

## CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy
November 2023

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

This November our campus will be buzzing with exciting activities, including the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair and our monthly Walk with Jesus Friday, which will focus on the Beatitudes that connect students from upper grades with lower grades. In addition, we look forward to working with our students and families to honor members of our military all month long through our community outreach program.

We welcome our parents and guardians to talk stories with our admin team during our bimonthly Coffee Chat on Friday, November 17, at 8 a.m. The location will be announced soon.

We have much to be grateful for this year and appreciate that you are all part of our Holy Family 'ohana. We pray you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

God bless,

Celeste Akiu Principal

### **November Community Outreach Project**

We will be celebrating members of our military all month long through our community outreach project. Students will be busy creating patriotic paper leis, Veterans Day cards for the residents at the VA Community Living Center at Tripler, and an Honor Wall at HFCA with pictures of family members they would like to recognize. In addition, our third-graders will be hosting "Visit with a Veteran" in their classroom and handing out paper leis at Mass on Veterans Day weekend to all those who have served.



Mahalo to our Third Grade Team for hosting this community outreach project!

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



#### **Save the Dates!**

PTG General Meetings Thursdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

> 10/26/2023 11/30/2023 01/18/2024 03/21/2024 04/11/2024



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President - Kau'i Kane
VP - Melissa Gismervik
Secretary - Jill Tamminga
Treasurer - Maureen Paparo

We are excited to announce that we have filled all seven spots on the PTG executive committee. The first four executive officers were introduced in the October newsletter, and we are happy to introduce our additional three members this month!



Pictured left to right: David, Tara, Kau'i, Brie, Maureen, Melissa, and Jill.

## Mahalo for serving!

#### **Member at Large - David Caneda**

This is the Caneda family's second year at HFCA and as parishioners of Holy Family Church. David also serves on the HFCA School Board and manages our used uniform sales. Born and raised on Oahu, David is a self-described country boy who graduated from UH and left Hawaii in 1992 to pursue a military career. After serving 21 years in the US Air Force, he returned to the islands in 2022 with his 'ohana and has two daughters who attend HFCA, including Kailani (7th grade) and Malie (5th grade).

#### **Member at Large - Brie Juskiewicz**

The Juskiewicz's are a Navy family, and this is their second year at HFCA. Brie has volunteered for many PTG and Helping Hands events and looks forward to another great year with the Holy Family 'ohana. Brie is originally from Massachusetts and studied Child Psychology at Old Dominion University. She and her husband have two children at HFCA, including Avery (3rd grade) and Steven (6th grade).

#### Member at Large - Tara LeBouvier-Lilleberg

This is the Lilleberg's second year at HFCA, and they are a proud Navy family. Tara has volunteered for numerous PTG and Helping Hands events and is happy to help out this year as a PTG Member at Large. Originally from Newport, RI Tara's father served in the Navy and she grew up all over the world. She has a background in event production and hospitality which she quickly put to good use helping out at Holy Family. Tara and her husband have two children at HFCA including Callan (6th grade) and Kiera (2nd grade).

### Spotlight: Social Studies

Our students have been busy with really neat social studies projects and are having a lot of fun engaging with their classmates and teachers. Our 7th-grade students recently completed a project to plan their own microcity; kindergarten students spent an entire month understanding the importance of helping animals and volunteering as they wove their community outreach project into their social studies unit; and preschool students are gearing up for a unit on exercise, including the social aspects of working out together!











# Congratulations, Wildcats!

Congratulations to all our Wildcat Athletic teams who wrapped up their seasons in October. We are so proud of all your hard work and thank you for representing HFCA. Our girl's volleyball (black team) won the Catholic Schools League championship!



Christian Schools Athletic League - Boys Basketball



Catholic Schools League - Girls Volleyball (blue team)



Catholic Schools League - Boys Volleyball



Catholic Schools League - Girls Volleyball (black team)





### Let Us Pray

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all love, life, holiness, and health. We thank you for your many gifts, and we humbly ask that you guide us to bring them to perfection through responsible stewardship. Inspire us with holy charity to share the many blessings you've given us with others, especially the most marginalized among us. Hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Father Rheo Ofalsa

#### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

Monday - Friday Mass - 8am

<u>Saturday</u> 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!







