



CROSSROADS

*Holy Family Catholic Academy
September 2022*

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

We are so excited to be back to school and experiencing all the anticipation the beginning of a new year brings. We welcomed 82 new families to HFCA this year, and were overjoyed to once again host back to school night in person – the first time we've been able to since the fall of 2019! Our student base has remained consistent year over year, for which we are immensely thankful for. We have also added a Digital Citizenship class and a Chinese Immersion Club this year, to better prepare students to thrive in a digital world, and continue to expose them to diverse cultural experiences.

We pray you have a wonderful September and thank you for being a part of our Holy Family 'ohana.

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal



Give Aloha is an annual program through which Foodland supports local organizations to honor their founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continue his legacy of giving back to the community. HFCA families who participate in Give Aloha are able to fulfill their \$300 (per family) fundraiser fee by donating \$249 to the Give Aloha campaign, as long as the donation is made during the month of September, 2022. That's right – you are able to save money on the mandatory fee by participating in this program!

Parents/guardians, please check the details on ParentSquare to ensure your donation counts towards your family fundraising fee.

Community members are also able to donate any amount to support HFCA through the Give Aloha campaign; the HFCA code is 77515.

HFCA Club News

We are excited to be offering three after school clubs this quarter. Mahalo to our advisors for providing these experiences for our students!



Chinese Immersion Club

Grades: K - 5

Advisor: Mrs. Jing Rasay



Glee Club

Grades: 4 - 8

Advisor: Mr. Phillip Foster



Guitar/Ukulele/Singing Club

Grades: 1 - 8

Advisor: Ms. Jin Hause

Making God's Goodness Known. Educating for Life.

AUGUST COVID-19 CASES AT HFCA

During the month of August, our school community had 8 positive Covid-19 cases reported.

If a HFCA student tests positive for Covid-19, parents must notify Principal Celeste Akiu immediately at: cakiu@hfcahawaii.org and 808-780-8786.

All Covid-19-related questions should be directed to Principal Akiu.



OUR PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE PARENTS TO
JOIN THEIR MONTHLY MEETING AT
HFCA ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH AT 8 AM.

THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE 22-23
SCHOOL YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 21ST -
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE PTG, PLEASE EMAIL:
PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Mahalo to everyone who joined us to help Councilmember Radiant Cordero and team with a beautification project at the Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park. We had a great mix of HFCA students, staff and parents pitching in to remove trash and put a fresh coat of paint on some picnic tables.



Preschool
picture day
fun!



Class Spotlight: Preschool

Our preschool classes have settled into their routines nicely, and our teachers are continuing to engage their students with the new curriculum that HFCA invested in late last year. This new curriculum, called The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, helps our teachers implement targeted lessons that include academic progress balanced with the social-emotional needs of our youngest learners. Each homeroom is able to follow the guided curriculum to establish a classroom community early in the year and progress appropriately as the year continues. We have welcomed a blend of 53 new and returning students this school year, and do have room for a few more. Any interested parents can contact Assistant Principal Jocelyn Burch for more details at: jburch@hfcahawaii.org

We also have three new preschool employees we'd like to extend a warm Wildcats welcome to:



Mireya Haver - Mrs. Haver joined HFCA this year, as our new lead teacher in our Angel's class. She previously worked as a preschool teacher helping students transition into a new environment at the Armed Forces YMCA. Mrs. Haver was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, and is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. She has a passion for teaching and loves educating preschoolers to provide the fundamentals her students need to grow as individuals and succeed in life academically. HFCA already feels like home to Mrs. Haver, and she finds our school community to be nurturing and loving. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, playing with her cat, Whiskers, and cooking family recipes.



Trisha Amoguis - Ms. Trisha started working in our after school care program in 2020, and was hired as a full time preschool assistant in our Lambs class this year. Her students affectionately call her "Ms. T". Prior to joining HFCA, Ms. Trisha worked as a hygiene assistant at a dental practice in Kaneohe, but soon realized she loved working with kids more. Preschool is a good fit for Ms. Trisha because she loves playing and learning with young students, and how rewarding it feels, despite the necessary extra patience to work with the preschool age. Ms. Trisha likes how welcoming HFCA is, and how safe she feels here; her coworkers are friendly and everyone greets her with a smile. In her spare time she loves being outdoors, and spending time with her dogs at the beach or park.



