



CROSSROADS

*Holy Family Catholic Academy
January 2024*

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

It's hard to believe it's 2024 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.

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 \$21,192 for the American Heart Association. There are also some fun incentives along the way, which include:

- Register by January 9 to earn a Crazy Sock Day on January 12!
- Donate by January 16 to earn a Crazy Hat and Free Dress Day on January 19!
- Complete Finn's Mission by January 23 for a Crazy Hair/Free Dress Day on January 26!
- Raise \$50 by 1/29/24 to wear your Kids Heart Challenge Shirt on January 31!
- Raise \$250 by 1/29/24 to wear your Kids Heart Challenge socks and shirt on January 31!
- The SLIME Challenge is back for any student who raises \$300 or more!

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UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING:
JANUARY 18 AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM**

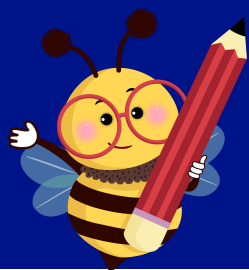
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE PTG, PLEASE
EMAIL PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG.**

PTG Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Our PTG will host their annual Krispy Kreme fundraiser just in time for Fat Tuesday! Order forms went home with students on January 16th and are also available on ParentSquare. All orders and payments must be received by January 24th. Pickup will be Tuesday, February 13th in the car line for K-8 orders, and at the Rectory tent for PK orders. Mahalo for your help to support all the programs our PTG sponsors each year!

Middle School Spelling Bee Winners!

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winner Amirah G. and runner-up Annaliese P. who both advance to the district spelling bee on January 27th. Mahalo to Ms. Jin and Mr. MacMaster for coordinating!



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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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!

HFCA Strategic Plan

HFCA established a Strategic Plan in 2020 with four primary “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 four areas and will highlight our progress in our monthly newsletters.



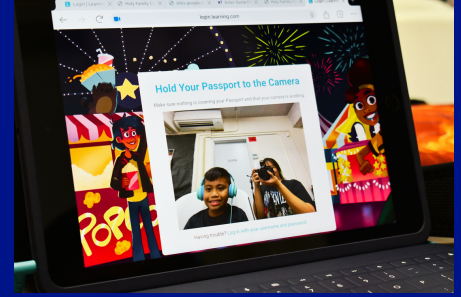
January Focus: Enriching Experiences

Our middle school students were blessed with the opportunity to volunteer at the Punalu'u Lu'i kalo patch to help with some lo'i maintenance this year. They had a lot of fun helping out, and cleaning up in the stream nearby after their hard, muddy work. This enriching experience is a good example of the way our Catholic faith overlaps with our Hawaiian culture and the idea of mālama 'āina (caring for and honoring the land).



Spotlight: Digital Citizenship

Students in grades 1 - 8 have Digital Citizenship with Mr. Lancen each week and bring their iPads to work on age-appropriate digital literacy. We had a lot of fun observing 1st graders practicing their typing skills; 3rd graders learning about online safety and security and how to create a strong password; 5th graders learning about how to balance their screen time, and our 7th graders participating in an experimental analogy of brewing coffee to help them understand the digital footprint we leave online may be accessible for a very long time.



Let Us Pray

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for the gift of this new year, and the gift of life, marriage, and the family. Please grant us your inspiration as we incarnate the grace you give us in the sacraments. Give us the blessing of discernment to know the difference between doing your will and our will in God's name, and the humility to seek your will in all things, 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!



💖💖 Preschool students perfecting prayer hands and the sign of the cross. 💖💖

