

K –8 Parent Newsletter

April 28, 2023

The **Primary Campus** has been having a wonderful spring! We started off April with a faith-filled Holy Thursday retreat. Our students were able to reflect on their fears and hand them over to Jesus during our Veneration of the Cross. We also enjoyed a great egg hunt when we returned from Easter break! Kindergarten and 1st grade students have started their ABC countdowns to summer! It's a great way to keep students engaged and excited during these last few weeks. Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Mills have been doing an amazing job preparing our 2nd grade students for their First Holy Communion. It's very special to see how excited the children are to receive the Body of Christ.

We cannot believe how quickly April went by at the **Intermediate Campus!** Holy Thursday was a great experience for our students. Faith Families engage in the retreat activities together, which was a positive community building experience. Our 5th graders had a blast at the City Museum. Many thanks to the brave parents who joined us as chaperones! Our annual Egg Drop STREAM project was a huge success again this year. We dropped the eggs from a higher point, which added an element of challenge. We look forward to sharing this day with parents each year! Lastly, through the generosity of the OLP Men's club and the work of Mrs. Krueger and Mrs. Christy, we have replaced all our outdoor flower pots, added a few more, and now have umbrellas for our courtyard picnic tables. The HCA Cub Scouts cleaned up our grounds and spread new mulch, and the Girl Scouts planted new flowers. The campus look fresh and beautiful this Spring

The **Middle School** has had an exciting April! 8th Graders had their confirmation on Sunday! We are so proud of them and grateful that they continue to grow in their Faith! Thank you to Ann Kelly for all of your hard work preparing our students for this momentous occasion! Thank you 8th grade parents for supporting your child on their journey to God and living a Faith-filled life! 7th graders had their big fishing trip on Wednesday! It was a huge success! Congratulations to all of our students who caught their very first fish, those of you who never gave up trying (you WILL catch a fish someday!!), and to Jon S. for catching 36 fish!! Thank you Ms. Sasser for all of your hard work in making this day happen and to all of our amazing parent and teacher volunteers! 6th Grade continues to be amazing! They are so inquisitive, kind, and upbeat! They have taken middle school by storm and have been successful! We are beyond grateful to have them in our building and we can't wait for them to be future leaders in our community!

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, **May 4:**
 - SMA, OLP, and JP2 First Communion rehearsal
 - Spirit Wear Day!
 - Middle School Roller Skating Party 6:00pm
- Friday, **May 5:** Field Day! No buses and no ASP
 - K-8 Arrival and Dismissal at OLP
 - 11:30 Dismissal
 - Wear assigned color and bring a snack and water
- Saturday, **May 6:** Annunciation First Communion
- Sunday, **May 7:** JP2, SMA, and OLP First Communion
- Tuesday, **May 9:** Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
- Wednesday, **May 10:** Intermediate Campus Spring Concert at 6:30 PM in Church
- Thursday, **May 11:** 2nd Grade May Crowning Mass
- Saturday, **May 13:** Girls on the Run Race
- Thursday, **May 18:** 8th grade Mystery Trip
- Friday, **May 19:** 8th Grade Awards Mass (parents only) and early dismissal for 8th Grade only
- Tuesday, **May 23:** 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 PM at Seven Holy Founders and Reception to follow at the Middle School.
- Wednesday, **May 24:** Kindergarten Celebration, 1:30 PM at Seven Holy Founders; This will be the last day of school for Kindergarten!
- Wednesday, **May 24:** 5th Grade Moving Up Mass, 8:00 AM at OLP
- Thursday, **May 25:** Last day of school! No buses and no ASP
 - Middle School Dismissal: 10:00
 - Intermediate Dismissal: 10:15
 - Primary Dismissal: 10:30- We will have a 2nd Grade Send Off!

All Academy Mass

Our All Academy Mass on April 14th was an incredible day filled with cross campus faith formation, team-building, and service!

Thank you to Father Schilli, Father Esswein, Father Henke, and Father Holtmann for filling our hearts with God's love through your ministry. It was truly a lovely Mass! Thank you to Mrs. Eryn Krobath for providing the lovely music and working with our Choir.

Lastly, THANK YOU to all of our staff and parent volunteers for making this day possible!





