



Holy Family Catholic Academy

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May Newsletter, 2025

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha, families and friends of HFCA,

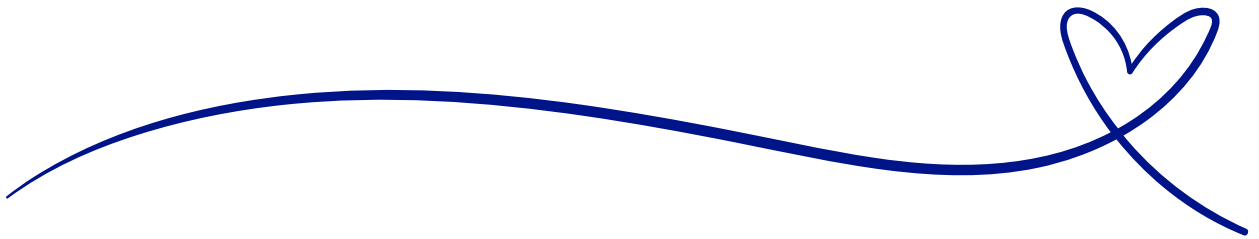
As we enter the final month of the school year, we feel a great sense of anticipation for the next four weeks and the memorable moments we will share as a school community.

We celebrate Staff Appreciation Week from May 5 to 9, which gives us a special opportunity to honor our teachers and every member of our wonderful staff. Please join us in expressing our gratitude for their hard work and dedication to all our students this past year! We will also honor Mary with our annual May Crowning on May 7.

We will bid farewell to our 8th-graders after their celebratory Mass on May 21, followed by the graduation ceremony on May 28. Many of our preschoolers will also graduate and transition to kindergarten, while some of our students will change schools over the summer. It's certainly a bittersweet time of the year, and a time we are especially thankful for our school community!

God bless,

Celeste Akiu
Principal



Reminder: No School on May 26

Holy Family is closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.



Reminder: Early Release on Last Day of School

Friday, May 30, 2025: **NO** after-school care

Preschool - 3rd Grade: **noon dismissal**

4th - 8th Grade: **12:15 pm dismissal**

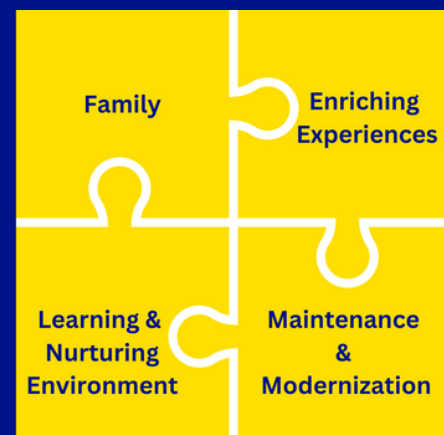


HFCA Referral Program

Did you know that we have 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 our Registrar, Luana DeSoto, with any questions on our referral program, and have your friends include your name on their applications!

HFCA Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan has four primary “pathways” to organize priorities: Family, Maintenance and Modernization, Learning and Nurturing Environment, and Enriching Experiences. We will highlight our progress in our monthly newsletters and update our Strategic Plan later in 2025, after our goals are solidified as part of our accreditation process.



Family - First Reconciliation Ohana Event

Many of our students received the sacrament of First Reconciliation following Mass on Wednesday, April 30th. We are grateful to the families who were able to join us for this special occasion and participate in an activity afterward. Family participation is a vital part of a child's faith journey, providing encouragement, guidance, and a living example of faith in action. When families walk alongside their children in growing closer to God, they help strengthen both their child's spiritual foundation and their bond as a faith-filled 'ohana. Mahalo for sharing in this important step of our students' faith journey!



Enriching Experiences - Camp Erdman

Our 8th-grade students attended a three-day, two-night retreat at picturesque Camp Erdman, nestled between the Waianae Mountains and beaches of Mokuleia. Attending Camp Erdman is a special milestone for HFCA's 8th-grade students, strengthening the bonds of friendship and unity before graduating. Through team-building activities, shared challenges, and moments of reflection, students deepen their sense of independence and leadership. This experience also encourages personal growth, resilience, and a spirit of adventure in a safe, supportive environment and helps prepare them for the next chapter of their journey with confidence.



