



# CROSSROADS

*Holy Family Catholic Academy*  
*February 2023*

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

We are always so excited to kick off February with Catholic Schools Week! This is often a week that our students remember for years to come and we'd like to thank all our staff members for working so hard to make this a memorable experience for our students. Mahalo to our families who donated to our Kids Heart Challenge and sent in cereal boxes for our domino challenge, and to our parent volunteers who were able to help us out.

Mahalo for your continued support of HFCA and our community outreach projects!

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal



Our Kids Heart Challenge will continue until February 14 with the goal to raise \$23,000 for the American Heart Association, which would be a new HFCA record. As of February 6, we have raised \$18,489. Mahalo to everyone who has donated!

The SLIME Challenge is back this year, so any student who raises \$350 or more will also get to "slime" Mrs. Burch or Mr. MacMaster!



*Making God's Goodness Known. Educating for Life.*



## UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING:  
FEBRUARY 9, 8 A.M., AT HFCA**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT THE PTG, PLEASE  
EMAIL [PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG](mailto:PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG).**

## JANUARY COVID-19 CASES AT HFCA

*During the month of January, our school community had 5 positive Covid-19 cases reported.*

*If an HFCA student tests positive for Covid-19, parents must notify Principal Celeste Akiu immediately at: [cakiu@hfcahawaii.org](mailto:cakiu@hfcahawaii.org) and 808-780-8786.*

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

## MAHALO TO OUR PTG FOR THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK TREATS!



## Social Media Updates

**We would love to reach 1,000 followers on both Instagram and Facebook. Can you kindly help us out? Please ask any friends or family members who may enjoy our social media updates to like us on Facebook and/or follow us on Instagram. If you don't have social media, no worries, we duplicate all the content in the News section of our HFCA website. Mahalo for your kokua!**



**@hfcahawaii**

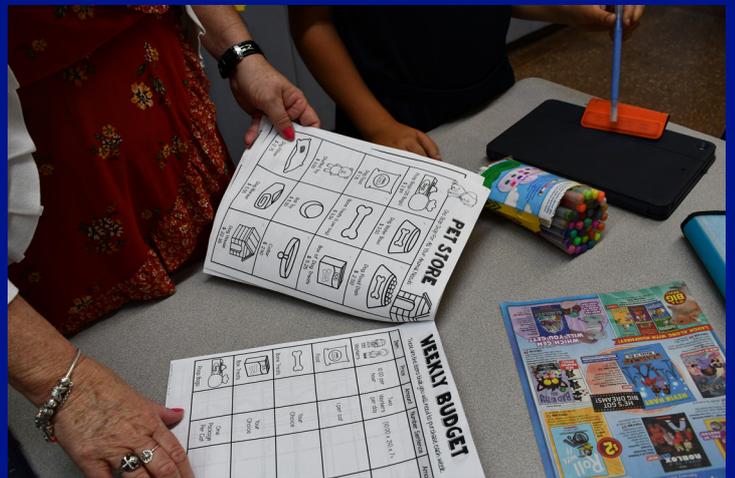
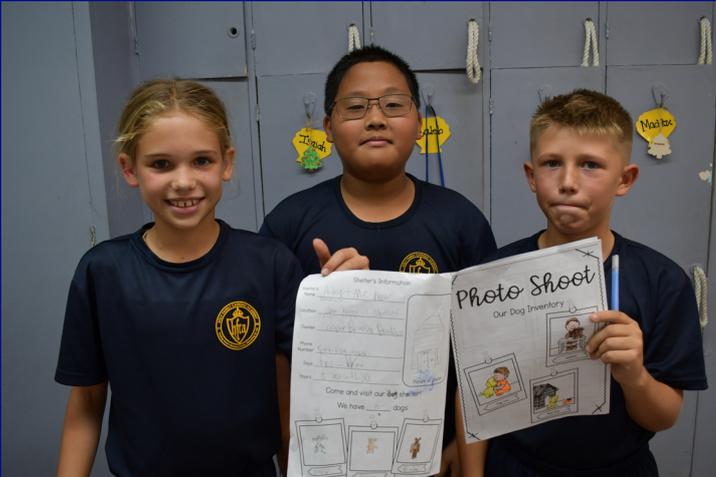
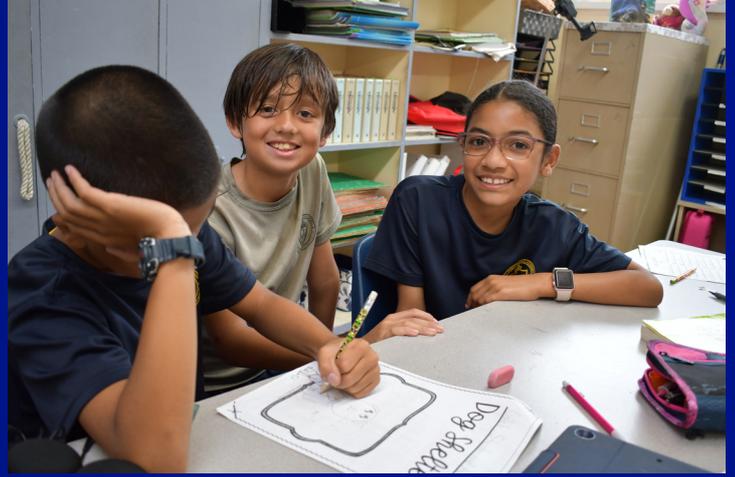
## HFCA Referral Program

Did you know that HFCA has a referral program? We offer a one-time \$350 tuition credit for each family you refer (who enrolls their child(ren) and completes the school year). The credit is applied to the final tuition payment in FACTS.

Please call Luana DeSoto with any questions on our referral program, and be sure to have your friends include your name on their application!

# Class Spotlight: 4th Grade

Our fourth-graders are working on a neat project-based learning (PBL) opportunity this quarter to design an animal shelter. Working in groups, the students are designing their building, selecting the types of animals they will care for, and figuring out every detail of operations from the amount of staff needed to the annual budget for pet food. 4A visited the Hawaiian Humane Society earlier in the year to learn about the important work animal shelters do in our community, so this is the perfect project for them!



# Catholic Schools Week Fun



# Let Us Pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings upon us. Most of all, we thank you for adopting us as your children in Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, we pray, and defend the image you have created, that we may live as your true sons and daughters who give witness to the gospel and the kingdom of heaven in our every word and action, 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.



We are happy to welcome seminarian Anthony Poore, Jr. to the Holy Family community for the next six months. Mr. Poore is a parishioner of Saint Anthony of Padua in Kailua, an ensign in the U.S. Navy, and a co-sponsored seminarian with the Archdiocese of Military Services. Originally from San Antonio, TX, Mr. Poore holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University and is now studying at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA. After serving at Holy Family Church, he will return to St. Patrick's to continue his journey to priesthood. Many of our youngest students have observed Mr. Poore with wide-eyed wonderment and curiosity as "Father's helper" in the Church. Welcome Anthony!