2023 HCA K-8 Field Day Parent Information

Friday, May 5, 2023 Intermediate Campus (OLP)

BEFORE THE STUDENTS ARRIVE:

Please make sure your child eats a substantial breakfast. They should bring a snack and water bottle with their name on it. They can bring a cinch sack to carry their water bottle, snack and any other things they may want (hat, sunglasses, ect).

FIELD DAY ATTIRE:

Students will have a dress down day but be given a specific color to wear. There will NOT be a Field Day T-shirt given to the students like in previous years. Students must follow dress down day guidelines. We want the students to have fun and be creative. See below for some examples of guidelines.

YES: hair dye/chalk, face paint, colored socks, hats, sunglasses, cinch sack, tutus

NO: inappropriate lengths on tops and bottoms, inappropriate sayings on shirts, bringing face paint or hair chalk day of to share with friends, wearing cut clothes, tank tops.

DROP OFF INFORMATION - NO BUSES WILL RUN ON FIELD DAY.

Drop Off Time: 7:15am - 7:50am

Parents should enter the lot via the church entrance, be directed around the school and will drop off at the door facing Sunray. If you arrive after 7:50, students will need to be dropped off at the office.

PICK UP INFORMATION:

Pick Up Time: 11:30a.m.

The parking lot will be cleared at 11:15 a.m. for pick up. When parents arrive, they will walk to the field and sign their children out from their homeroom teacher. They may leave the parking lot as soon as they have their children with them. If students are walking home, please send an email to their homeroom teacher.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING (ASP):

There is NO afterschool program.

WEATHER ISSUES:

If the weather is forecasted to be thundering/lightning on Field Day, there will still be a modified field day at each of the campuses. All students should report to their everyday campus. Students may dress down and wear their Field Day color. If the situation does occur, the buses will run as normally scheduled.

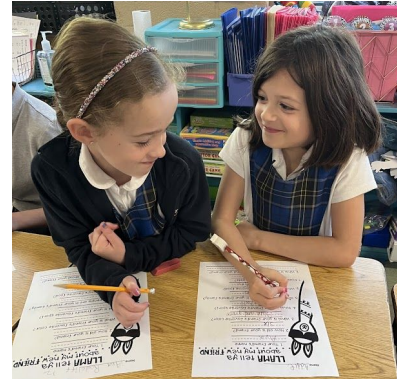
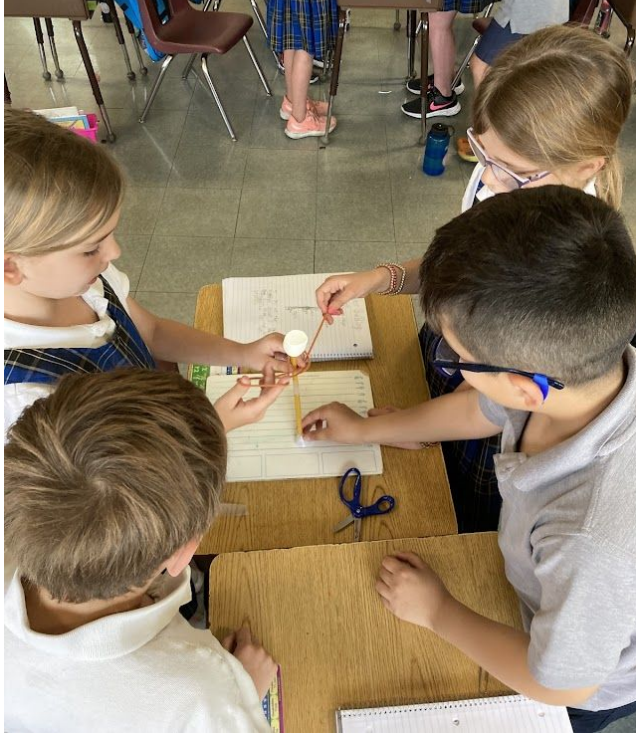
Field Day Drop Off/Pick Up



DROP OFF: Enter on the church side of campus. Traffic through the lot will be one way. Drop off the students by the door that faces Sunray Drive. Students will go into the building to meet their homeroom teacher. If you are a volunteer, please drop off your children and then park in the volunteer parking lot. If you arrive after 7:50, please take your child to the office to be signed in.

