



CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy
January 2023

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

It's hard to believe it's 2023 and half of our school year is now complete! We are looking forward to a great second half of the year and an eventful January that includes Catholic Schools Week and our annual American Heart Association Kid's Heart Challenge. We also have some exciting events planned for this spring that will be announced soon.

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

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal



We kicked off our Kids Heart Challenge in January with the goal to raise \$23,000 for the American Heart Association, which would be a new HFCA record. There are also some fun incentives along the way, which include:

- The class with the most students registered (online) before January 5th will get to silly string Mr. MacMaster!
- The first 5 classes to have half of their class complete Finn's Mission will earn an extra 30 minutes of recess and an hour lunch for their teacher!
- 50 students registered by January 6 earns a crazy hair day on January 13!
- 100 students registered by January 13 earns a crazy sock day on January 20!
- 150 students registered by January 27 earns a crazy hat day on February 2!
- The SLIME Challenge is back for any student who raises \$350 or more!

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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.**

DECEMBER COVID-19 CASES AT HFCA

*During the month of December, our school community had **1** positive Covid-19 case reported.*

If an 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.

MAHALO TO OUR PTG FOR THE SAINT NICHOLAS DAY 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!



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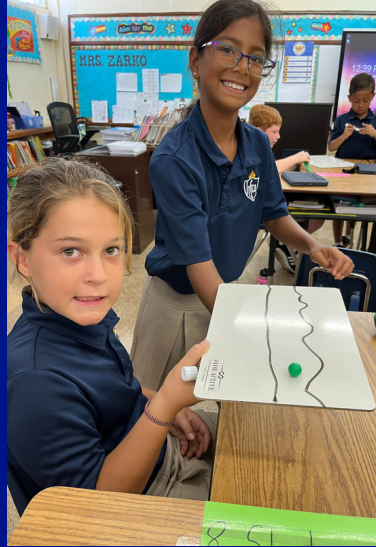
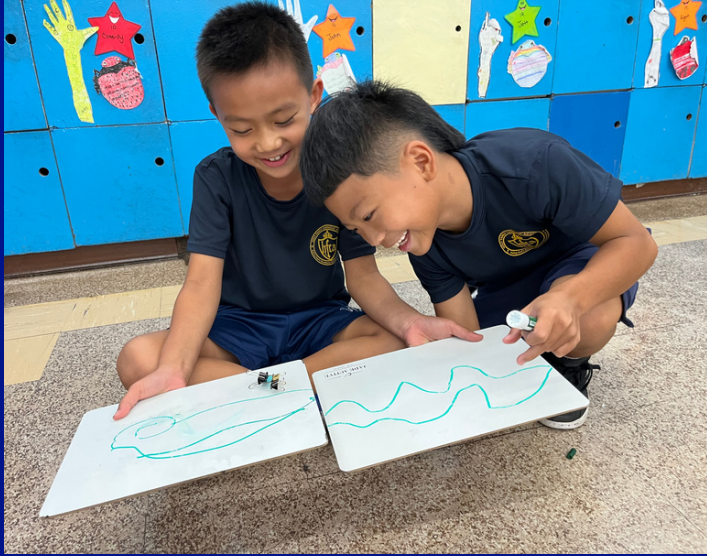
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Class Spotlight: 3rd Grade

Our third-graders recently learned about magnetism and explored how magnets attract and repel through a variety of materials including whiteboards, paper, trays, and paint, and guided magnets through drawn mazes as an engaging hands-on science activity.



We also have a 3rd grade employee we'd like to extend a warm Wildcats welcome to:



Mrs. Zarko is new to HFCA this year, teaching third grade (3B) and we are so blessed that she joined HFCA. Born and raised on Oahu, she is a graduate of Pearl City High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa and has 20+ years of experience teaching at Cathedral Catholic School and St. Patrick School. Mrs. Zarko loves teaching third grade because each day is different and never boring, and she appreciates how friendly, supportive, and welcoming her colleagues are at HFCA. Her free time is spent with family and friends enjoying hiking, paddle boarding, playing pickleball, and long leisurely walks on the weekends and school breaks.

HFCA Christmas Programs

We were overjoyed with the return of our Christmas program and received wonderful, heartfelt feedback from so many parents and family members. We know events like this are long overdue! We would like to thank Mr. Foster, Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Burch, and each and every one of our staff members for helping our students prepare for this wonderful event. Mahalo to our families who joined us to make this a very memorable year!



Second Annual Pancakes with Santa

We are happy to report that Pancakes with Santa raised \$2,900! Mahalo to Mr. MacMaster for planning the event; the many staff, students, and parents who volunteered to help, donated auction items and baked goods; and the families who joined us for breakfast. We love to give back to our community and are thrilled to support Catholic Charities Hawai'i and the vital services they provide to our brothers and sisters in need.



Let Us Pray

Almighty God, you sent your star to enlighten the minds of magi and summon kings to pay you homage. May the dawn of this new year be a summons for us to renew the pilgrimage of faith.

Inspire us with the radical vulnerability displayed by the magi, that we too, at our journey's end and then forever, may be blessed to look upon your Son, face to face, who is Christ, the 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.

