



SCHOOL *to* HOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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As this edition is prepared for print, our holy Lenten Season is coming to an end and we await with anticipation a joyous Easter. We hope Lent's remaining days will be a continuation of prayer and a preparation for the new life of Easter and the Resurrection of Christ.

The forty days of Lent represent an opportunity to sacrifice and seek forgiveness and move forward in our faith by praying and forgiving ourselves and one another. If we do our parts, we will be doing God's will, and can find solace in the knowledge that God will take care of us always.

At the heart of our faith is our trust that God loves us and will never abandon us. This is real love and a great source of strength and security. None of us has to endure life's crosses alone. Repent and believe in the Good News—this solemn Ash Wednesday petition should continue to resonate within our spirits and help us resolve to give praise to God by the way we live our lives.

With this mindset, our hope is the students will experience the blessings of the season in new and wonderful ways. Otherwise, it is too easy to forget the immense privilege afforded to us as Christians in celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead and the salvation His loving and selfless act gained for us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 9 – April 16 **HOLY WEEK**

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Thursday, April 13 **NO SCHOOL**

- Holy Thursday

Friday, April 14 **NO SCHOOL**

- Good Friday

Monday, April 17 - **NO SCHOOL**

- Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 18

- ELC Easter Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 19

- 2017-2018 SY New Kindergarten Parents Meeting 5pm

Thursday, April 20

- PTG Meeting 8AM & 5PM
- Schoolwide Mass 8:30AM

Monday, April 24

- Spelling Bee 1PM

Wednesday, April 26

- School Board Meeting 5PM

Thursday, April 27

- K&4th Field Trip HTY 11AM
- Sisters of St. Paul Book Fair

Friday, April 28

- NJHS Induction Ceremony 1PM

Sunday, April 30

- 2nd Grade First Holy Communion

*"MAKING GOD'S GOODNESS KNOWN,
EDUCATING FOR LIFE"*



HAVE YOU ENROLLED OR DIS-ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR?

Re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 School Year was due on March 17th, if you have not re-enrolled your child please do so ASAP or you may be subjected to a late fee.

If your child is not returning, please complete the dis-enrollment online so that your child's academic records can be prepared or sent to the forwarding school.

RETURNING FAMILIES - Your child(ren)'s HEALTH FORMS are DUE by April 28th.

Students in Grades 4-6, if your child will be playing a sport please return the Sports Waiver Form by April 28th.

HOLY WEEK † TRIDUUM † EASTER

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 A.M. Mass
 Holy Thursday: 7:00 P.M. Mass of the Last Supper
 Good Friday: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Personal Prayer & Veneration of the Cross
 3:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross
 7:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
 [Day of Fasting & Abstinence]
 Holy Saturday: 7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass
 Easter Sunday Masses: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
 [NO EVENING MASS]



Holy Week

**6TH GRADE HOSTS STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 & 4TH GRADE PERFORMS SACRED GESTURES**



On Friday, March 17th, students, faculty, staff and parents gathered in the church to pray the Stations of Cross hosted by the 6th Grade. Following the prayer service, 4th and 6th Graders performed “You’ve Won My Affection” directed by Ms. Copeland.

Pictures: (L) 6th Grade and (R) 4th & 6th Grade Dancers

2ND GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION

On March 18, 42 slightly anxious students from the school and parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Accompanied by their families, each child was introduced by his/her parent(s) to either Fr. John LeVecke or Fr. John Weling for their individual confessions. Their nervousness quickly subsided as they experienced the healing power of going to confession.

After receiving God’s grace and love through the sacrament, each student lit a specially decorated candle from the large Paschal candle in the baptistery and processed to the altar with their family for a few quiet moments of reflection and prayers of thanksgiving. We hope that each child recognizes the importance of seeking forgiveness through Reconciliation and makes use of this special sacrament often in their lives.

