



CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy
September 2023

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

We are so excited to be back to school and experiencing all the anticipation a new year brings. We welcomed 92 new students to HFCA this year and are blessed to have our HFCA student base remain consistent year over year, at 350 students. We also welcome many new staff members, including a full-time substitute teacher and two on-call substitute teachers to support our students when needed.

We are happy to offer new programs to our students this year, including unlimited access to Epic School Plus for our Kinder - 8th graders. Epic is a reading app available on all HFCA iPads with 40,000 titles in English, Spanish, French, and Mandarin, that includes graphic novels, motion comics, audiobooks, and educational videos for students. HFCA invested in Epic School Plus to make this tool available to our students at home as well as at school.

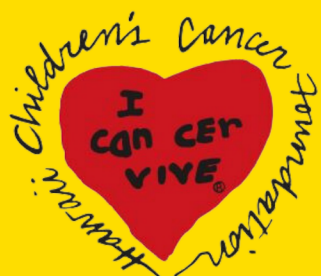
In addition, our preschool students will begin enjoying weekly Music class with Mr. Foster and Hawaiian Studies with Mrs. Texeira. We also brought back Spanish Language at HFCA, now a core subject for our middle school students, and added a Spanish Culture class for our 5th-graders. Our after-school clubs and athletic games will begin this month as well.

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

God bless,

Celeste Akiu
Principal

GO GOLD FOR HAWAII CHILDREN'S CANCER ASSOCIATION!



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and we invite our HFCA 'ohana to **GO GOLD** for Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation in our very own HFCA Olympics! Each homeroom has selected a country to represent and will be competing to raise funds for this amazing local organization. Any amount is greatly appreciated as you help your homeroom progress from bronze to silver to gold and beyond.

Donations will be collected by homeroom teachers or may be sent to the HFCA business office with homeroom noted. Please make checks payable to Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation.

Making God's Goodness Known. Educating for Life.

New Hires at HFCA



Ashley Rivalal
Preschool
Lead Teacher



Tatiana Reyes
Preschool
Lead Teacher



Devin Caballero
Preschool
Assistant Teacher



Teresa Chang
Preschool
Assistant Teacher



Kristen Green
Third Grade
Teacher



Dana Wong
Health Room
Coordinator



Kainoa DeMello
Maintenance
Team



Veronica Smith
Administrative
Assistant



Patrick Alvior
Substitute Teacher
(Internal)



Griffin Monley
Teacher Assistant
(Long-Term in KA)



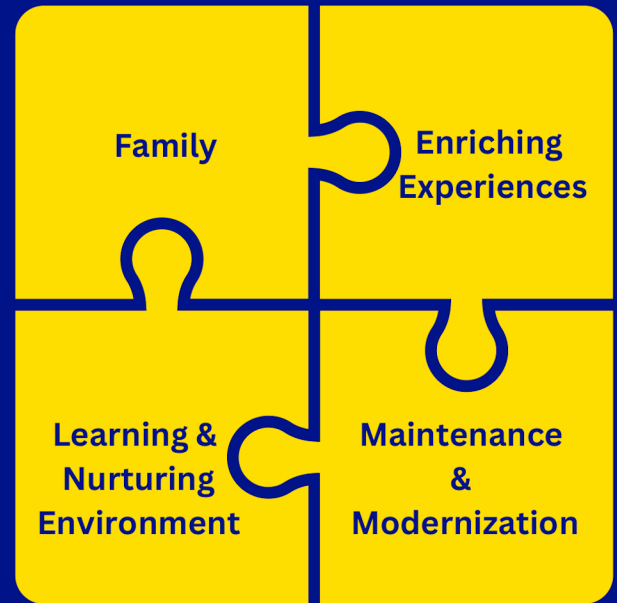
Crystal Ricciuti
Substitute Teacher
(On Call)



HFCA Strategic Plan

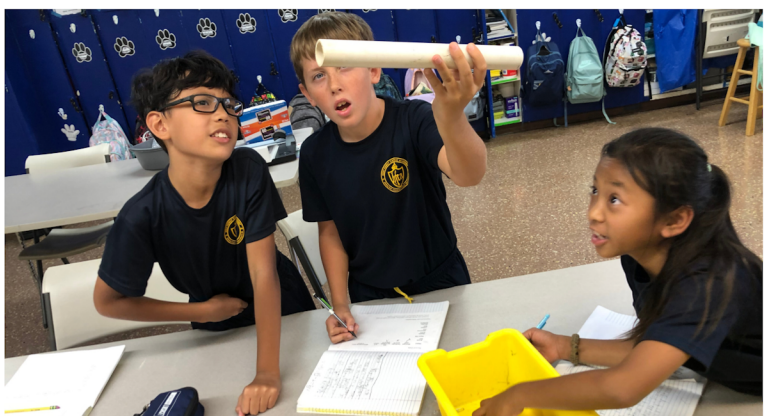
HFCA established a Strategic Plan in 2020 with four primary focus areas, that we call “pathways”, to organize our priorities: Family, Maintenance and Modernization, Learning and Nurturing Environment, and Enriching Experiences.

Over the past three years, we have added numerous programs and special projects in these areas and will highlight our progress in our monthly newsletters. First up: new interior paint as part of our maintenance and modernization. Our hallways are looking so fresh and so clean!



Spotlight: Science!

Our students have been busy diving into their science lessons for the quarter and having a lot of fun engaging with their classmates in discussions and experiments.



Let Us Pray

Almighty God, as we enter more fully into the new school year, we give you thanks for the many blessings with which you have blessed us over the Summer, and we thank you for reuniting us together again safely; we pray that you watch over and bless our friends who have moved away, and keep us united to them in the spirit; bless our year at Holy Family, make us into greater disciples, and help us to make lifelong friends; 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

HFCA students attend Mass each Wednesday.
We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of HFCA to join us for Mass any time!

