

K -8 PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 5, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

- Wednesday, **January 10**: HCPA Meeting
- Monday, **January 15**: No School
- Tuesday, **January 16**: Report Cards Live on Facts and TeacherEase
- Sunday, **January 18**: Lunch orders due on FACTS
- Sunday, **January 28**: Open House at all campuses and Kick off to Catholic Schools Week
- Monday, **January 29-February 2nd**: Catholic Schools Week
- Saturday, **February 3**: Mother Son Activity
- Friday, **February 9**: Early Dismissal
 - ◆ Father Daughter Dance
- Wednesday, **February 14**: Ash Wednesday and first day of Lent.
- Saturday, **February 17**: Diva Dash
- Monday, **February 19**: No School: Presidents' Day
- Thursday, **February 29**: HCPA DOT Day Fundraiser

At the **Primary Campus**, we had a amazing end to 2023. Students participated in weekly Advent Prayer services, had a terrific Advent Concert and Play led by Mrs. Pancella and our first grade teachers, had a visit from St. Nick, and so much more. We were gifted so generously by our students and parents for Christmas, going off into Christmas break with such joy in our hearts. We have returned in 2024 for a terrific second half of this school year. Please look for 2nd quarter report cards to be posted in FACTS on January 16. We will celebrate Catholic Schools week at the end of January. Look for more information to come about that. We will also continue to celebrate our Holy Cross Angels. As we settle in to winter, please remember to have your child prepared for outdoor recess whenever the temperature allows. We go out when the windchill is above 25 degrees. Joy to you all!

PRIMARY CAMPUS!



It was a **BLAST** sharing the **JOY** of the holiday season with your children! From the Advent **prayer services** and daily activities to our Christmas **sing-a-long** and mystery reader **theatre**, our community values were on display. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to make **Santa's Workshop** a success, and congratulations to Senora Mills and our 5th graders for a wonderful job done leading the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses!**

As we move into January we are looking forward to new Thursday **Wonder groups**, **D.A.R.E Graduation**, Ms. Rankin getting **married**, and **Catholic Schools' Week!**

"May we all have a good year, so that when it is over we can come before God with our hands full of hours of work offered to him."

-In Conversation with God



The **Middle School** ended 2023 with our annual middle school trivia game! Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Trivia Winners: Jack P., Ayden T., Patrick S., Julianna G., Claire S., Max H., and Jaxon M. They received a free dress down pass and the official title of Trivia Masters!

We kicked off 2024 with new electives for all students. Thank you for helping your child select the electives that best fit their personality, interest, and learning style! We are happy to welcome back Mrs. Heidenreich, who teaches our American Sign Language elective (ASL) and Mrs. Sturm, who teaches marketing. It's wonderful having parents volunteer their time! If you are ever interested in teaching an elective, please let me know!

We hope to finish this school year strong, so please continue to check grades, missing assignments, google classroom, etc. If you need help navigating any of these programs, please do not hesitate to reach out. It takes a village and we are here for you!

Additionally, please continue to help support our mission to provide quality education in a faith-driven and caring environment. This semester we will focus on our core values in our SEL course with specific emphasis on navigating peer relationships during a time of change and how to be one's best self! Lastly, please remind your child to dress to impress and to dress for the weather! The girls can most certainly wear pants, tights, or leggings underneath their skirts if they are cold! If your child has grown extra tall this year and you are in need of bigger sizes, please let us know and we will happily find you something or put you in contact with our uniform rep.

DIVA DASH 2024

Saturday, February 17

**HCA Intermediate Campus
Doors open 6:30 p.m. | Trivia starts 7 p.m.**

Join us for another year of trivia and prizes at HCA's
best ladies night out!



**Get full details and register
today: bit.ly/3TQ3Dev**



Save the Date!

The sixth Jim Slama Memorial Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Sat., Feb. 24, 2024, 7:00 Bishop DuBourg High School

The **James J. Slama Scholarship Foundation** was established in 2018 to help families in his parish and/or at Holy Cross Academy pay for Catholic high school. The Foundation raises money through the annual Slamapalooza festival in the summer, Give STL Day in May, Giving Tuesday in November, trivia night, and donations. We currently award one Super Scholarship each year, one runner-up scholarship, and one Boy Scout scholarship. The Super Scholarship is a \$5000 award, renewable for all 4 years of high school. The runner-up scholarship is a one-time \$2000 award. The Boy Scout award is for an 8th grade boy in Troop 725 for \$750. Each year's winners are announced in May and awards are sent to the schools in July. As of this year, we have dispersed \$77,000 in scholarship money to students from St. John Paul II (now part of SHF), St. Michael's, Our Lady of Providence, and Annunciation parishes.

For more information on the Foundation and how it was started, visit <http://jislamascholarshipfoundation.org/> or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/luke6v38>. Secure ways to donate at each site are provided as well.

You can register for Trivia Night by contacting Karen Stolarski through email at karenstolarski@charter.net or by calling/texting her at 314-650-1931.

Interested in donating an item for the silent auction or gift-card tree or being a round sponsor? Contact Tina Venverloh at tinajv6@att.net or (314)313-3464.

HCA Chess Team - New Information

K-5 Students

We are starting up the second session of HCA Chess Team practices with 4 remaining tournaments left! If your student is interested in participating, please let us know asap prior to 1/17 as we need to limit it to 20 kids. Mr. Bauer is still available for the more experienced chess kids at the same time. Please send an email to elisaspadaro@hotmail.com if wanting to sign up for new instructor Anastasia who is planning on working with less experienced/beginner chess players or if wanting to continue or sign up with Mr Bauer. Both will occur on Wednesdays after school at St Mikes until 4:10 pm. There will be a small fee for the new instructor which will be determined based on number enrolled, but likely less than \$5 per day. Session ends 2/21/24.





HCA Summer Camp is **BACK!**

June 3-7 Happy Campers

June 10 - 14 Wide World of Sports

June 17 - 21 Under the Sea

June 24 - 28 Out of This World

Mark your calendars for June 3-28, 2024!

Cost - \$185/week

Location - St. Michael the Archangel

Ages - Students leaving grades K-5

Time - 8am-3pm

Questions?

Contact Summer Camp Director

McKinley Robbins: mrobbins@hca-stl.org



YOU ARE NEEDED

**On January 21, we're coming together to help save lives!
For patients in need, donated blood can change everything.**

To see time slots available for appointments and to save your spot, click the blood drive name below:

[Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church](#)

Sunday, 01/21/2024 (07:30 am - 12:30 pm)

8874 Pardee Rd

Gym

Saint Louis, MO 63123

Note: Appointments are required to give.

[Donor Eligibility FAQ](#)

With every donation you make, you help establish a sustainable community blood supply for years to come. Thank you for your support. We hope to see you at our drive!

Patti Loehnig

Volunteer Drive Coordinator

(Call or text with questions 314-843-6097)



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
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