Gracious thanks are in order to our second grade teachers, Ms. Schumacher and Ms. Tabalno and assistant, Mrs. Roselyn Galapon, along with Mrs. Michelle Izon, Holy Family’s Catholic Doctrine resource teacher for helping the students prepare for this step in their lifelong faith journey. Next on the planning schedule is preparation for receiving First Eucharist at the 8:30AM Sunday Mass on April 30th. We look forward to more joyous celebrating...☺



OPTIMIST CLUB BAKE SALE

Members of the Middle School Optimist Club were elated to make \$200 from their recent bake sale held during morning break. The club coordinated the many details involved in the success of the sale: planning, advertising, baking and selling. Proceeds of their fine efforts will go toward beautification of campus grounds. Members are currently involved in discussions about the possibility of purchasing small citrus trees that would be planted in the back playground area for all to enjoy. Mahalo, Optimists, for your positive thinking in helping to make HFCA a better place!!



RED CROSS PILLOWCASE PROJECT



On March 13, 2017, The American Red Cross volunteers visited the third grade classes at Holy Family Catholic Academy. The students were greeted by eager Red Cross volunteers ready to teach Mrs. Kaono's and Mrs. Keefer's third graders all about tsunamis. The students learned many pertinent tips for how to properly prepare for a tsunami and stay safe in disaster situations. Special pillowcases brought by the Red Cross representatives were distributed to the students and used to reinforce the guidelines taught. Each student received their own pillowcase to decorate and take home as a reminder of the valuable procedures they had learned to stay safe.

TRIPLER TOY DRIVE CONDUCTED BY SCOUT JOSHUA LIVERGOOD

Joshua Livergood, a prospective Eagle Scout, recently organized a schoolwide community service project at Holy Family Catholic Academy to satisfy the requirements necessary to earn his rank of Eagle. Josh asked permission to lead a community service project here at school by conducting a Toy Drive to benefit the children at Tripler Pediatric Center.

Josh is quite familiar with the Pediatric Center and recognized that young children who are seen there for shots and IV treatments would benefit from having small toys available to distract them when poked by the needles needed for their care. Observing this need, prompted Josh to think through various ways he might be able to assist the hospital and young patients there.

Josh came up with the idea of creating Busy Boxes to be filled with donations of small toys, books, puzzles, etc. to serve as useful distractions. To accomplish his goal, he envisioned reaching out to his friends and our school community to help him collect the toys in order to make this worthwhile effort a reality. From there Josh's planning of a full-scale Toy Drive took root, and he very responsibly thought out the options to carry out his plan of action, coordinating the various details with the Boy Scout Council, Tripler Army Medical Center and the school. He learned there were lots of incidentals to be considered and worked out, and permission sought and granted to follow through full speed.

As a school community we commend Joshua for taking on this special Eagle Scout project – one we know is near and dear to him. Hopefully, the response of our supportive HFCA families and his fellow scouts enables him to successfully accomplish his goal of helping others. All the best, Josh, as you move forward to achieve your Eagle rank!



STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE



Riley Tasaka, our school's first place geography scholar, proudly represented Holy Family Catholic Academy at the State Geography Bee held recently at Neil Blaisdell. Riley competed very well among the many contestants, making it as far as the finals during the half-day competition.

GUEST PRESENTER VISITS 8TH GRADERS

Erin, a guest speaker from the Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) spoke to both 8th grade Science classes on March 14th in preparation for their Big Island Science field trip (April 4-7) at Kilauea Military Camp. Erin's topic covered invasive species here in Hawaii and she brought along various specimens to share with the students. While on Big Island, knowledge of indigenous plants and invasive species will come in handy as the students hike Kilauea Iki, and as they participate in a community service project in the park assisting rangers in lopping and piling invasive Kahili ginger. Fact: Kahili ginger is one of 100 of the worst invasive species of the world and is a problem here in Hawaii and in other forests around the globe. The array of information Erin presented offered the students a glimpse of just one of the many experiences they have to look forward to on their long-awaited trip to the Big Island Hawaii.

KINDERGARTEN VISITS ALOUN FARM IN EWA PLANTATION



Kindergarteners learn about planting and sustainable agriculture on their visit to Aloun Farms. Kindergarteners also helped to plant green onions, and learned how watermelon seeds are harvested and sorted. What an awesome experience for our little gardeners!

ELC STUDENTS BUILD LEPRECHAUN TRAPS FOR ST. PATTY'S DAY



How do you capture a Leprechaun? Why, you build a trap of course! With the help of their family, ELC students built beautiful and creative traps to capture a Leprechaun for St. Patrick Day. Great job ELC!

