



**ECEC News for October 2024**

# ECEC NEWS FOR OCTOBER

The ECEC Saint of the month is St. Francis of Assisi. Students can visit the large statue of St. Francis as they walk down the hallway. Teachers will be reading stories about St. Francis and his gentle care he had with animals.

We encourage your family to look at the different Saint statues in your church and find out who they are and what their passion was.

Mornings with Mom was a wonderful day. We hope you were able to meet a few new families. We look forward to having Dads and Donuts on Oct. 31.

There are many ways for your family to get involved with HCA. You can join the HCPA Parents group, attend an HCPA meeting, volunteer at Trunk or Treat, volunteer with the Gala, or by offering to read a story to your child's classroom. I encourage you to follow Holy Cross Academy on Facebook and on the HCA Preschool Parents Facebook page. Parents often contact by classroom or have playdates at a local park through the Facebook page.

We also hope you can attend the Legacy Gala on Nov. 16. The Gala can put together preschool tables or you can create your own table group with family and friends.



# FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS AND FAMILY CROSSES

The ECEC celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross. We made two new banners to hang in church. Each child created a cross that was hung on the banner.

Each child also made a wooden cross and presented it to their mom on Mornings with Mom last week. We hope your family enjoys the cross and remembers that Jesus is always with you.



# Food Drive For St. Vincent DePaul

## **Food Drive Oct. 9- Oct. 23**

Your family can participate in the HCA Food Drive by donating food to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In an effort to provide a variety of food, each class has selected items as suggested donations.

Rainbow Room: Cereal, Pasta, Spices,

Star Room: Soup, Canned Fruit, Vegetables

Frog Room: Tuna, Cake Mix, Rice Mixes

Ladybug Room: Canned Chicken, Boxed Potato Mix, Salad Dressing

Chameleon Room: Rice Mixes, Vegetables, Muffin Mix

Butterfly Room: Cereal, Pasta and Pasta Sauce(No glass jars)

Zoo Train Room: Soup, Canned Fruit, Vegetables

Flamingo Room: Tuna, Cake Mix, Beans

Tiny Tortoise Room: Salad Dressing, Brownie Mix, Pancake Mix

Items for each class are suggestions, all food will be accepted. No Glass Jars

Thank you for your donation

# HCPA Trunk or Treat

**HCPA: Trunk or Treat**, you will be receiving more information on Trunk or Treat soon. Save the Date for Saturday, Oct. 19. There will be 2 times, one specifically for our early childhood families from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This earlier time allows families to participate in this fun event in a smaller setting and when it isn't too dark outside. Volunteers needed to help direct and park cars from 3:20-4:00 p.m.

Sign up online, links will on email



# HCPA Uniform Resale

Donate uniforms that your child has outgrown. There are some new preschool shirts that were donated or find gentle used long sleeve and fleece. Nov. 3 at the Primary campus, 7630 Sutherland. Cash only event, \$1, \$2 -\$5 items.



# PICTURE RETAKE DAY

School Picture Retakes will be on Oct. 22. If your child was not photographed in the September, they will take a picture next week. If you didn't like the first image and want their picture retaken, please let your teacher know they need a retake. Children getting their pictures taken can dress out of uniform.

If your child is not at school on Tuesday, please plan on bringing them to school at 8:30 a.m. for their picture.

# KINDERGARTEN EXPLORATION NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

We want to invite families to attend Kindergarten Exploration Night on November 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children will meet the teachers and visit the classrooms. Parents will talk with current parents and school leaders about HCA. This night is for any kindergarten age eligible children and families, so you can invite a friend or neighbor.

# Calling All Dads or Halloween Fan

Dads and Donuts is a fun celebration filled with snacks and activities from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Oct. 31. We will have a variety of activities and morning treats. We encourage Dads and children to wear their Halloween costume. We will end the morning with a Parade outside at 8:45 a.m.

Please join us and meet other Dads. If you aren't able to attend, a special friend or Uncle or Grandpa can be with your child to celebrate together.



# LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP

You are invited to a monthly playgroup. If you have younger children not in the preschool yet or don't attend school on Friday.

Ages 0-5

You can also invite a friend and introduce them to Holy Cross Academy. It is held at the Primary Campus in the Gym. Also a great place to let the kids run in a large gym.

Contact Marie Laury at  
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October 18, 2024

November 15, 2024

December 13, 2024

St. Michael's Gym

7630 Sutherland, next to the pavilion

Time: 9:00-10:30 AM



# HCA GALA AUCTION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Legacy Gala & Auction Committee kindly requests your donation of \$10.00 per child/student (or more if inspired!) Your donation will help the Committee create amazing packages and experiences for this year's Gala & Auction.

Please submit cash/check (made payable to Holy Cross Academy) to your campus office along with this form and note "Gala Classroom Donation" on the envelope. Donations are due by Thursday, Oct 10, 2024.

# UPCOMING DATES:

- Oct. 9-23 Food Drive for St. Vincent dePaul
- Oct. 11 NO School
- Oct. 18 Little Lambs Playgroup at Primary Campus 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 19 HCPA Trunk or Treat event 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 22 ECEC Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 No School Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 25 NO School
- Oct. 31 Dads and Donuts 8:00-9:15 Parade outside at 9:15 a.m.
- Nov. 6 Kindergarten Exploration Night for incoming students 2025-2026
- Nov. 8 11:45 Dismissal all children, Professional Development
- Nov. 16 Gala Auction Night
- Nov. 27, 28, 29 Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

