



# HCJCA PARENT NEWSLETTER



## Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Zdonowski By Juan Pablo Bravo, 5th Grade

I love 5<sup>th</sup> grade and my teacher, Mrs. Z. She is the best teacher ever. I love when we go to the lab and we make ice cream and I also love when it is time for science and we have to talk about what it is going in the experiments. That's the main reason, I love 5<sup>th</sup> grade and my teacher. The following is an interview with Mrs. Zdonowski. We ask her a couple questions we think might be insightful to parents:

**What is your philosophy of education?** I believe all students are gifts from God. All students are unique and bring with them to their school days unique talents and skills. Students need to know that they can do anything they put their minds to. Students are the center and forefront of all education. Students are the future leaders of our world and therefore, they need to know that they are important and can achieve their goals. Students need to know that they are cherished and loved and that they matter. Students need to know that their knowledge and being can and will change the world for the better.

**What do you admire the most about this fifth grade class?** The current fifth grade class is made up of remarkable students who come to school well prepared to learn and have fun while gaining knowledge. The fifth grade students are multi-talented. Along with many of the fifth graders being members of the school's band, several fifth graders are on sports teams including volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams. Choir also has many fifth graders as members who beautiful sounding voices fill our class masses with lovely melodious voices. The fifth graders are full of life and love that they bring everyday to school.

**What is your favorite thing about working at Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy?** I love working at HCJCA. My favorite thing about the school is definitely the students and their families. The faculty is filled with talented and very hard-working teachers. Our support staff is remarkable. Our school is lead by an amazing principal in Mrs. Winters. Our spiritual life is enhanced by attending mass offered by Bishop Cisneros, Fr. Heanue, and Fr. Lynch. Their devotion to Catholic education is apparent in everything they do.



## Upcoming Events

- 3/1 9AM School Mass/ 12PM Dismissal/Grammar-Thon
- 3/4 Student of the Month in the gym at 8 AM
- 3/5 HAA Meeting at 7 PM
- 3/6 Ash Wednesday/ 9 AM Mass
- 3/7 Picture Day for Grades Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> – Dress Up
- 3/8 School Closed
- 3/11 NUT Card Day
- 3/15 Confirmation Retreat/ Pizza Sale/ Dress Down for \$1.00/ Jr. High School Dance from 7 PM to 10 PM
- 3/17 Saint Patrick's Family Dance at the auditorium at 4 PM
- 3/18 Math Bee at 1:30 PM for Grades 3-5/ Wear something green with your uniform
- 3/19 Parent Workshop Preventative Parent 7 PM
- 3/21 Parent-Teacher Conference/ 1 PM Dismissal
- 3/22 School Closed for Teachers' Retreat Day
- 3/24 Family Mass at 9 AM/ Blood Drive at the gym from 8 AM to 2 PM
- 3/26 Honor Roll Awards Assembly in the gym at 9 AM
- 3/29 Pizza Sale/ Math Fluency Test/ MOVIE NIGHT at 7 PM in the gym

Valued contribution  
 Opportunities abound  
 Love OUR school  
 Understand the collective needs we have  
 No nicer way to get to know fellow families  
 Teamwork makes the HCJCA family work  
 Every little bit helps  
 Embrace our community  
 Remember, always, it's for OUR kids



Time is precious, and with all of the demands we face as parents, it is amazing that many of us can even make it out of the house some mornings wearing two matching shoes! Although it isn't always easy to volunteer, your dedication to our school and all of our children is cherished and valued. Volunteering is also a fantastic way to get to know fellow people in our community, keep up on what's going on, and see that we can all be there for each other and our kids (after all, it takes a village).

There are innumerable ways to contribute, even for those with seemingly impossible work hours, difficulty with child care, and so very many obstacles we face these days. Together we can find a way, and YOUR contribution matters so very much. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the office, email the Home Academy Association, or ask another parent to find out how you can get involved in upcoming events and fundraisers. We have an amazing school, let's keep collaborating with each other to share our marvelously diverse set of skills, talents, and wealth of collective experience!

Come share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about volunteering at the **next and last HAA meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. If you can't make it, please watch us on Facebook Live under HCJCA Home Academy Association.**