

K –8 Parent Newsletter

March 31, 2023

Administrators' Note

The Primary campus has been having loads of fun! Our Kindergarteners have been looking for signs of spring and they also go to work in our SMA community garden. Our 1st graders have been collecting postcards from all over the country! They have also been leading us in our March Madness where each week we vote on books to make it through a bracket. Our 2nd graders are learning all about First Communion! Today they got their first taste of unconsecrated host. They were so excited to taste it before the big day when they get to receive Jesus! We were all so happy to welcome our grandparents and special friends on Thursday. It was such a special morning. Thank you to our parent volunteers who were here helping!

March was full of fun events at the Intermediate campus! Students in all grades have been enjoying their second round of Wonder Groups - learning about and investigating all sorts of interesting topics. At the end of February, we enjoyed cheering for students who put their gifts on display for our Spring Talent Show. Our 5th graders designed and constructed a mini-golf course in STREAM class, and all our classes were able to play through the holes in P.E. We even had some police officers stop in for a quick round of golf! Our indoor grow station is newly planted with seeds that are already sprouting for our summer gardens. We are looking forward to Holy Week and then celebrating Easter on our return to school!

Administrators' Note

Can you believe we are in the 4th quarter of the school year?! The middle school students are working hard on new units in all of their classes.

They are starting their Pickleball unit in PE, so get ready for some improved pickleball players this summer (if you play)! I plan on challenging some of the classes next week!

7th grade students are starting the novel, *The Outsiders* - a fan favorite (and classic) for middle school!

In Spanish class, the students showed off their creativity by bringing in different baked goods based on recipes they wrote in Spanish. I was so impressed with their dessert designs - my creations typically end up looking like something from *Nailed It*!

In WoodWorking, students are working on seasonal creations and also a surprise for graduation! Prepare to be amazed at what they can create thanks to Mrs. Salmo!

In math, students are working on a PBL unit with area to create a solution to the gaga pit that gets too muddy with the weather. I know they will come up with the perfect solution with the appropriate dimensions to save the gaga ball pit!

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, **March 31**: 3rd quarter report cards go live
- Sunday, **April 2**: Arts and Crafts Fair at SMA
- Monday, **April 3**: 5th grade visits Primary
- Wednesday, **April 5**: 5th grade visits ECEC
- Wednesday, **April 5**: Kindergarten visits ECEC
- Thursday, **April 6**: Early dismissal; Holy Thursday retreats
- Friday, **April 7**: No school; Good Friday
- Monday, **April 10**: No school; Easter Monday
- Thursday, **April 13**: 6th and 7th grade girls field trip to Notre Dame for a play production.
- Friday, **April 14**: All Academy Mass at OLP; Early dismissal; No buses; K-8 students arrival and dismissal at OLP.
- Wednesday, **April 19**: Kindergarten visits ECEC
- Friday, **April 21**: HCPA Trivia night at ANN
- Sunday, **April 23**: Confirmation
- Wednesday, **April 26**: 7th Grade Fishing Trip
- Friday, **April 28**: Little Lambs at SMA

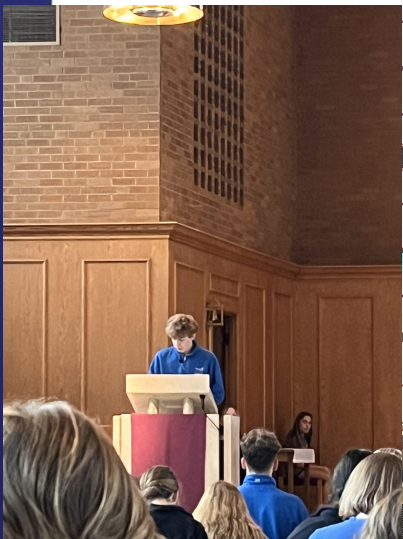
Primary Campus!



Intermediate Campus!



Middle School Campus!





Spring is Here!

Garden Volunteer Opportunity for HCA Families

As spring approaches, we are reaching out with a request from the garden committee which serves the Providence Garden and Providence Orchard on the HCA-OLP campus and the St. Michael Garden on the HCA-SMA campus.

The gardens and orchard serve as outdoor classrooms for students and provide a unique opportunity for students to learn the process of food production – from soil preparation to harvest and consumption. Students at the intermediate campus are growing seedlings on indoor grow stations right now that can be planted in the gardens later this spring.

