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The Servant-Leader

Sharing Strategies to Best Serve Holy Cross Academy Students



Let's Meet HCA Staff!

Matthew Tafe, Intern and Athletic Director, graduated from West Branch High School in 2009. Currently he is a senior at Walsh University majoring in Physical Education. He also played baseball at Walsh for three years. Currently Matthew is student teaching at Alliance Northside Elementary.

Whitney Derr, Intern, is currently enrolled at Walsh University in her junior year. She is from the Mohican area where she attended Loudonville High School. Since graduating in 2011 Whitney has become active in the campus, as well as local community. She played volleyball at Walsh the past two years, is involved with coaching girls' volleyball at Elite Sports Ohio in the winter, and is a member of Walsh's recently established Mentor Program. Whitney is studying Corporate Communications and minoring in Marketing. She hopes to pursue a career in Public Relations or Advertising.

Julie Gill, Intern, is a senior Communications major at Walsh University. Julie became involved with HCA in March after learning of an internship through the Walsh Career Center. Since her internship Julie has been volunteering her time. After graduation in December she will be participating in the Disney College Program.

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Your child is worth it.

Value of Catholic Education

Stark County Catholic elementary and high schools offer:

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in a -common faith
2. A safe and disciplined environment
3. A balanced curriculum including art and music
4. Learning with a moral purpose – educating students to serve others and develop leadership
5. A high graduation rate (100%, 2011–2012)
6. Strong preparation for further education
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential
8. Good stewardship of resources

Other positive factors are born in a learning environment surrounded by Catholic influence. For example students general have higher academic performances, better attitudes and are more interested in citizenship and community participation. Last, but not least students of Catholic education have greater opportunities for the future. Please visit our websites to learn more!

Click [here](#) to view 10 Important Questions to review as we look into the future of Catholic Education in Stark County.



BOD Member Spotlight

Lisa Baylor brings a unique voice to the board discussions as she was an educator for the Youngstown Diocese for 23 years. Now a professor at Walsh University in the Division of Education, Lisa also brings a different perspective to the advancement of the resources for our HCA campuses.

Her husband, Steve, and Lisa have four children; J.D., Matthew, Marisa, and Jessica. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Walsh College and began teaching at Sacred Heart of Mary after graduation. She believes as a Catholic it is our obligation to offer a Catholic Education for every student



Fundraising

St. Barbara is having breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14 from 8 -10AM in the Parish Life Center. The cost is \$5 per person with 2 and under being free. Photos will be taken with Santa for \$5 each and free crafts for the kids. Christmas cookies by the Cake Lady will be sold for \$1 each.

St. Mary is having a 200 Club Raffle! Tickets are \$100 each with two tickets being drawn each month. Every ticket has the chance to win 25 times during December 2013-June 2014. Ticket costs proceed toward holding the cost of tuition down. Ticket orders and money are due by November 30.

OLOP is hosting the John Angotti concert, Dec. 10, 2013. Preconcert dinner is 4:30-6:30 pm. Please contact Christ the Servant Parish office 330-492-0757 for ticket reservations

Meet Our Principals!

Each HCA newsletter will introduce one of our outstanding principals. We cherish the commitment our principals make to the many children whose lives they change every day!



Principal Spotlight

Robert A. Vero was born on March 3, 1953 in Rome, New York to John and Mary Vinci Vero. There he attended high school at Rome Free Academy. Since he graduated in 1971, Bob has completed courses at Kent State University getting his Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education grades 1-8. He also has a Master’s Degree in Elementary Administration and is continuing post graduate work.

Bob has over thirty six years of experience in various areas of the education field. He says the best part of being a principal is building community relations because he loves interacting with people. He also believes that building a community among students, staff, and families is the foundation that is still being built at HCA. His favorite quote to live by is, “Don’t give up, don’t ever give up!”

Bob also has three children, Tony, Jennifer, and Stephanie.

Servant Leadership Message

Let’s explore the concept of humility as an essential component of Servant Leadership. In this newsletter we take up the characteristic of altruism. Altruism basically means a selfless commitment to the welfare of others.

We often hear ourselves think “I can’t jump on a plane to another part of the world”, but with a heightened awareness of need throughout the world and in the city, you can find yourself thinking, “I can

do something.” If in recognizing that my city - Canton – is the acre of God’s world that has been given to me to extend my care – then it is here that I give of my time or my resources - at one of our soup kitchens, or sharing my talent on a Habitat for Humanity build, or helping a single mother with three children finish her education or further her education. It may be giving of my time at Catholic Charities or volunteering to help at school or in my parish or church. The important thing is that we share our lives in making a difference for one other person – but we need to answer for ourselves the question Jesus asked, “Who is my neighbor?” That answer has to be determined by each one of us – but the neighbor is somewhere in this world – maybe in another part of the world or maybe right down the street at the crossroads of the city.

Teacher Spotlight

Michele Beck is currently teaching at St. Joan of Arc School. She has been blessed with three children and five grandchildren (the crowning jewels of her life). She is proud to be a product of Catholic education- St. Joan of Arc, Central Catholic, and Walsh University. Her three children all graduated from Catholic schools- St. Joseph, Central Catholic, and Walsh University. She has been teaching for 39 years, 38 of those years have been in the diocese. She still loves teaching and looks forward to being with her students every day.

Winter Activities

Holiday Celebrations

At HCA our students enjoy celebrating the holidays in more ways than one! Several of our schools are participating in the festivities this year.

At OLOP campus the kindergarten students are having a Thanksgiving Feast on November 25 from 11:30-12:30 PM. The following day the first graders are putting on a Turkey Show at which times will later be announced. On December 9 OLOP students will participate in Santa's workshop! It's never too early to start spreading holiday cheer!

St. Mary's will be holding a pot luck on November 25 from 6:15-8 PM. Also a Santa Secret Shop will be held during the week of December 9. Finally don't miss the Christmas Cookie Tray Sale! Homemade cookie trays will be sold after the Masses the weekend of December 14-15.

St. Michael's is having a skate party for its students on December 6 from 5:30-6:30 PM.

St. Barbara is having the Chords of Christmas scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 5:30 to 9:00pm in the Parish Life Center.



HCA Basketball

SWOOSH! It is that time of year again for HCA basketball to take over the court! We would like to thank Pat Duffy for volunteering his time to be our basketball commissioner this year for the 5 and 6 grade boys' basketball teams. We still need a commissioner for our 5 and 6 grade girls, however. A special thank you also goes out to John Blakeney, Joe Hawkins, Matthew Tafe, and all of our Athletic Directors for putting this together!

ATTENTION! Canton Charge Holy Cross Academy Family Night is on November 23. HCA teams will scrimmage at 1 PM. One admission will cover both the scrimmage and Canton Charge opener. Check out ticket prices [here](#).

Happy Holidays from HCA!

On behalf of HCA we would like to wish you and your family a blessed holiday season! However you are celebrating within the upcoming weeks know that your children are what we are most thankful for. No matter what school your child belongs to we are all one big family brought together by faith. Remember to check your school's calendar for the dates of Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Happy Holidays!



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