

K-8 PARENT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 5, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

- **April 9 - 11:** HCA School Improvement Team Site Visit
- Friday, **April 12:** This is a **FULL DAY** of school
- Friday, **April 19:** No School; Professional Development
- Saturday, **April 20:** HCPA Trivia Night
- Friday, **April 26:** HCPA DOT Fundraiser

MAY

- Wednesday, **May 1:** Intermediate Campus Spring Concert at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, **May 2:** HCA Spiritwear Day
- Friday, **May 10:** Field Day! Early Dismissal
- Friday, **May 17:** 8th Grade Last Day
- Tuesday, **May 21:** 8th Grade Graduation
- Wednesday, **May 22:** Kindergarten Last Day
- Thursday, **May 23:** Last Day of School
 - ◆ Middle School: 10:00 AM Dismissal
 - ◆ Intermediate: 10:15 AM Dismissal
 - ◆ Primary: 10:30 AM Dismissal

PRIMARY CAMPUS!

March was such a busy month! The students were engaged in Lenten activities each and every day, culminating in an amazing Lenten Retreat on Holy Thursday. They participated in a book version of March Madness. The winning book was ***Rumpelstiltskin!*** The students and staff helped send me off to Rome for an amazing marathon and cheered and celebrated with me when I returned. They also got to meet Mrs. Angie Courtois, their new principal for next year. She and I will work together for a smooth transition. I am excited to welcome her to Holy Cross Academy. We are looking forward to Grandparents' Day on April 18. If you haven't already, click [here](#) to register your grandparents!



Between Spring Break and Easter, March was a blur of activity! Our 5th graders went on a field trip to the **Daniel Boone Home**. 3rd grade made a visit to our Primary Campus for the **Land of Smiles** dental presentation. 5th grade students put together an **AMAZING cardboard arcade** as a STREAM project. The Crestwood Police came out to supervise our **intruder drill**. All the while we opened our hearts to the love of Jesus through **Reconciliation**, loving **Lenten promises**, and many opportunities to pray the **Stations of Cross**. Each grade level took a week to lead Stations, and our 5th graders even travelled to **ECEC** and **Primary** campuses to lead Stations there. And, believe it or not, we did a lot of learning, too!



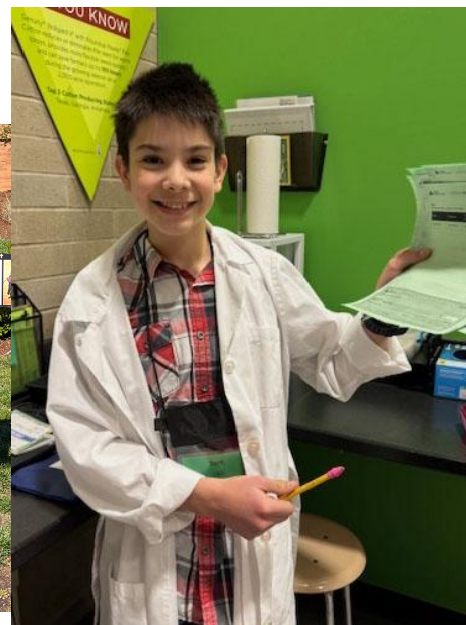
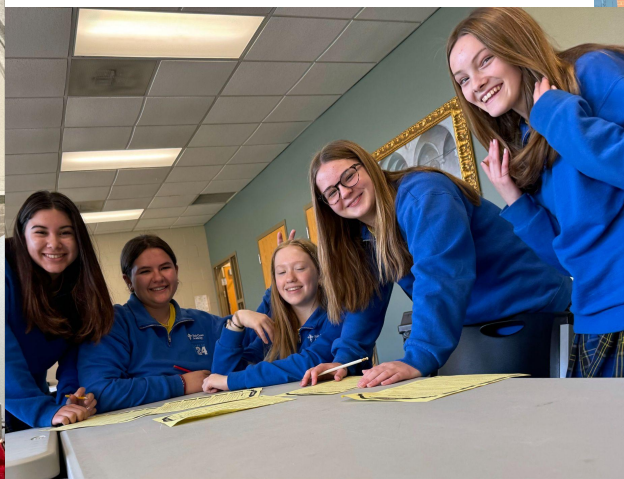
The Middle School had a busy March!!

We had Lenten activities every day and weekly Stations of the Cross. The student's shared ways they would encourage each other in their prayer life, almsgiving, and fasting for Lent. We concluded with a retreat on Holy Thursday where the students "burned their worries," prayed together, and made sandwiches for St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Our 6th graders went to Biz Town and represented HCA well in different future career opportunities! We already have Biz Town booked for our incoming 6th grade students next year! It is an excellent opportunity and tradition for our students!

