



HCA Family Newsletter June 13, 2010

"Be who you are and be that well!" ~ St. Francis de Sales

June

- 13 – St. Mary Parish Picnic, 3 – 7 PM
 - 15 – Kindergarten celebration, 7 PM
 - 16 --Used Uniform sale, 8-12:30 PM
 - Spirit Day, grades K to 5
 - Dismissal, 11:30 AM
 - **No Afternoon Aviat Care**
 - Chick Fil-A Spirit Day, 11:30-2:30 PM
 - 17 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 - Dismissal, 11:30 AM
 - **No Afternoon Aviat Care**
- Summer Vacation begins**
- 30 – Report cards will be mailed
- August 30, 2010 – A new HCA year begins!**

NOTES

Recess Monitors duty... Volunteers

Thanks for another wonderful year! On behalf of our faculty and staff I wish you a peaceful relaxing summer with your family. See you on August 30th!

For your convenience, our **2010-2011 Calendar** is on our website under 'Forms.' We will continue to update our online calendar all year.

Be sure to **look in our Family Newsletter attachments folder for our end-of-year summary and auction funds report.** They will be posted by Monday.

Our **summer contact information, reading lists and assignments and supply lists** will all be placed in our *Summer Information* folder on our website – all in one convenient location.

Summer Math packets for students entering grades 2 to 8 came home with your child on Friday. Please check your child's backpack and then contact your child's teacher if you did not receive one.

Please join us for our St. Mary Parish Picnic and Family Fun Day here at Holy Cross!

Sunday, June 13th

3 - 7 PM

Food and Drinks from 3-6 PM
Hamburgers, Turkey Burgers, Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, Baked Beans and Potato Salad

If your last name starts with:

A to L, bring chips to share;

M to S, bring a dessert to share;

T to Z, bring non-perishable healthy snack to share.

Games, Rides & Entertainment

Jurassic Adventure Inflatables, Alien Laser Tag, Face Painting, Fun Express Train, Atlantis Inflatable, Rock Wall, Pony Rides, Farm Animal Train, Limited Parking on site, but don't worry! Park at GEICO and take the Fredericksburg Trolley for FREE! The event is sponsored by St. Mary Parish, the Knights of Columbus, the Council of Catholic Women and the Holy Cross Academy PTO. You might like to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. There will be shaded seating under the dining tents.

REPORT CARDS AND TRANSCRIPTS:

Please remember that if you have any outstanding balances or have not made tuition payment arrangements for the next school year, you will not receive a report card for your child/children AND TRANSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. Check your lunch balance, tuition, library books, textbook

"It's About the Children!"

rentals, etc. It is time to make sure that everything is returned and paid in full.

There are still about 10 computers left for sale for \$100. Contact Mrs. Tomayko at: atomayko@holycrossweb.com.

Computers can be picked up on June 16th and 17th, the last two days of school. Please contact Mrs. Tomayko with any additional questions regarding our school computers.

In search of a sweatsuit jacket! Last seen in BKH. "McNult" is written on the tag. If you come across it, would you please give it to Maddie in 5-2. Thank you.

We are **still accepting applications for Preschool in our three and four-year-old programs.** Call Mrs. Scharf at 373-7553 if you would like information about our wonderful St. Mary Preschool.

We still need parents to prepare the recess schedules next year! If you will have a child in **Kindergarten, 1st, 5th, 7th, or 8th grades**, and you would be willing to help, please contact hcarecess@holycrossweb.com. The time commitment is minimal - only a couple of hours twice a year.

If you are interested in helping out with recess duty during the first two weeks of school in the fall, or in being on the recess substitutes list next year, please contact the recess program at hcarecess@holycrossweb.com. Thank you!

Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help out as recess monitors this week. *A big thank you goes out to all our parents who came in during the year, or arranged for a substitute, to help with recess duty.* Special thanks to our recess substitutes, parents who volunteered for extra duty, and the moms who helped with scheduling. We know it is not always easy to work recess into your schedule, so please know how much we appreciate your efforts to help keep our lunchroom cleaner and our recess periods safer!

WE NEED YOU!!!! Do you remember when you were a new family at HCA? Do you remember how many questions you had about carpool, recess duty, etc...? Wouldn't it be nice to help a new family transition into our wonderful school community? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then you should consider being a **New Family Mentor**. This is a wonderful program that doesn't take up much time but is very rewarding. All you need to do is contact the new family assigned to you, answer any questions they may have and help them feel welcomed in our school community. We will also have a *New Family Welcome Reception* on the Friday before the new school year starts to welcome all of our new families. All of our mentor families are also welcome to attend. If you would like to be a **New Family Mentor** please send an email to HCAMentor@gmail.com with your name and contact information. Thank you.

5TH GRADE PARENTS – A Tdap booster is required by state law for all children entering 6th grade if at least 5 years have passed since their last Tetanus containing vaccine. For most students, the last Tetanus booster was before entering Kindergarten. Proof of Immunization must be provided to the Office **BEFORE** the first day of school.

Please see the attachment on the HPV vaccine for girls from the Health Department. The Bishops' letter regarding this vaccine is in the attachments.

ALL PARENTS – Medications must be picked up by the last day of school or they will be disposed of. We can't hold them for next year. New forms for medications and new action plans for asthma and other chronic health conditions must be submitted at the beginning of each school year. You can get new forms when you pick up your child's medications at the end of the school year, or you can download the forms from the school website.

