS



- **D.A.R.E. will have an on-field parade prior to the game**

(Parade information will be sent with your tickets)

- **Tickets only \$20 each (regularly priced at \$58)**

Cardinals promo day! – kids long-sleeve hooded pullover to first 10,000 kids ages 15 and younger

- **All ticket orders due by April 3rd**

TO ORDER

Return form with payment to the address listed below
MDOA, 8651 Highway N, Ste 100, PMB 180, Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367
If paying with credit card, email order form to: missouridare@gmail.com

Order Information:

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Teacher: _____

School Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

DARE Officer's Name: Officer Dion Olson Police Agency: Crestwood Police Dept.

of Tickets: _____ x \$20.00 = Total: _____

Special handicap seating requests: ☐ No ☐ Yes (# of seats _____)

Can tickets be sent home from school with student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If no, you will be contacted at the phone number provided above for pickup instructions)

Method of Payment: Check # _____ Money Order # _____

(Make payable to MDOA with student's name in memo line)

☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card *(email missouridare@gmail.com for PayPal instructions)*



The Parishes of Holy Cross Academy
Invite your children to Totus Tuus 2023

On the Campus of

St. Michael the Archangel

Who: Students going into 7th-12th

When: July 16 - 20, 2023 @7pm

AND

Who: Students going into 1st-6th

When: July 17-21, 2023 9a-3p

HCA Little Lambs



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

- **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).