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Holy Family Catholic Academy

February 2025

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

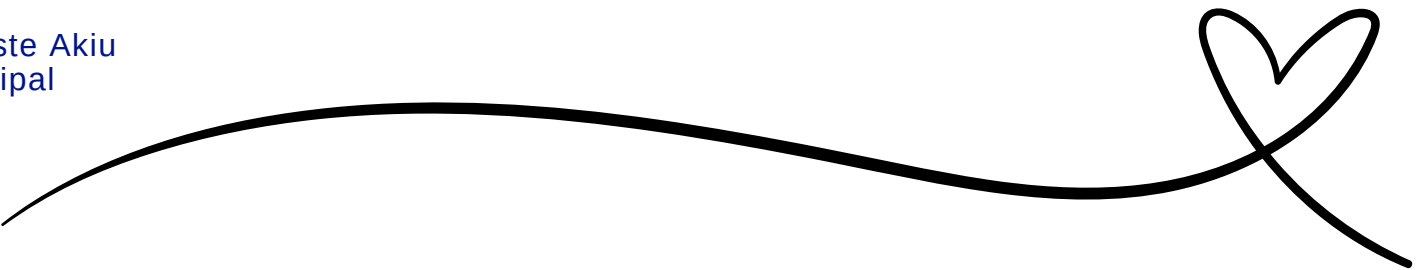
We had a fantastic Catholic Schools Week and want to thank our families for supporting this special nationwide celebration! Due to the rainy weather, we rescheduled our Soup'er Bowl to February 5, and had a lot of fun raising awareness and collecting donations for the Our Lady of Good Council food pantry this week. This is a great example to our students of supporting a Parish and neighboring Catholic school.

Our long-anticipated accreditation visit will occur February 19 - 21. A team of fellow Catholic school educators representing the Western Catholic Education Association will visit the campus. We have been preparing for this visit for more than a year and are excited to share the many things that make Holy Family such a special place.

Mahalo for your continued support of HFCA!

God bless,

Celeste Akiu
Principal



Help HFCA Support the Susannah Wesley Center!

We will collect donations to support the Susannah Wesley Center and the families they serve for the rest of the school year. Items HFCA will be collecting include:

- Gently used clothing: infant through adult sizes
- New hygiene items: soap, lotion, deodorant, etc.
- New personal care items: socks and underwear (all ages)

The Susannah Wesley Community Center is a non-profit agency in Kalihi-Palama that has served the community for over 125 years. It empowers youth, adults, and families facing significant social and economic challenges.

Items may be donated with our traffic monitors via the car line. Please email Ms. Ng with any questions: LNG@hfcahawaii.org.



Mahalo for your generous support!

Early Release on February 21, 2025

Due to our accreditation process, we have amended the student dismissal time on Friday, February 21, 2025, as follows:

- **Preschool:** 12:00 - 12:30 pm
- **Grades K - 3:** 12:15 pm
- **Grades 4 - 8:** 12:30 pm
- *No after-school care will be offered.*

Mahalo for your support as we complete this important process for HFCA. We appreciate your understanding and kokua (help)!

Next Coffee Chat with Admin



Friday, March 14, at 8 am.



Please join us for our morning assembly and sign in at the Main Office after we sing our school song.



We will meet in the Laulima Room, located by the flag pole.

HFCA PTG Updates



CPK Fundraiser February 18th

Join our next PTG fundraiser at the Pearlridge CPK on Tuesday, February 18th from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. More information to follow on ParentSquare!



Save the Date - Krispy Kreme Fundraiser March 4th

The PTG will host their annual Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser on Fat Tuesday, March 4th. Order forms will be sent home in mid-February. Mahalo for your support!



Used Uniform Sales

To inquire about our PTG Used Uniform Sales, please email uniforms@hfcahawaii.org with the type of uniform you are looking for, as well as the size and quantity. Mahalo to all the families who have donated their uniforms so that another family may benefit!

Congratulations Mrs. Gibo!

During Catholic Schools Week, staff members who have served in Hawaii Catholic Schools for 20, 30, and 40 years are recognized at the ACCE conference. This year, HFCA was proud to celebrate Mrs. Deborah Gibo's 40 years of service, and we found some fun ways to recognize this amazing accomplishment throughout the week. Mrs. Gibo has held numerous roles at Holy Family, teaching kindergarten and third grade. She is currently our Liturgical Coordinator and Teacher Mentor. Homeroom classes made Mrs. Gibo special cards and lei, we threw her a staff party, and her daughter Christine flew from the mainland to surprise her. Hawaii Public Radio also featured Mrs. Gibo on The Conversation with Catherine Cruz. It's about a 14-minute listen and well worth the time! [Listen here.](#)



2025 Kid's Heart Challenge

Our annual Kid's Heart Challenge event day was so much fun! Our students look forward to this day each year and raise awareness and funds for the American Heart Association. We are especially proud of all the students who have learned hands-only CPR and how to identify symptoms of a stroke. It's not too late to help us earn our goal! Holy Family has supported this event for over 25 years and will continue to accept donations until February 12th. Any student who raises more than \$300 has the opportunity to slime our brave volunteers: Mr. Kainoa and Mrs. Thimsen!



HFCA Soup'er Bowl

Our second annual Soup'er Bowl was a big success! Mahalo to all our families for donating cans of soup and other items most requested by the Our Lady of Good Council food pantry. It is an honor to help our neighbors in need reduce the stress of food insecurity and support a fellow parish at the same time. A special thanks to our 8th-graders for sorting all 1,415 items and packing them up to be delivered to OLGC!



Catholic Schools Week Mass

Mahalo to students from 7A for hosting Mass during Catholic Schools Week, and providing the readers, gift bearers, and a reflection after Mass. We love seeing our homerooms practice their faith and leadership skills alongside our altar servers and choir members to make our student Masses even more meaningful!



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!