Kamryn Weatherly - Ms. Kamryn joined our preschool this year as a floating assistant, and we are so blessed to have her on our team. Prior to joining HFCA, she served in the U. S. Army as a Military Police Officer, and has also been working as a nanny. Ms. Kamryn loves the preschool age, and the opportunity to help her students realize how to be the best version of themselves. In her short time at HFCA she appreciates how friendly and understanding the school community is, which is a welcomed difference from the intense combat environment she is used to. Ms. Kamryn also works as an after school care monitor at HFCA. In her spare time she loves to paint, and spend time with her husband and dog.

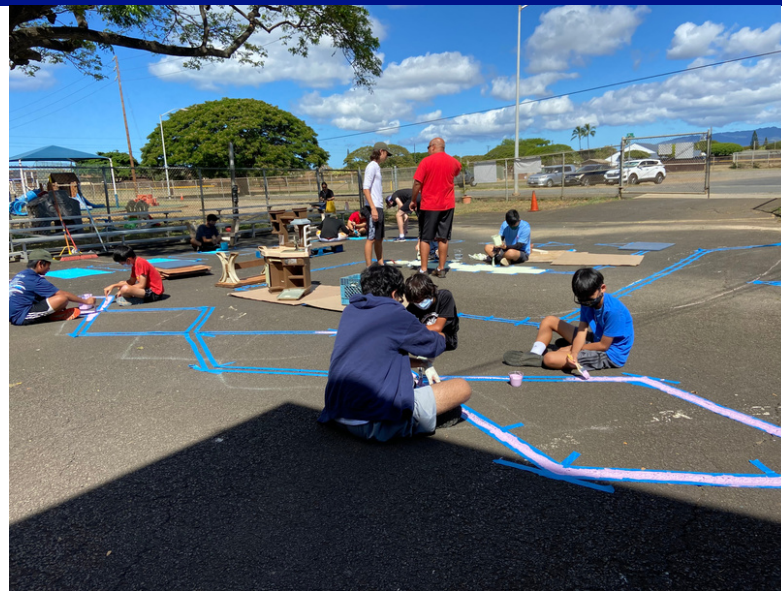
HFCA ALMUNI STORY - CALEB DESOTO



HFCA alumni Caleb DeSoto recently earned his Eagle Scout award with Boy Scout Troop 488, and selected HFCA as the beneficiary of his Eagle Project. Lucky us! Caleb met with Assistant Principal Jocelyn Burch to understand how he could give back to HFCA, and they decided that fixing up the preschool sport court was the perfect fit. He planned the entire project, asked local hardware stores for donated supplies, and led a team of volunteers to complete the project in three days. Caleb worked with friends to prep the project site by pressure washing the old paint and dirt that had acquired over the years, and taped off the outline for the new activities. He then led a group of fellow scouts from Troop 488 to complete all the painting on the second day. Caleb and a friend spent the third and final day touching up some of the paint and cleaning up the site.

Caleb is currently a junior at Mid-Pacific Institute. Mahalo Caleb, we are so happy to have a new sensory pathway for our preschoolers to enjoy, and we are very proud of your Eagle Scout achievement!

If you'd like to submit an idea for an alumni feature, please email: alumni@hfcahawaii.org.



Let Us Pray

Almighty and ever living God, you are the author of the human family and the source of all truth. Grant us your blessing at the start of our school year, and inspire within our hearts a deep love for the truth. Fill us with awe and wonder in the world you have created, and may our discovery of your creation invite us ever deeper into your mystery of your goodness, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Father Rheo Ofalsa

Holy Family Catholic Church

Monday - Friday

Mass - 8am

Saturday

Confessions - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Mass (Sunday Vigil) - 5 pm

Sunday

Masses at 8:30 am, 11 am, and 7 pm

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of HFCA to join us for mass any time! Masks are optional.

