



CROSSROADS

*Holy Family Catholic Academy
April 2024*

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

As we start April, we eagerly anticipate the final push for our students to grow in faith and academics during the fourth quarter of our academic year. April is always packed with exciting events, including our Lenten break, Easter Mass as a school community, and Sacraments, including Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

We are also very excited to host our annual Purple Up! Day on Monday, April 15, to celebrate the Month of the Military Child and our second-annual Aloha Festival on Friday, April 19.

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

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal

Community Outreach Project: Spreading Easter Joy!

Our 2nd- and 5th-grade students teamed up to share Easter joy with the Sisters of St. Francis, who reside at The Plaza at Kaneohe assisted living facility. The two grades created goody bags and the cutest placemats for the Sisters and additional residents at The Plaza. Mahalo to the families who donated items and to 5th-graders Ally, JP, Liam, and their dads for delivering the goody bags and enjoying fellowship with the Sisters. Our retired clergy and kupuna hold a special place in our hearts!



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UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

The final PTG general assembly meeting for the school year will be held on Zoom on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 pm. details WILL BE ON PARENTSQUARE

TO CONTACT OUR PTG, PLEASE
EMAIL PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG

Did you know that we have a referral program? We offer a one-time \$350 tuition credit for each family you refer who 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 applications. Mahalo!

April 15 is Purple Up! Day

April is the Month of the Military Child, and on Monday, April 15, we will celebrate with Purple Up! Day. All students are invited to wear a purple shirt to show their support. We recognize military life can be challenging for children, and we are honored to celebrate the resiliency of our military students on this special day and every day. Please note: all purple shirts must follow the free-dress guidelines, and students need to wear their designated uniform bottom (khaki or PE shorts), uniform socks, and shoes.



PURPLE UP!

for military kids



2024 Aloha Festival

Friday, April 19, 2024

Food Trucks & Vendors: 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Keiki Carnival Games: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Student Art Gallery: 5 - 7:30 pm

Student Performances: 7 - 8 pm

Family Bingo: 8 - 8:45 pm

Celebrating our Holy Family 'ohana!

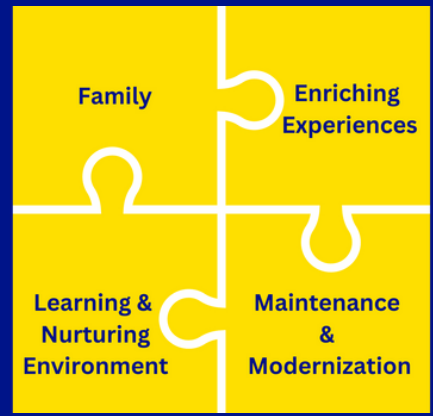
CARNIVAL GAMES WRISTBAND:
\$10 PRESALE/\$15 AT THE DOOR

Wristband order forms were sent home with students on March 20th. Please see ParentSquare if you need a copy. Presale ends April 12.



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.



April Focus - Enriching Experiences: Our students are blessed to learn beyond the classroom with field trips and unique experiences, including recent visits to the Honolulu Museum of Art, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. In addition, our entire middle school watched the film *Cabrini*, which depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. These enriching experiences are important, and we work diligently to ensure our students have opportunities to participate in cultural, artistic, and faith-based activities.



Spotlight: Physical Education

Our students have been busy getting lots of fresh air and exercise during their PE time with Coach Ed and experiencing all sorts of fun, from an exhausting game of sharks and minnows to brushing up their soccer skills to playing an intense game of kickball. Our preschool students also participate in weekly PE classes led by their teachers, focusing on coordination, balance, and following instructions!



Hawaii Catholic Schools Activities

24Game Competition

We are proud of all the students who represented HFCA at the Hawaii Catholic Schools 24 Game Competition this year. We had the youngest team in the competition and still earned second place. All our alternate players showed up to support their teammates alongside parents and HFCA staff members and help Mr. Metzger prep our four finalists for the competition. Well done!



Choral Festival

Mahalo to our Keiki Choir and Glee Club, who represented HFCA at the Hawaii Catholic Schools annual Choral Festival held on March 7 at Maryknoll School. You sang beautifully and made us proud! A special mahalo to Mr. Foster and Mrs. Miguel for all the hard work you put into this festival and the musical inspiration you provide our keiki. We appreciate you!



Let Us Pray

Almighty God and eternal Father, we thank you and praise you for your merciful and steadfast love. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, you have reconciled the world to yourself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin. Through the ministry of your Church, grant us your pardon and peace, and absolve us from our sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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!

A group of our student-athletes hosted Stations of the Cross for our HFCA community on the afternoon of March 22nd and did a wonderful job leading the reading and reflections.



Happy Easter and God bless.