Learning & Nurturing Environment - May Day Program

We are overjoyed at the return of our May Day program and our theme this year: 'O Mākou Nā Keiki 'O Ke Akua (We are the children of God). Our May Day program is a cherished tradition at HFCA, teaching students to honor Hawaiian history, values, and traditions, and fostering a deeper connection to the local community and 'āina (land). Through hula, mele (songs), and storytelling, students develop a sense of pride, respect, and appreciation for the unique spirit of Hawai'i. May Day is not just a performance, it is an expression of aloha that brings communities together in celebration, further enforcing the nurturing environment we provide.

Maintenance and Modernization - Roof Repair & New Speakers

We recently completed two vital maintenance tasks: resurfacing our school roof and replacing our outdoor sound system. A secure, well-maintained roof protects the building from weather damage, improves energy efficiency, and ensures a safe environment for everyone inside. Similarly, a modern, high-quality sound system enhances communication, enriches gatherings and events, and creates a more engaging atmosphere for students, staff, and families alike. Together, these upgrades not only preserve the integrity of the campus but also support a vibrant, welcoming community for years to come.



HFCA PTG Updates

Staff Lounge Refresh

We extend a heartfelt mahalo to our PTG Executive Committee Members and volunteers for their thoughtful gift to our staff during Staff Appreciation Week. Thanks to their hard work and generous spirit, our Staff Lounge received a beautiful refresh – from deep cleaning and prepping to painting, installing cheerful wallpaper, and adding fresh tablecloths. They even restocked the coffee bar with supplies and snacks generously donated from our families, creating a warm, welcoming space for our staff to recharge. We are truly grateful for their time, effort, and aloha!



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.

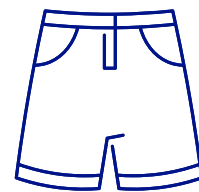


We invite you to share your ideas and ask questions about our HFCA community.



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

PTG Used Uniform Sales



We would like to offer a huge mahalo to our PTG Treasurer, Mr. Dave Canada, for managing our used uniform sales for the past few years. We are thankful for your time, effort and dedication to Holy Family!

If you would like to donate any gently used uniforms at the end of this school year, you may drop them at the main office until June 20 between 8 am and noon. Please note HFCA is closed June 11 and June 19. Mahalo for your support!

2025 May Day Program

We were overjoyed to welcome back our beloved May Day program! This year's theme, 'O Mākou Nā Keiki 'O Ke Akua (We Are the Children of God), reminded us of the deep beauty of our faith and culture. Mahalo to our incredible students, teachers, and staff for their dedication and preparation for this special event. A huge mahalo to our Hawaiian Studies teacher, Kumu Kau'i, whose passion and tireless efforts brought the spirit of May Day to life. Her collaboration with our entire school community and countless hours working with the May Day Court created a truly memorable and meaningful celebration for all to enjoy.



2025 Aloha Festival Fun

Mahalo for spending the evening with us at our third annual Aloha Festival! We had so much fun watching the May Day performances, keiki carnival games, playing bingo, taking in the art show, and enjoying the fun items and delicious food our vendors provided. We hope your 'ohana did as well. Save the date for next year: Friday, May 1, 2026. We will see you there!



Crowning of Mary

At Holy Family Catholic Academy, the Crowning of Mary is a beloved and reverent tradition that brings our community together in faith and celebration. This special event honors the Blessed Mother with prayer, song, flowers, and placing a lei po'o on her statue, symbolizing her grace, purity, and role as Queen of Heaven. Students play a central part in the ceremony, offering flowers and participating in a procession that reflects our deep devotion to Mary. It is a meaningful moment that highlights the beauty of Catholic tradition and the heart of our spiritual life at HFCA.

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!

