



HCJCA PARENT NEWSLETTER

Classroom Corner: Third Grade

Bob Talber once said, "Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." Children spend a major portion of their day in school. Therefore, a teacher has a great impact and influence in the foundation of our children. At Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy, we are very blessed to have a third grade teacher who cares about the intellectual development of our children, but more importantly wants to teach our children the importance of faith and their relationship with God. When I asked Mrs. Caracciolo what she enjoys the most about being a teacher, she explained: "I enjoy watching them grow deeper in their faith. They pray the rosary for special intentions in their lives with such open hearts and love for God." Mrs. Caracciolo is not only teaching our children about Saints and bible verses, but they are learning that their relationship with God is the most important one and that is necessary to put priority in knowing God.

Mrs. Caracciolo told me that as a teenager, she taught summer bible school and she discovered how "rewarding it was to teach young children about God and [in] helping develop their faith." As a third grade teacher in HCJCA, Mrs. Caracciolo is transmitting a little seed of faith in each of our children, and a seed of faith may not seem much, but in good soil and with care, it will become a strong tree. Our children will become great professionals but more importantly, they will have a strong foundation rooting in good moral values and this will be the result of an amazing teacher who cared for the development of our children's faith. Mrs. Caracciolo's love of God and her faith will have the greatest impact in the life of our children because their faith will help them achieve anything they set to accomplish in their lives. I am sure that our children will always remember the teacher that went above and beyond academic subjects and taught them to have faith in God, because that faith will always give them the strength they need to overcome any obstacles they might face in the future. With faith, everything is possible and that is the lesson that really counts.



Student Council

Congratulations to the newly inducted Student Council.

President: Pierre Anton Marbid

Vice-president: Sydney McLoughlin

Secretary: Aiden Lim

Class Representatives: Andie Lim, Anna Rose Samoleski, Kayla Panama, Deena Marie Gallego, Matthew Rustia, J.R. Acosta, Dominic Nepomuceno, and Natallie Barrezueta.



Upcoming Events



- 1/4 9:00 a.m. mass and 12:00 p.m. dismissal
- 1/8 **HAA Parent Meeting** @ 7:00 p.m. in the library
- 1/11 \$1 Dress Down Day
- 1/14 NUT Card Day
- 1/17 Workshop sponsored by the HAA "**Social Media and Your Child**" @ 7:00 p.m. in the gym
- 1/18 School Closed-Teacher Professional Development
- 1/21 School Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/22 Progress reports distribution
- 1/25 **Plant Nite** Fundraiser @ 7:00 p.m. in the gym
- 1/27 Catholic Schools' Week Open Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.
- 1/28 **Pep Rally** @ 2:00 p.m. in the Gym
- 1/31 Crazy Socks Day- wear your craziest socks!

Our Open House is going to be on January 27 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need parent guides and translators. If you would like to help, please email Principal Winters at pwinters@hcjca.org.

Reminder:

All contact information needs to be up to date. With the possibility of snow, the school may need to contact you in the event of school closures. If parents have not been receiving emails or texts from Mrs. Winters, please contact the office ASAP.

The Virtue of the Month

The focus for January will be **responsibility**:

- Know what it is expected
- Do not make excuses
- Keep my commitments
- Do my best



Service Project of the Month: Kindergarten and First Grade

 Cohen Children's Medical Center is a hospital dedicated to providing the highest levels of care to meet the special needs of children. They exclusively care for more than 1.8 million children with various medical illnesses with ages ranging from premature babies to adolescents. They need our help! Their "Child Life and Creative Arts Therapies Department" functions solely on donations from generous community members like **YOU** and me. Please contribute with items in their "wish list" that children need most. Some items from the "wish list" are: Duplo blocks, musical toys, Pop-Up toys, Play Doh, teething rings, actions figures, light spinner wands, musical crib toys, Crayola products, plastic doctor kits, small Lego sets, UNO cards. Items must be new and in their original packaging. They are given to sick children for holidays, birthdays, and special events. Please open up your hearts and be as generous as you can. We appreciate your support!

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the **Paragon Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society**: Abbiegale Daljeet, Emma Holliman, Victoria Kaur, Sydney McLoughlin, Amber Medina, Dominic Nepomuceno, Gianne Paladin, Kiara pena, Bryce Persuad, Matthew Pulick, Dylan Ramgarib, Greg Singh, Maheen Tariq, and Ethan Vulcain-Sowkey.