



CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy

April 2023

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

As we start the month of April at HFCA, we are eagerly anticipating the final push for our students to grow in faith and academics this quarter. April is always packed with exciting events including Stations of the Cross, our Easter break, Easter Mass as a school community, First Communion for our 2nd-graders, and new this year, our Aloha Festival! We are also happy to announce that we will bring back our annual Purple Up Day on April 14, to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

We wish you all a blessed Easter with your 'ohana.

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal



Holy Family Catholic Academy

2023 ALOHA FESTIVAL

Friday, April 21, 5 pm

Volunteers Needed

Please sign up on ParentSquare!

Silent Auction Donations

To donate an item, please email Jocelyn Burch at jburch@hfcahawaii.org

Games Wristbands

Please see ParentSquare for info!

Bingo!

Carnival Games!

Food Trucks!

Silent Auction!

Student Art!

Student Performances!

Vendors!

Making God's Goodness Known. Educating for Life.



UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
8 AM AT HFCA

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

MARCH COVID-19 CASES AT HFCA

During the month of March, our school community had 8 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 or 808-780-8786.

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

March Service Project

Mahalo to all our families who donated to support the Aloha Diaper Bank. Together we collected 2,957 diapers and 6,672 wipes. Our 8th graders counted, sorted and wrapped the diapers up as a community service project. We'd like to extend a special mahalo to our Holy Family Church parish community who donated the majority of diapers this year!

Ms. Akiu and Mr. MacMaster on the American Heart Association SLIME DAY.
Good sports, for a good cause!



Hawaii Catholic Schools Choral Festival



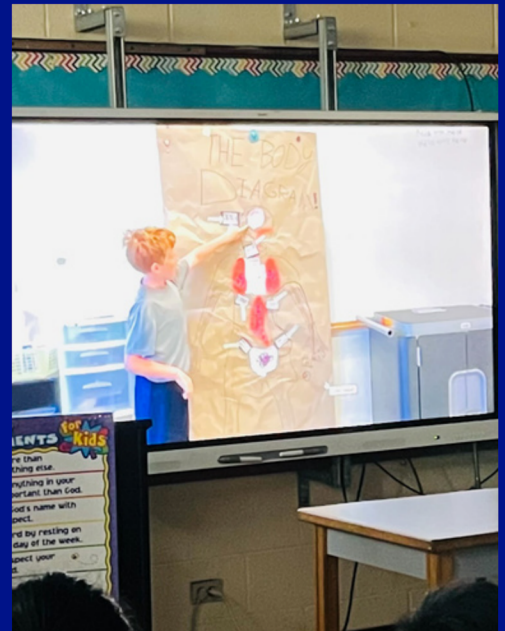
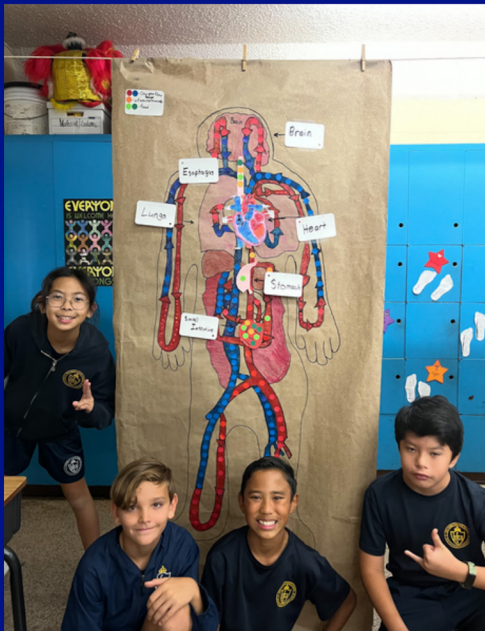
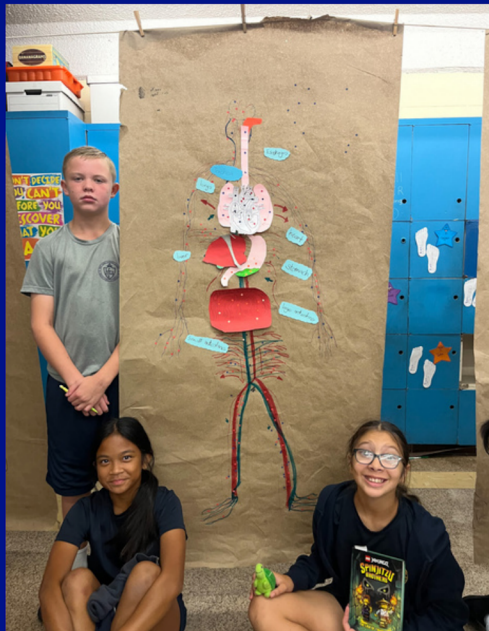
We were overjoyed to join fellow Catholic schools for the Hawaii Catholic Schools Choral Festival on March 2nd at the Kapiolani Bandstand in Waikiki.

