



CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy

April 2025

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

As we begin April, we eagerly anticipate the final push for our students to grow in faith and academics during the fourth quarter of the academic year. April is always filled with exciting events, including the Week of the Young Child, our spring book fair, our Lenten break, Easter Mass as a school community, and the Sacraments of Initiation that many of our students are experiencing this spring.

Our eighth graders will participate in a three-day, two-night retreat at Camp Erdman, an annual event that students eagerly look forward to throughout the year. We hope they enjoy their time and bond as a class as they enter their final two months at HFCA.

We are looking forward to celebrating Purple Up! Day on Tuesday, April 15, to honor the Month of the Military Child. All our students and staff are invited to wear purple to show our support for all military children!

We are also excited about preparing for our upcoming Aloha Festival and look forward to the return of celebrating May Day, a longstanding tradition of HFCA.

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

God bless,

Celeste Akiu
Principal



K-7 Summer Program

We will be offering two summer school options for current students in grades K-7. Please see the ParentSquare posts for more information, costs, and registration links.

Half Day Summer Program

June 4 - 25, 8 AM - 12 Noon (No School - June 11 & 19)

Summer Enrichment Programs

- Session 1: June 4 - 13, 9 AM - 11 AM (No School - June 11)
- Session 2: June 16 - 25, 9 AM - 11 AM (No School - June 19)



Preschool Summer Program

We will be offering a preschool summer program Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 4 PM from June 4 - June 27, 2025*. The cost is \$875 per child. Please contact Mrs. Burch at (808) 423-9611, ext. 309 or jburch@hfcahawaii.org for more information and to register.



****Please note HFCA summer programs will be closed on June 11th and June 19th.***

SAVE ^{THE} DATE

Friday, May 2, 2025

4:00 - 9:00 pm

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC ACADEMY

2025 Aloha Festival

We are excited to invite you to our third annual Aloha Festival, a vibrant celebration of Hawaiian culture and community spirit!

We have activities planned for the entire family, including student performances, a student art gallery, keiki carnival games, food trucks, vendors, and bingo! Mark your calendars and come share in the joy and festivities with us.

We can't wait to see you there!

2025 May Day Court



Mahalo to Kumu Kau'i for working with our May Day Court and each grade level to prepare them for their performances!

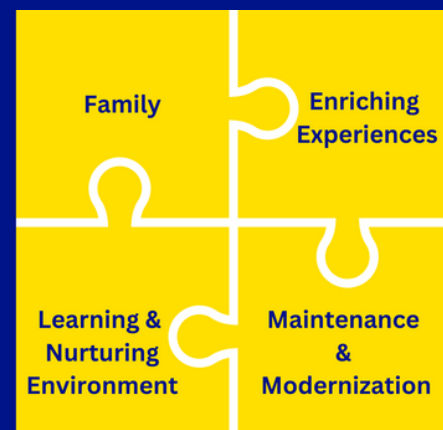


Please watch ParentSquare for additional information!

Celebrating our Holy Family 'ohana!

HFCA Strategic Plan

HFCA established a Strategic Plan in 2020 with four primary “pathways” to organize our priorities: Family, Enriching Experiences, Maintenance and Modernization, and Learning and Nurturing Environment. During the past four years, we have added numerous programs and special projects in these four areas and highlight our progress in our monthly newsletters. We will update our strategic plan later in the year, after our goals are solidified as part of our accreditation process.



Family - Monthly Birthday Treats

We have a tradition that celebrates our commitment to creating a family atmosphere at HFCA by recognizing each student's birthday at morning assembly on their birthday (or the next possible day if their birthday falls over a weekend or break). Students then receive a special birthday treat at the end of their birthday month. Celebrating student birthdays at school fosters a sense of belonging, boosts self-esteem, and creates a positive, inclusive environment where every child feels valued and recognized.



Enriching Experiences - Math 24 Competition

We held our version of March Madness at HFCA to celebrate how wonderful our students are at math through a fast-paced math game called 24-Game. Classes in grades 3 - 8 held 24-Game competitions in their classrooms, the finalists competed against each other, and finally, our HFCA champions traveled to Mary Star of the Sea School for the 2025 Hawaii Catholic Schools (HCS) 24-Game Tournament on the afternoon of March 11. This is the third year HCS has hosted this competition, and we love watching our Wildcats excel and compete with fellow Catholic school students!



Maintenance and Modernization - Expanded WiFi

We recently invested in expanding our network infrastructure with additional access points, switches, transceivers, and routers to enhance our technology efficiency and connectivity. Some of the benefits of this investment include: improved wireless coverage and reduced dead zones, efficiently directing network traffic and reducing congestion, and improving overall performance, security, and connectivity stability. This upgrade will help provide better WiFi connections for our students and staff!

'Onipa'a

Learning & Nurturing Environment - Theology of the Body

HFCA strives each day to provide learning opportunities for our students that align with our Catholic faith. Adolescence is a time in life when our students enter a transitional stage of physical and psychological development. We are fortunate to partner with the Hāmau I Loko Foundation, whose mission is to minister to the dignity of the human person through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the Theology of the Body. Their program, titled 'Onipa'a, Steadfast Christian Sexual Dignity, teaches students to build the steadfast resolve to protect their sexual innocence, personal boundaries, and intentional choices towards a healthy mindset of sex within lifelong marriage. The Diocese of Honolulu Religion Education Department and the Superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools have vetted and approved this program. We can offer it to students in grades 5 - 8 due to a generous grant.

HFCA PTG Updates



Volunteers Needed for Staff Lounge Refresh

Our PTG is busy preparing for Staff Appreciation Week (May 5 - 9) and would love some volunteers to help with a special project. They have graciously offered to refresh our Staff Lounge with a deep clean and fresh coat of paint. If you don't mind rolling up your sleeves and pitching in to help make our staff space a little brighter, please see the sign-up post on ParentSquare or email ptg@hfcahawaii.org for more information.



In addition to the Staff Lounge refresh, there will be other volunteer opportunities to show our teachers and staff appreciation that week. Mahalo to all our families for supporting the PTG fundraisers all year long – you help make all the fun activities planned possible!



Next General Meeting: April 3, 7 pm.

The Zoom link will be shared via ParentSquare a few days before. Questions? Please email ptg@hfcahawaii.org



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!

Next Coffee Chat with Admin



Friday, May 9, 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 flagpole.



We invite you to share your ideas and ask questions about our HFCA community.



Please schedule a time to meet if you need an individual meeting with our admin team.



Spring Book Fair at HFCA!

We are excited to host our Spring Book Fair April 7 - 11! Monday and Tuesday are for browsing and creating wish lists, and all purchases will be on Thursday and Friday of that week.



Please see the info sheet posted to ParentSquare if you need instructions to set up an eWallet for your child(ren).



Volunteers needed! Please sign up the ParentSquare post if you are able to volunteer at our book fair. Mahalo for your lending a helping hand!

Ash Wednesday Mass

We gathered as a school community for Ash Wednesday Mass to start the season of Lent together. Mahalo to 4B for providing readers and gift bearers and to the many parishioners and parents who joined us on this important day. Father Dario visited our preschool classrooms after Mass to administer ashes to our PK students as well.



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!

*From dust we are created,
and to dust we shall return.*

