



CROSSROADS

Holy Family Catholic Academy
October 2022

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

We are excited to have completed our first quarter of the school year and we are so proud of our students! They have settled into their new classes, clubs, and teams, and the many volunteer groups we have at HFCA. Our little ones are also a bit more confident and comfortable at school and are learning to contribute positively to their classroom communities. We'd like to extend a special mahalo to our staff for going above and beyond to ensure our students are happy, safe, and engaged at HFCA.

We pray you have a wonderful October and enjoy Fall Break with your 'ohana.

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal

Community Outreach

During the month of October, we will be supporting the Hawaiian Humane Society by collecting three things from their Wish List:

- New or used towels
- Gallon-sized freezer bags
- 9-volt batteries



Our 4th grade homeroom class will be organizing this service project in coordination with their sponsorship of the October Mass, which will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

Donations will be accepted by our homeroom teachers and at the Holy Family Church during the month of October.
Mahalo nui loa for your help supporting the Hawaiian Humane Society!

HFCA Club News

We are excited to be offering these after-school club experiences for our students:



Chinese Immersion Club

Grades: K - 5

Advisor: Mrs. Rasay



Cheer Club

Grades: K - 8

Advisor: Ms. Soto



eSports Team

Grades: 3 - 8

Advisor: Mr. Lancen



Guitar/Ukulele/Singing Club

Grades: 1 - 8

Advisor: Ms. Hause



Keiki Singing Club

Grades: K - 3

Advisor: Mrs. Miguel

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UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 13, 8 AM, AT HFCA

PTG MOVIE NIGHT: OCTOBER 14

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE PTG, PLEASE EMAIL
PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG.**



*Mahalo to our PTG for our
September treats to help us
cool off in this heat!*



SEPTEMBER COVID-19 CASES AT HFCA

During the month of September, our school community had 3 positive Covid-19 cases reported.

If an HFCA student tests positive for Covid-19, parents must notify Principal Celeste Akiu immediately at: cakiu@hfcahawaii.org and 808-780-8786.

All Covid-19-related questions should be directed to Principal Akiu.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

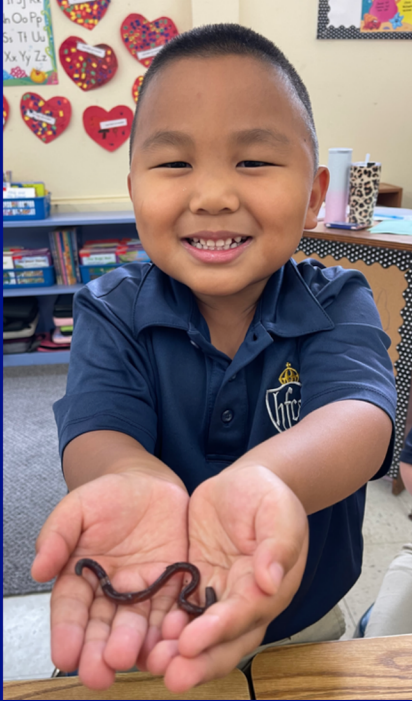
SAVE THE DATE!

October 11 - 14



Class Spotlight: Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten classes have been studying the difference between living and non-living things, and how to tell the difference by utilizing their five senses. There have been lots of giggles and aha moments with this unit, after experiences like holding a live, wiggly worm in their hand and later tasting its sugary counterpart, the gummy worm. KA and KB also learned an adorable song called "I'm a Little Seed" which is equal parts educational and adorable, and perfectly reinforced the idea of growth as we watch our kindergarten students grow up right before our eyes this year.



Let's give a warm Wildcat welcome to our new Kinder employees!



Michaela Kilian - Mrs. Kilian joined HFCA this year, as our new Kindergarten Teacher, leading KB. She previously taught at Queen of Apostles Catholic School in Alexandria, VA, and has worked in and around K-3 classrooms as a classroom teacher, volunteer, religious education teacher, aid and substitute teacher for the past 15 years, while also balancing life as a mom of three girls, and a Navy spouse. Ms. Kilian received her bachelor's degree and teaching credential from the University of California, San Diego, and earned her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University. So far, she loves how welcoming and supportive her colleagues have been at HFCA. Mrs. Kilian is originally from San Diego, but has lived all over the U.S. in addition to Japan and Italy. She loves to explore Oahu in her spare time.



Kristi Takimoto - Ms. Kristi joined HFCA this year as a Teacher Assistant in our KB classroom. She previously taught at St. Patrick School, where she worked as a teacher assistant in kindergarten for more than 10 years. She loves working with kindergarteners because they are curious about everything, and interactions with her students bring constant joy to her work day. Ms. Kristi is a graduate of Sacred Hearts Academy and holds associate degrees in Business Administration and Cosmetology; she feels blessed to be part of the Holy Family 'ohana. When she's not helping to shepherd KB, Ms. Kristi enjoys family time at the beach or anything outdoors with her family.

HFCA ALMUNI STORY - ALEX MURPHY

We recently asked HFCA alumna Alex Murphy to share some of her favorite memories of Holy Family with us, and what she's been up to since graduating in 2012.

Attended HFCA: 2001 - 2012

High School: Island Pacific Academy

College: University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu; graduated in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration with a focus on Healthcare Administration. Alex is also considering additional schooling for Physical Therapy.

"I always loved my teachers while attending Holy Family, and made some lasting friendships throughout the years I attended. I think it also set me up for success in high school and in life because I valued things a lot more through everything I was taught. My favorite memory of HFCA was our Big Island trip in eighth grade, and it was always fun doing Catholic Schools Week activities as well. The most influential teacher I had was Mrs. Gibo; she was awesome and I saw her around campus often after I left her third grade homeroom. She was strict at first, which was scary, but it paid off in the end because she really did teach us a lot, and I just remember loving spending time in her class!"

Mahalo, Alex, for sharing these wonderful pictures with us!



If you have an idea for an Alumni Story, please email alumni@hfcahawaii.org.

Let Us Pray

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the Savior and the one mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his Cross and Resurrection gave new birth to the human race and inaugurated a new era of life and holiness. Fill us with your grace and guide us to that path of perfection, that we too through our daily embracing of our daily crosses may also one day arrive at eternal glory, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Father Rheo Ofalsa

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

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of HFCA to join us for mass any time! Masks are optional.