PICK UP: All Field Day activities will end at 11:15. At that time, all activities will be cleared from the lot. The lot will open at 11:30 for parking in the back. The students will be on the field with their homeroom teacher for you to sign out.

Primary Campus!



Intermediate Campus!



Middle School Campus!



Secretary's Day!



Knights of Columbus Contest Winners!



Poster Winners



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Essay Winners

From the Nurses' Desk

Spring Clean Your Allergies Away

Spring is officially here and that means the return of spring allergy irritants! Follow the tips below to make sure your home is allergen-free this season.



Stay inside when pollen counts are high - use a pollen tracker to monitor levels in your area.



Make sure to keep windows and doors closed to help prevent allergens from entering your home and clean air filters often.



Clean and vacuum areas of your home that are prone to gather dirt and dust and wear a mask to prevent particle inhalation.



Pollen can stick to your hair and clothing so shower and change your clothes when you come in from outdoors.



Wear a protective mask when engaging in outdoor activities.



For more tips to help avoid spring allergies, read the article "Spring Clean Your Allergies Away" now available on AlphaNet's Subscriber Portal.



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.

TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus 2023 Registration is Now Open!

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/w48/>

Children's Program (Rising 1st-6th grade)

July 17-21 | 9am-3pm

\$40/child | \$80/family (2+ children)

Teen Program (Rising 7th-12th grade)

July 16-20 | 7pm

FREE!

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.*

Registration Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8af23a5fc1-middle3>

Registration
closes April 28th



**Want to help welcome
our newest
families to HCA?
Join the Angel Family
outreach program,
sponsored by the HCPA!**

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Cub Scouts at Holy Cross

HCA Cub Scout Pack 914



Pictures from Scout Earth Day of Service at SMA and OLP Gardens



Upcoming Dates:

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

May 28 - Memorial Day Good Turn - Jefferson Barracks

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

HCA Gardens

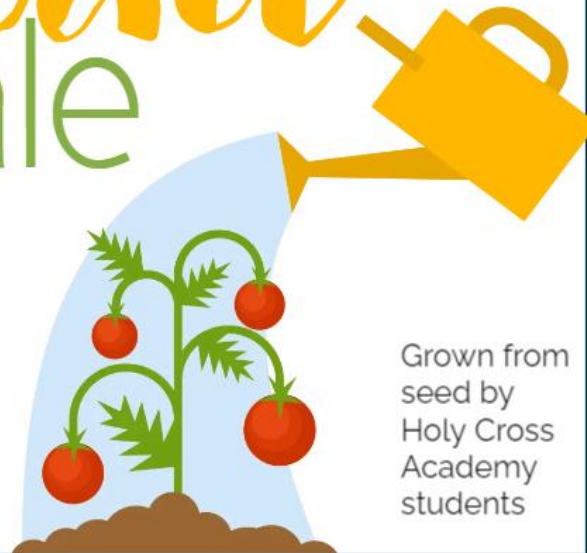
3rd Annual Fundraiser

Plant Sale

\$2 - \$3 SEEDLINGS

\$15 TRELLISES (3'X6')

CASH ONLY



Grown from
seed by
Holy Cross
Academy
students

VEGETABLES - HERBS - TRELLISES

MAY 6th | 12pm - 6pm

Our Lady of Providence

8866 Pardee Rd. 63123

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Proceeds help fund the HCA-OLP and HCA-SMA campus gardens!

PLEASE JOIN ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FOR A



Spring High School Fair

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Hosted by DeSmet Jesuit High School in the Gym

→ 233 N New Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141

Parking will be available at the Emerson Entrance

***Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to visit with
representatives from St. Louis' best all-girl, all-boy,
and coed high schools:***

Bishop DuBourg
CBC High School
Chaminade
Cor Jesu Academy
De Smet Jesuit High School
Duchesne High School
Incarnate Word Academy
Nerinx Hall
Notre Dame High School
Rosati Kain Academy
Saint Louis Priory School

St. Dominic
St. Francis Borgia High School
St. Joseph's Academy
St. Louis University High School (SLUH)
St. Mary's South Side Catholic
St. Pius
Ursuline Academy
Vianney High School
Villa Duchesne
Visitation Academy

HCA Little Lambs



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

- **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).