Fredericksburg area physicians are offering **sports and camp physicals on Saturday, June 19th** at Battlefield Middle School from 12PM – 4PM. The cost is \$15.

HCA Drama Camp
For rising 3rd to 8th graders
with HCA alumna and drama major
Maggie Erwin
2 Sessions
June 21 – 25, 9 - 12
June 28 – July 2, 9 – 12
\$90 a week
performances on Friday
Both camps held here at HCA
For more information, contact Maggie at
maggie.erwin@gmail.com or 540-809-6979
please see the attachment to register

**Support the Young Catholics for Change
by taking your car to Denny Hamlin's
Speedwash from May 22 - June 22.
\$5.00 for every car will be donated to the
Holy Cross Academy Young Catholics for
Change so that they can continue their
Catholic Youth Ministry work.**

Young Catholics for Change, our Middle School service group, is beginning a fundraiser using the car wash coupons that will be posted soon in our attachments. The funds will be used toward their visit to Hope House and various other service activities. The car wash is conveniently located on Route 1 close to UMW and St. Mary. The dates and details are on the flyer. If you decide to go to the carwash but forget the coupon, you can simply mention HCA and we'll get the credit. Next time your car is dirty, please consider stopping by Denny Hamlin's Speedwash!

HCA PTO Uniform Closet End of Year Sale -- Our sale of gently-used uniforms will take place on Wednesday, June 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This is a half-day of school at HCA and also elementary Spirit Day. If you would like to send in your clean, gently-used uniform items and receive exchange tickets to use at the sale, please prepare your items by placing them in a bag & attaching the form you will be receiving in your child's backpack. On the form, please be sure to indicate your last name & the items you are including in your bag. I will have a box in the front lobby for you to put your bagged items. We will accept uniform items

for the exchange/sale on the following dates: Wednesday 6/9, Thursday 6/10, and Friday 6/11. As a reminder, we can only accept uniform items bearing the current logo (the yellow/black cross in the circle but NOT the burgundy Holy Cross logo items.) You will not receive credit for any old logo items as we cannot use them any longer. Thank you in advance for your help in ensuring another great sale! Please direct any questions to Jasmine Jelesoff Larimer at: bunnypatch@cox.net.

Middle School students who **did not receive any uniform infractions** will have casual dress on Wednesday. Any questions, check with Mrs. Sandkuhler.

Jonathan Wiley, a recent graduate from Duquesne University School of Music, is available **for guitar lessons**. Lessons are 1 hour and cost is \$25. He may be reached at 540-845-3860

CYM SUMMER CALENDAR: Attached are 2 documents that showcase all the fun CYM is planning for the summer. There's a middle school overnigher, bowling, and a King's Dominion trip... just to name a few.

**Want to know what's going on at CYM?
Friend us on Facebook under "St. Mary's
Youth Ministry."**

If you are **looking for tutors this summer for your children**, you can go to www.stafford.schoolfusion.us. This will take you to the main Stafford County website. Click on Special Education on the left side. Click on Parent Resource Center Click on the link for their Activity Page. Scroll to the bottom. The tutor list will be found under department files.

PTO CORNER: The weather held out for us and *Family Fun* day was a lot of fun for all. We apologize for not having enough ice cream. It was the first year we offered the ice cream and now have a better idea of how much more we need. Thank you for your understanding. Have a great summer!

Catholic Charities has notified us of a summer opportunity for kids: Social Skills Group Sessions addressing anger management, problem solving, coping skills and self-esteem for kids 11-13, Monday's 4-5 PM starting July 12th for 6 weeks. The cost is \$75.00. Please contact Anna Campbell at 540-371-1124 EXT 206 for more information.

We have **completed another highly successful SCRIP year** and want to thank those of you who use the program so regularly. We count on you to make it a big success! We need to make you all aware of a change that will be occurring very soon with the SCRIP program. For reasons we cannot control, tuition incentive through SCRIP purchases will no longer be available. We have been advised by the diocesan finance office that we can no longer offer the 1% tuition incentive to school families participating in the SCRIP program because of conflicts with tax law. We are sorry about that change but cannot ignore the law! All credits earned on individual purchases made through June 30th will be credited on the earning family's first tuition payment in August for the new school year. All purchases made after June 30 will no longer be eligible for the tuition credit. We regret this change because we appreciate those who try to use our SCRIP program regularly. We were happy that you were getting some direct benefit.

Of course, all our families and all our children will continue to benefit as all the proceeds go directly into the school operations fund. Since we can no longer offer a tuition benefit, we have decided to direct all SCRIP profits into our textbook fund. This will allow us to keep our textbooks updated and relevant to our children's education. Many of you know that one textbook costs an average of \$60, going as high as \$80. This seems like a good use of our funds and one that benefits all our children.

Nothing else about the program will change. The % rebate that is returned to St. Mary Church/Holy Cross Academy will stay the same, from 1-25%, with the full amount going to support the school's operating

budget, including the 1% that individual families were receiving for tuition credit. Please continue to use our SCRIP program or begin using it if you have not up until now. It is a terrific way to finance our children's education without additional financial burdens on our families. Thanks for your support throughout the past two years!



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