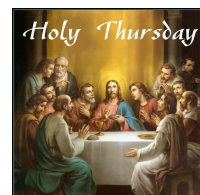


***Mission Statement*** **OUR MISSION** is to provide the highest quality academic and faith formation program where each student develops spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Rooted in the person of Jesus Christ and in the Catholic tradition, we strive to prepare our students to live a faith-filled life.

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## Calendar Updates

- Saturday, April 9th-** Confirmation Retreat (8th grade)
- Monday, April 11th-** Detective Bell will speak to 8th grade
- Tuesday, April 12th-** Mass @ 8:30 am and Adoration  
Detective Bell will speak to "True Crimes" elective
- Wednesday, April 13th-** Principal of the Day (Brendan Boyce)
- Chess Club Canceled**
- Thursday, April 14th-** Holy Thursday Retreat/Early @ 11:30 am  
Early Dismissal (11:30 am)
- Friday, April 15th-** Good Friday - No School
- Sunday, April 17th-** Easter Sunday



- April 19th-22nd-** Camp Wartburg
- Tuesday, April 26th-** Mass @ 8:30 am and Adoration
- Saturday, April 30th-** SLU Jamboree  
Final Bellarmine Speech Meet

## Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, May 4th -** Field Day/Early Dismissal
- Wednesday, May 11th -** Fishing Trip (7th grade) changed from April 13th
- Thursday, May 19th-** Mystery Day 8th grade

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## Respect Life Creative Writing Contest.

Out of 130 parish/school finalists submitted from Catholic grade schools, Parish Schools of Religion, and Catholic homeschool programs throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, judges selected 22 Archdiocesan Finalists.

Judges had a difficult time narrowing down the entries this year and were impressed with the quality, creativity, and most of all, the strong convictions your children expressed on the virtue of chastity and the Gospel of Life. They truly showed wisdom beyond their years and we are incredibly grateful for their participation.

The scholarship and other winners will be announced on April 21 and will be publicized in archdiocesan channels, including the *St. Louis Review*, in late April/early May.

We're pleased to announce that one of our Holy Cross Academy students has been selected as an Archdiocesan Finalist in the 2022 Respect Life Creative Writing Contest.

**Congratulations to Patrick Hopfinger**

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## Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Please ask your child/children to give you the Progress Report.

## Holy Thursday Retreat (April 14th)

Please send the following items to school with your child/children on Thursday, April 14th. These items will be used to make sandwiches for the St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry. Thank you

- 6th grade-a loaf of white bread
- 7th grade-turkey sandwich meat
- 8th-grade of american cheese



## School Counselor

Mrs. Griggs, our school counselor, will be talking to our 6th grade classes next week. The topic of the presentation is understanding and accepting others' differences and supporting one another in advance of camp.

## Robotics Jamboree

The Clavius Jamboree will be at SLUH on Saturday, April 30th. We will meet at SLUH at 8:15 am.

Competition begins at 9 am and will end at approximately 12:30 pm.

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Your students have been working really hard during the after school sessions and I'm excited for the opportunity to show off what they have learned.

We have one more after school session on Tuesday, April 26th and it is important that everyone is there.

Please let me know of any conflicts with the April 30th competition.

Thanks!

Ms. Tavernaro (mtavernaro@hca-stl.org)

### **Webster Groves Police Department**

**Detective Fred Bell will be visiting the school on April 11th and April 12th.**

**Monday, April 11th, Detective Bell will be visiting at 7:45 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. to speak with the 8th graders regarding internet safety.**

**On Tuesday, April 12th, Detective Bell will be visiting the "True Crime" class to speak about forensic science appropriate for 6th and 7th graders.**

### **ECEC and 8th Mass**



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## HCA Legacy Gala 2022 Planning

We are excited to announce that in 2022-2023 we will be celebrating Holy Cross Academy's 10th Anniversary! We on the Gala Committee are also excited to bring the Gala back to our home parishes this year.

Our committee is looking for your help with this wonderful event. No amount of involvement is too small, and we have great leadership roles for those looking to be more involved. Some leadership roles we are seeking are:

Event Co-Chairs

Live Auction Lead

Silent Auction Lead

Awards Lead

Volunteer Lead

Are you interested in hearing more? Join us at Annunciation on **April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** for our kick-off meeting! Katie Martin-kmartin@hca-stl.org

## HCPA Happenings:

- Father/Daughter Dance is **May 6th**.
- Mother/Son NERF War Event will be on **May 13th** at the SMA gym.
- The last DOT Card Fundraiser for the school year will be on **May 19th**.
- Please see sign up genius below for needed volunteer openings and for open HCPA positions for next school year!

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

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## James J. Slama Scholarship Foundation

We are pleased to announce that The James J. Slama Scholarship Foundation application is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year. The application is available online at [www.jjslamascholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.jjslamascholarshipfoundation.org) and on the parish website at [www.stjpsl.org](http://www.stjpsl.org). If you need a paper copy, please stop by the St. John Paul II Business office or the Holy Cross Academy Annunciation Campus.

This scholarship has been established to provide financial support for Catholic Education. Up to \$5,000.00 will be awarded to a student who will be entering their freshman year at a Catholic high school

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next year. St. John Paul II eighth grade parishioners and Holy Cross eighth grade students are eligible.

Completed applications should be submitted by 3:00 p.m. [Wednesday, April 13, 2022 to](#)

**St. John Paul II Business Office**  
**6120 Pebble Hill Drive**  
**St. Louis, MO 63123**  
**Attn: James J. Slama Scholarship Foundation**

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[Please see the attached flyers regarding](#)

**HCPA FLOCKING FUNDRAISER FORM**

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