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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If your child's grades are lower than you expected, it's only natural to be disappointed – especially if you know they are working up to their potential. The most important thing to remember is to keep your emotions in check. Getting angry or showing your disappointment won't help. Instead, look for ways to encourage your child to do the best he/she can.

I recommend that you ask your child to talk about their grades. Do they think they accurately reflect their work? What do they think is going on? Does your child complete their in-class assignments? Are they turning in their homework on time? Do they understand the lesson? Does your child think there is anything they could do differently?

Next, reach out to your child's teacher. Is your child having any issues at school? Discuss ways you can work together to boost your child's performance. What resources are available to help?

Enforce a regular study time. During that time, the TV should be off and digital devices should be used only for studying. Set a time for 20 minutes, then let your child take a short break before getting back to work. Lastly, provide help when necessary, but don't just give your child the answers. Instead, act as a coach and show your child how he/she can find the answers on their own.

Always let your child take responsibility for completing their work.

### **Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Executive Board**

President:	Christian Ramos
Vice President:	Hugh Everett
Treasurer:	Matthew Makin
Secretary:	Jack Furlong



### Fun Strategies with Fractions

Understanding fractions can be a challenge for some children. To help your child learn fractions, have fun with hands-on activities like these:

- (1) Take a fraction walk. Have your child count how many cars you pass. Then figure how many (what fraction) of them are a certain color. Take turns choosing a color and seeing who has the largest fraction.
- (2) Measure up. Give your child measuring spoons and cups. Have them pour one cup of water into one glass. Then have them guess: How many half cups will it take to fill another glass the same size? How many quarter cups or third cups?
- (3) Change that recipe. Ask your child to rewrite the amount of each ingredient to double a recipe or cut it in half.
- (4) Eat your fractions. Give your child 12, 24 or 36 pieces of cereal. Let them divide them into halves, fourths, etc. Or, share a pizza and ask some questions. If the pizza is cut into 12 slices, how many slices equal one-half or one-third of the pizza?



### New Students enrolled at HCA

We welcome the Casey family to Holy Cross Academy. The students are:

Gavin Casey in Grade 8.1

Anna Casey in Grade 7.1

Liam Casey in Grade 7.1

Owen Casey in Grade 7.2



### School Bus Advisory

Only students who are assigned to ride the bus to and from school are permitted to use the bus. Students who are picked up or dropped off by parents/guardians **are not permitted** to take the bus.



- Monday, October 18th through Friday, October 22nd: *Scholastic Book Fair*
- Wednesday, October 20th: *Faculty meeting* with Mary Ann Joseph in Room 120 beginning at 2:45 p.m.
- Thursday, October 21st: Student/Faculty Picture Day
- Thursday, October 21st: *Living Rosary* at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 22nd: School-wide mass and Student Council Induction Ceremony (noon dismissal)
- Monday, October 25th: *Uniform Sale* 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside the gymnasium entrance
- Friday, October 29th: *Trunk or Treat* at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 29th: 6, 7 & 8 Grade *Halloween Dance* in gym (begins at 6:30 p.m.)
- Monday, November 1st: First day for *Winter Uniforms*

In light of the fact that we are still abiding by Covid restrictions, it has been decided for the benefit of faculty, students and grandparents that we postpone Grandparent's Day which was scheduled for Friday, October 22nd. That being said, October 22nd will still remain as a half day of school with a school-wide mass followed by the Induction Ceremony for the newly elected Student Council Officers in church.



**Our morning 9:00 a.m. Masses for October are as follows:**

- October 13th through October 15th - No daily masses due to Star Assessment Testing for the entire school
- Monday, October 18th: Grade 3
- Wednesday, October 20th: Grade 4
- Thursday, October 21st: Grade 5
- Friday, October 22nd: School-wide Mass for Grades K-8 as well as Student Council Induction ceremony (Noon Dismissal)
- Monday, October 25th: Grade 6.1
- Wednesday, October 27th: Grade 6.2
- Thursday, October 28th: Grade 7.1
- Friday, October 29th: Grade 7.2

*You are always invited to join your child's class for Mass if you are able. Please note that the Mass schedules are subject to change based on funerals or special events.*

### **Fr. Manning's Classroom Visits**

- Monday, October 18th: Grade 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 25th: Grade 5 at 1:00 p.m.



### ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

- Wednesday, October 20th: Grade 5 at 10:15 a.m. and Grade 3 at 11:40 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 27th: Grade 2 at 11:15 a.m. and Grade 4 at 10:30 a.m.

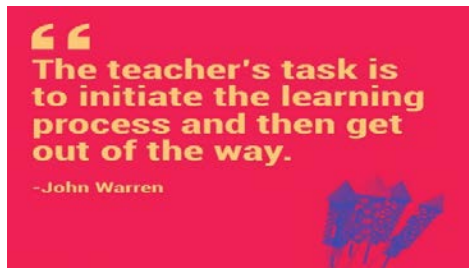


### **Prayer Reflection**

*As you get older, you realize that you're not always right.  
There's so many things you could've handled better, so many  
situations where you could've been kinder, softer, more understanding.  
All you can really do is forgive yourself and let your  
mistakes make you a better person.*

-Sheri Eckert

### **Teachers Anecdotes**



God Bless,

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