Mahalo to Mr. Foster and Mrs. Miguel for leading our HFCA Keiki Choir, the students who represented us so well, and the many parents who came to watch!

Video of the Festival will be made available on the Hawaii Catholic Schools YouTube page shortly.

Class Spotlight: 6th Grade

Our 6th grade Life Science class recently worked in groups to create models of the human body to illustrate the different organ systems and presented their projects to our 3rd-graders to demonstrate how the organ systems function to serve the cells in our body. The 6th-graders had many aha moments, and were especially excited to learn our circulatory system is an astonishing 60,000 miles long and our heart pumps a total of 5 tablespoons per beat! They also discussed the importance of healthy eating and exercise as preventative ways to take care of their health.

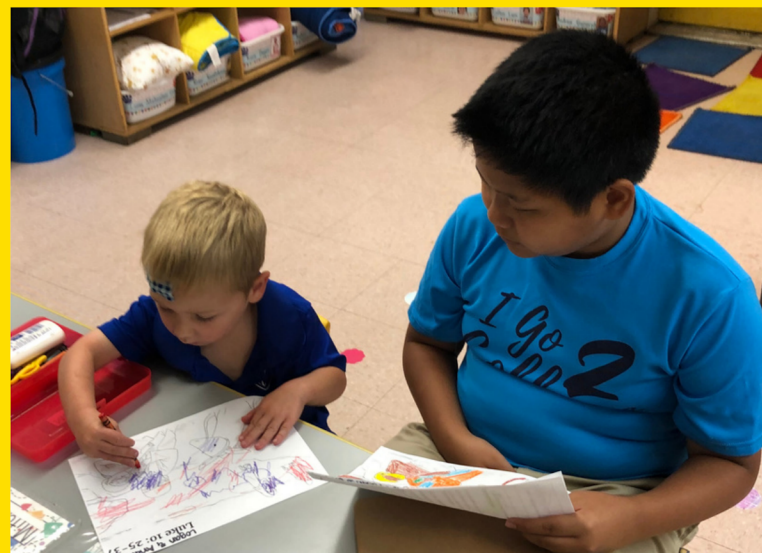


Wow!

Your body has more than 60,000 miles of blood vessels that circulate about 1.5 gallons of blood every day.

Walk Together with Jesus

As part of our focus on Catholic Identity, students in our upper grades (4th - 8th) were paired with students in our lower grades (preschool - 3rd) to discuss a different parable each Friday during Lent for our "Walk Together with Jesus" focus. We love watching our older students teach our younger students, and the family-oriented bond our HFCA 'ohana shares!



Read Across America

HFCA students celebrated Read Across America from February 27 - March 3. They had a lot of fun learning about influential authors like Dr. Seuss, working on activities, and participating in memorable dress-up days. Mahalo to our 5th-graders for creating lessons for our preschoolers and all our HFCA teachers who continue to inspire our keiki to love books!



Middle Schoolers Visit Bishop Museum

Our middle school students recently visited the Bishop Museum and experienced it through the lens of our specials: Hawaiian studies, art, and music. Mahalo to all the teachers who made this trip possible and memorable!



Let Us Pray

Eternal Father, through his death and resurrection, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, conquered sin and death and unsealed for us the font of baptism for our regeneration and new birth by the Holy Spirit. Grant us your blessing and inspiration throughout this Easter season and always, that we may live faithfully to your Covenant and embrace our identity as your sons and daughters in Christ; we ask this through the same 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.

Congratulations to the HFCA students who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation in April:

Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion

Luca Hudson

Ryan Rubio

Joshua Rubio

Peyton Wilson



First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Holy Communion

Alexander Alejo

Presley Ancog

Maddison Bajet

Dylan Eusebio

Blake Erickson

Henry Gismervik

Gabriel Gomes

Chloe Kealoha

Nathalie Manog

Logan Micua

Zayden Morishige

Ryan Murgo

Orion Ozoa-Sioson

Keighan Palacol

Vivienne Pangilinan

Zhephaniah Parages

Adrian Ragland

Krista Roller

Kyten Sugawara-Cacal

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