HCPA Happenings

1. Our next HCPA meeting will be held on **April 12th** at 6:30 pm in the St. Michael's cafeteria. We hope to see you there in person or on Facebook Live
2. The Gus's Pretzel fundraiser was so much fun and was able to profit \$535! Thank you to everyone who participated and a huge shoutout to Allison Lubischer and Julie Seyer for chairing the event!
3. The last uniform resale was able to turn a profit of \$650! Thank you to everyone who donates, buys, and works this event! Also, thank you to Jenna Kopff and Crystal House for chairing this event three times this year!
4. 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 is live. Don't forget to register here: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/vF0/>
We already have almost half of our available tables filled! We hope to see you there!
5. Secretaries Day will be on April 25th. We will be sending a basket of goodies to all of our hardworking secretaries at HCA!

HCPA Happenings (cont'd)

6. We are still looking for a chair for our new Angel Families Program! If you would like to chair or would like more information, please feel free to email Angie Huber at angiehuber21@gmail.com

7. Middle School Skate Party will be on Thursday, May 4th from 6pm-7:30pm at the Rollercade Roller Skate Center! It will be open to 5th graders to 8th graders and will be a great night for all of the middle schoolers and incoming middle schoolers to get to know one another! Registration link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8af23a5fc1-middle3> and registration closes on April 28th!

8. Our last DOT day fundraiser will be on May 5th! Please remember to send at least \$1 with your child! All proceeds go straight back to our teachers!

9. The end of the school year is coming up and we are looking for two parents who would like to be the HCPA President and Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year! Please consider volunteering for one of these positions! If you would like any more information please email Aley Holman at amholman123@gmail.com

SADDLE UP

AND PUT YOUR BOOTS ON!



HCPA Presents an All-Academy

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 21st
Trivia starts at 7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm
Annunciation Gym

Admission will be \$20 per person
8 people per table

Bring your own food and
beverages!

The night will include:

A 50/50 Raffle
Raffle baskets
Best Dressed Prize
Attendance Prizes



Registration Link:
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/vF0/>

HCPA Presents:

PRIVATE
RENTAL



OPEN TO
CURRENT AND
INCOMING
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
STUDENTS

**Middle School Skate
Party**

Attendance
prizes!

May 4th

6pm – 7:30pm

\$18 per for
skating and a
drink (paid
through FACTS)



Rollercade Roller Skate Center

11703 Baptist Church Rd.

Sappington, MO 63128

PLEASE RSVP BY 4/28/23

**You may bring your own skates at no additional charge or upgrade to rollerblades for an additional \$4. Please bring money for any snacks/drinks you wish to purchase.*

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Registration
closes April 28th

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 to indicate interest.



Cub Scouts at Holy Cross

HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



Pictures from Scout Sunday Mass @ ANN, March Pack Meeting & Den Meetings



Upcoming Dates:

March 31 - Summer Camp Registration DUE!

April 2 - Arts & Crafts Fair - 11AM - 3PM @ SMA Gym

April 23 - Earth Day of Service @ HCA campus gardens

May 20/21 - Family Campout @ OLP Fields - Scout Mass at 4pm @ OLP on 5/20

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



Arts & Crafts Fair

Sponsored by Holy Cross Academy
Cub Scout Pack 914

Sunday, April 2nd 11am - 3pm
St. Michael the Archangel Gym
7630 Sutherland Ave.
Shrewsbury, MO 63119

Shop early for Mother's Day or
treat yourself to handcrafted
wooden items, wreaths, jewelry,
jarred jelly and salsa, tumblers,
water bottle stickers, crocheted
items and SO much more!

A few vendors accept Venmo, Paypal,
check, and/or credit card.
All accept cash.

We look forward to seeing you!



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

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:

- **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).



ATTENTION HCA 8TH GRADE

**Surprise your graduating 8th grader
or one of their classmates with a
flock of 12-16 blue and yellow yard
flamingoes AND a matching yard
sign that reads
"Congrats Class of 2023!"**

- Flocking will run May 1-31, 2023. The deadline to purchase is April 28.
- Parents and students can pick 8th graders to "flock"-including themselves!
- Parent volunteers will "flock" yards.
- Families will find a note on their door, and parent volunteers will remove the flock and yard sign within 48-72 hours.

Print and complete the attached form and turn it in to Mrs. Berra (ANN secretary) along with \$10 cash or check (payable to Holy Cross Academy). You can flock more than one student (\$10/each).

**The funds raised will go directly to the HCPA.
Thank you for your support!**