7th Grade will be heading on their annual fishing trip on 4/25, so that is exciting as well!! We've been busy preparing for the end of the year and all 8th grade activities! An email went out this week and more information to come throughout the rest of this month! There have been a lot of potential families touring to join our campus as well as student's shadowing to discern if HCA is for them! Our students have been exceptional hosts!

Spring is here and we are ready for all the end of the school year has to offer!





HCA 2024 Uniform Fittings at Just Me Apparel

232 Old Sulphur Spring Rd.
Manchester, MO 63021
636-391-3551
www.justmeapparel.com

Thursday, May 16 - 10 am-6 pm

Friday, May 17 - 10 am-4 pm

Saturday, May 18 - 10 am-2 pm

Why attend a fitting?

- Chance to try on uniform items
- Determine the correct sizes
- Place orders for items that are not in stock
- Receive a 10% discount on purchases in store and online during the fitting days*

*excludes Dennis plaid items

HCA GARDENS | 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Spring PLANT sale



**April 27th
12-6pm**

Vegetables | Herbs

Grown from seed by Holy
Cross Academy students

CASH ONLY

\$2-4 seedlings

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

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Spring is Here! Call for Volunteers: In preparation for the upcoming spring and summer growing seasons, the committee of volunteers that cares for the garden on the K-5 campuses (Providence Garden, Providence Orchard, and St. Michael's Garden) is seeking volunteers who may be interested in watering. During the summer months, volunteers select one week to care for the garden. Care includes watering at least twice, harvesting ripe produce, and picking weeds. If you will have students attending the HCA-SMA or HCA-OLP campus in the coming years, this can be a great opportunity to become familiar with the campuses!

Have questions or want to volunteer?
Please contact **Kay Sisk**
(417-840-8553, kaysisk@gmail.com) or
Patti Loehnig (314-843-6097,
ploehnig@hotmail.com).

JOIN IN THIS SERVICE DAY LED BY THE HCA CUB SCOUTS
TO HELP PULL WEEDS, LAY MULCH, AND CLEAN UP
THE HCA K-5 CAMPUS GARDENS AND GROUNDS FOR SPRING!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



EARTH DAY OF SERVICE

**APRIL 21
1-3 PM**

**PROVIDENCE GARDEN & OLP GROUNDS:
SPREAD MULCH**

**ST. MICHAEL'S GARDEN:
RAKE LEAVES, PICK WEEDS,
PREPARE GARDEN FOR PLANTING**

**WHEELBARROWS
NEEDED!**



*Choose where you
work! Sign up here:*





Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours," was the motto of Blessed John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. It also expresses our effort to give our all to every young person we encounter.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Welcomes Parishioners and HCA
Students to Attend

Totus Tuus

June 9-14

St. Michael the Archangel
For Rising 1st-12th grade students!

MEDIA LITERACY PARENT WORKSHOP

When: Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

*Where: Virtual Meeting
(A link will be sent on May 1st)
Join on your computer or phone*

*If you have any questions,
please reach out to
tretter-larkinl@msdr9.org*

Join us for an evening of media literacy education for parents. Learn how to help your child separate fact from fiction, gain tools to uncover the purpose of different media content, and discover AI's impact on media. Plus, find out what media literacy resources the St. Louis County Library has for both children and adults.

**Erin O. Davis, Ph.D. &
Mehlville School District Title I**



Scan to register



Tab Top Collection

For Ronald McDonald
House Charities

Third Grade is collecting
tab tops from aluminum
cans to be recycled and
turned into a donation
for RMHC!

Turn in your can tabs to
the Intermediate Campus
by Wednesday, May 1!

HOLY CROSS PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

THROUGH

THE

DECADES

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

WHERE: ANNUNCIATION GYM

RAFFLES - GAMES - 50/50 - ATTENDANCE PRIZES

\$20 per person - 8 to a table

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE

DECADE FROM THE 1920'S-2000'S! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Photos from Pinewood Derby 2024!

Upcoming Events:

- Arrow of Light Rank Ceremony and Crossover Ceremony - Sat. April 6, 4:30pm @ Beaumont Scout Reservation
- Pack Meeting - April 28th @ TBD

Interested in joining? Email stlpack914@gmail.com for more information, pack and den schedules.

Follow us on Facebook: [Cub Scout Pack 914](#)