

K-8 PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

At the **Primary Campus**, we are looking for the students who exemplify our core values, our *Holy Cross Angels*. Look for the email I sent out on October 30 for a detailed explanation. Thank you for attending the parent/teacher conferences. Please know that you can reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or great news to share with us. On November 21, our second grade students will get a chance to visit all of the Holy Cross Parishes to see the Churches where each of the students will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this school year. A few reminders: we have morning recess so have your student dress appropriately, and please try to drop your students off before 8:00 AM. We always enjoy having parents as recess, lunch, or library helpers. Email me if you'd like to sign up. Finally, mark your calendars for our Advent Concert on December 14 at 6:00 PM.

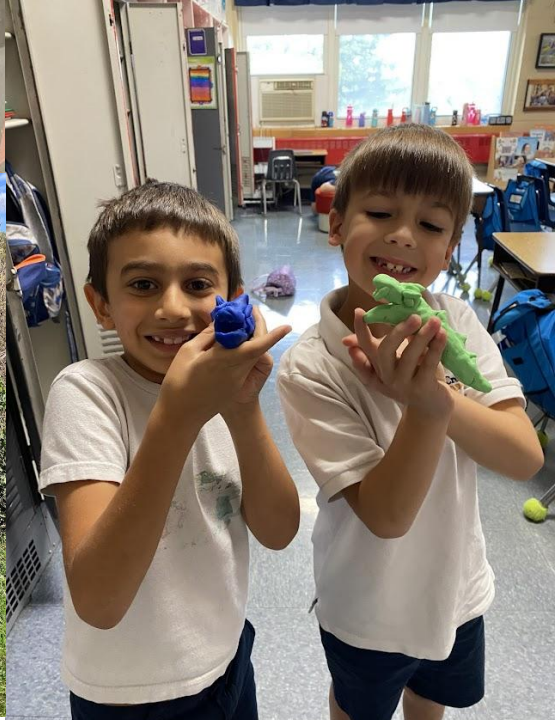
The **Intermediate Campus** spent the month of October focused on Community! The value was first identified at our Core Values Assembly, and then Faith Families worked together to dig down deep into what makes our community worth **CELEBRATING!** We donated close to 3,000 cans to Affton Food Pantry. I was grateful for the chance to show off our campus to my Coach from the University of Notre Dame Fellowship program. We blessed our pets. We passed our Fire Drill. We had a successful Book Fair. And now we are ready to focus on Academic Excellence in November!

At the **Middle School Campus** we collected almost 6,000 cans for the St. Vincent De Paul Society! It is amazing to see how the students and parents work together to bring in cans! In the years past, the SVDP Parishioners would take the cans to SVDP. It was an all day affair! This year, we stuffed the bus with 6,000 cans and a handful of students to help! The students were able to see the setup for the free grocery store that provides so many families with food now and for Thanksgiving. November will be a quick month, but a great month. I pray that we continue to reflect on what we are grateful for and ask God to continue to guide us and bless our HCA community.

UPCOMING DATES

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- Thursday, **November 9**: Kindergarten Exploration Night
- Friday, **November 10**: Early Dismissal
 - ◆ Middle School: 11:30
 - ◆ Intermediate: 11:45
 - ◆ Primary: 11:50
- Saturday, **November 18**: HCA Gala
- Wednesday, **November 22** - Friday, **November 24**: Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, **December 7**: Spiritwear
- Thursday, **December 14**: Primary Campus Advent Concert

PRIMARY CAMPUS!



INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS!



Middle School UPDATES

ELECTIVES: We are looking for parents who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and skills as an elective teacher. Your class would run from 1:46–2:26 on the day of your choice. You would meet at that time once a week during the second semester. There is an option to do this by quarter or for the whole semester. If you have a special expertise or particular interest that you would like to introduce to our students, we encourage you to consider teaching an elective at the Middle School. If interested please reach out to Mrs. Smyka (ssmyka@hca-stl.org) by Friday, November 17.

Construction: Thank you for your patience while we work with Webster Groves regarding the construction on Glendale. [THIS](#) letter was sent out on 11/1. We will update as necessary.

Veterans Day: Please do not forget to fill out this [FORM](#) and/or send in a photocopy of any of your loved ones who served in the military! We would love to honor them!

Christmas Charity Middle School Fundraiser: *Our Christmas Charity Fundraiser* is fast approaching!! Our campus goal is to raise \$1,500 for the St. Augustine Wellston Center. A flyer was sent home! Quick facts: Students can make a flat donation or they can buy raffle tickets at lunch (**1 = \$1 or 6 = \$5**). All money raised will be used to purchase items off the Wellston wish list. This fundraiser will run from **November 8 - November 22**. If you have anything in your house that you would like to donate to our raffle prizes, please have your child bring them to Ms. Sasser. Questions? Please contact Ms. Sasser (hsasser@hca-stl.org) or Mrs. Trueman (ntrueman@hca-stl.org). Thank you!



Aftercare Workers Needed!

CALLING ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS,
GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES,
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND
COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are especially looking for
substitutes who can fill in once
in a while.

Contact: Debbie Trudzinski
dtrudsinzki@hca-stl.org

Too Much Halloween Candy?

Drop off unwanted candy at any campus, and we will donate it to a local food pantry for you!

Please bring it in by Tuesday,
November 7th!



HCA Cub Scouts Pack 914



Cub Scouts spent October hiking, building, visiting the Arch and ended with our annual Pumpkin Carving!

Upcoming Events:

- TJ Pizza Sales - Now Live!
- Scouting for Food - Bag Distribution - Sat. Nov. 11
- Scouting for Food - Bag Pickup - Sat. Nov. 18

Interested in joining? Email stlpack914@gmail.com for more information, pack and den schedules or register here: [Pack 914 Registration](#)

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

HCA Little Lambs

Fall 2023



September 22 🍁

🍊 October 20

November 17 🦃

🎄 December 5

St. Michael's Gym

9-10:30 AM

Children birth to preschool age welcome with their caregivers.

No signup needed, just come ready to play!

Questions? Contact Marie Laury, marielynnlaury@gmail.com.