



HCJCA PARENT NEWSLETTER

Teacher Spotlight: Sixth Grade

6-1: Mrs. Wright



6-2: Mrs. Zoufaly

1. What is your favorite subject to teach? Why? Math is my favorite subject to teach because it is concrete and it provides answers. Math is all around us. We use it everyday in our cooking, when we travel, and it is very useful when we shop (my favorite recreational activity). Math is fun because there are different ways to solve one problem. Mathematical principles provide answers and give us the truth.

2. What do you admire the most about this sixth grade class? This 6th grade class are excellent team players. I often hear students reminding each other to pack certain books for homework. This class worked together to learn how to use the class iPads on certain sites. The students taught me how to effectively use my iPad. 6-1 students help each other to be better students.

3. If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share? The one piece of wisdom I would pass down to my students is to take a breath when things overwhelm you. That does not mean to give up on a task. When things get hard to understand, take a step back, say a little prayer and relook at the problem or task. I have learned that answers come more quickly when you are in a relaxed place mentally.

What do you enjoy about being a teacher?

The one factor that stands out is watching students absorb ideas, digest and examine them from various angles, and finally understanding it. The look on their faces is fascinating!

I've enjoyed watching students grow and develop over the years as they move up in school. It's a joy to watch them mature into young adults. Some come back for a visit and fill me in on what they've done. It's a quiet satisfaction knowing that I've helped them grow, even if it's in just a small way.

What do you admire most about this 6th grade class? One thing that particularly struck me with this class was the respect and politeness that seems to come naturally from the students. All were ready and willing to help the 'new teacher' in their faculty and did this all with respect.

They also have a great willingness to work together – i.e. Pep Rally and Veterans' Day. Though they may not be thrilled with the memorization or some of the work involved, the class pulls it together and works as one united class. This class portrays what a Catholic education is about!

What do you enjoy the most about working at HCJCA? When I first came to the school to set up my classroom, everyone was so welcoming and accommodating; the faculty members patiently guided me when needed and explained the routines. The faculty and administration work well together as a team to make this a wonderful Catholic school!

I was also impressed with the parish community and school's wonderful relationship as a team. The parish and school work together as one community, making this a truly parish school!

Upcoming Events

- 4/1 Student of the Month at 8 AM
- 4/2-3 NYS ELA Grades 4, 6 & 7
- 4/5 School mass at 9 AM
12 PM Dismissal
- 4/5-7 Rummage Sale
- 4/8 Dress Down Day \$1.00
- 4/12 Pizza Day/ Talent Show at 7 PM
- 4/14 Palm Sunday
- 4/15 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/16 Easter Hat Parade at 2 PM in the gym for Grades k-4
- 4/18 Holy Thursday/ School Closed
- 4/19 Good Friday/ School Closed
- 4/22-26 Easter Recess/ School Closed
- 4/28 Family mass at 9 AM
- 4/29 Classes Resume/ NUT Card Day



Virtue of the Month

The focus for April will be

Trustworthiness:

- Don't deceive, cheat, or steal
- Be reliable -Be loyal
- Have courage to do the right thing

More than a Coach, a Role Model

Mr. Jaramillo, our dedicated P.E. teacher, is teaching our children about the different sports, but more importantly he is transmitting positive values. He teaches cooperation through group activities, he encourages perseverance and hard work and he cares deeply about the development of their confidence and self-esteem. Mr. Jaramillo strives to create an environment where students feel valued and appreciated. He is more than a teacher or a coach, he is someone who puts the "A" in caring. He cares about our children's personal worth and development, but more importantly he believes and cares and teachers who care can touch lives forever.





National Junior Honor Society



The NJHS is an honor bestowed upon students in grades 7 and 8 who exemplify outstanding Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. Members are selected by a faculty council after reviewing each eligible student's academic record. Students interested must have a minimum average of 93% in all 5 major subject areas based on your June 2019 final grade average. Once inducted into the Paragon Chapter of the society, students must continue to demonstrate the qualities for which they were chosen.

NJHS membership is an outstanding opportunity to develop the habits and standards so important to success in high school, college, and a career. As an NJHS member, you'll be able to experience and be part of:

- **Service projects**, both by the chapter and individual, which will allow you to build teamwork capabilities, hone project management aptitude, and make friends—all valuable life skills.
- **Leadership development, motivation, and inspiration** gained through our chapter's work as well as three LEAD Conferences and NJHS State Summits held in select locations annually.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in official Honor Society activities. NHS and NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

If I'm a 6th grader, what can I do to become a better candidate for NJHS in 7th and 8th grade?

One of the best things you can do as a 6th grader is to have really strong grades. You should work hard every day in school because as a 7th grade inductee, you will qualify in the area of scholarship based on your grades in 6th grade! Also, becoming involved in school clubs and activities, following all school rules and being a great role model for other students will give you strong teacher recommendations. In addition, outside of school, you can begin to track community service hours (work with no monetary compensation) in order to strengthen your information sheet.

Student News

Congratulations to the **second grade class** who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 23rd. They encountered God's love and forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament.



Congratulations to **Julian Tolentino**, from 4th grade, for winning the Intermediate Math Bee. Julian will go on to compete in the Diocesan Math Bee on April 2nd. We are very proud of you!



Reminders

You still have time to complete your service hours for this year. Please go to **virtus.org** to find a live training session and to register. Remember to select "Brooklyn, NY (Diocese)" as your Archdiocese when you register.

Remember to send in used markers to the school. The markers will be reused and turn into clean fuel. Remember together we can make a difference!

From: **HCJCA'S Color Cycle Crew**



Save the Date

Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy presents
Many Cultures. One Community
MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL
Sunday, June 2, 2019
From 11:45 AM To 3:30 PM
At Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy Auditorium

Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy Presents...
3RD ANNUAL TALENT SHOW
HCJCA Auditorium
Friday, April 12th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
Tickets Sold in Advance & at door.
General seating: \$5 per child & \$10 per adult
Reserved seating (1st six rows on both side) \$15 p/p (adult/child)
Have complete and return the form below by Wednesday, April 3rd.
Place slip in envelope and label it: "2019 Talent Show"
Checks made out to: "Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy"

FUN 2019 DRAISING Event!
Come and join Holy Child for a night of fun with the Brooklyn Cyclones at MCU Park in Coney Island on Catholic Schools Night when they take on the Aberdeen Ironbirds! This night is a great way to celebrate the start of summer with family and friends and create lasting memories for everyone. Contact Anthony Genna with the Cyclones at (718) 382-2618 with any questions.
Paradise!
WHEN: Monday June 17th 2019
WHERE: **MCU PARK**
TIME: 7:00 pm first pitch
Gates open 6:00 pm
PRICE: \$17 per ticket*
- Catholic Schools Night
- FREE Cyclones Cap and Wristband
- Pre-game School Spirit Parade around field (line up at Section 21 at 6:15pm)
Will you need a spot on the Holy Child bus?
Yes No

RUMMAGE SALE
Rummage Sale from April 5th to April 7th. We hope to see you there!