

January 31, 2017

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Wednesday 2/1/17	Thursday 2/2/17	Friday 2/3/17	Saturday 2/4/17	Sunday 2/5/17	Monday 2/6/17	Tuesday 2/7/17
<b>B Day</b>	<b>C Day</b>	<b>X Day</b>		<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>D Day</b>	<b>E Day</b>
<b>Science Assembly</b>		<b>CSW Closing Mass 8:30 A.M. Early Dismissal 11:30 A.M.</b>				

## *A Note from the Principals*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Happy Catholic School Week! Thank you to all our families who came out on Sunday to celebrate this annual event celebrating Catholic Schools. This celebration was begun 40 years ago, and is a focal point of our year as we live the message of “Faith, Knowledge and Service.” On Monday morning, our bus drivers were given coffee, donuts, and thank you cards, and the afternoon was spent assembling all the baby items which you so generously donated. These will be given to *Mother Bachman’s Maternity Center* and *Cradles to Crayons*.

This afternoon, the children were engaged in STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math) activities, which were planned to help students develop team building skills and understand the engineering design process. We have a *Science is Everywhere!* assembly on Wednesday with John Hadfield, and on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be the teachers in pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. (Teachers will be present.) Friday is the closing Mass for Catholic Schools Week, and all are welcome. It is also the Feast of St. Blaise, and the children will have their throats blessed. Following Mass, the children will listen to a vocations talk with Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan, I.H.M.

The following students deserve a round of applause as their academic and artistic accomplishments have been recognized:

Sophia Soto 8B, has been awarded a scholarship from Gifts from Gwyn for her video on friendship. Gia Brennan, Maggie Tomaselli and Valentina Rodriguez received Honorable Mention.

Megan Russell, 8A, has been awarded the Partners in Catholic Education Award from Villa Victoria Academy where she will attend in the fall as a freshman student. Congratulations to these students!

Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Haggerty



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and Click on the Student & Parents Page  
and go to Forms**

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- Pretzel Order Form
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- Fund Raisers
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Our Kindergarten and PK classrooms are in need of lunch volunteers. Have an hour to spare? Call our office for more information. We need your help!



HFRCS Open House was a success!

Thank you to all the students who turned out to help with the Open House as Student Ambassadors, Teachers' Helpers, or just to show your school spirit!



**And the Winner Is!  
Divinity Ryan**

**On Sunday, January 29th Divinity (2A) won 3rd place in the 7 & 8 year old Orange belt At Amerkick's karate tournament in Warminster.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



**EXTRA! EXTRA!  
READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**

Mrs. Gottshall's 8th grade science class was featured in the Bucks County Courier Times on Thursday January 26th

[http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/holy-family-students-learn-about-effect-of-drugs-on-flatworms/article\\_e7325146-e1b1-11e6-8c85-ebae3f4cbcd4.html](http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/holy-family-students-learn-about-effect-of-drugs-on-flatworms/article_e7325146-e1b1-11e6-8c85-ebae3f4cbcd4.html)

## Holy Family students learn about effect of drugs on flatworms

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By GEMA DUARTE  
CORRESPONDENT

Joshua Rifkin has heard over and over that drugs are bad for him, but on Thursday the 13-year-old Bristol Township boy saw their effects firsthand.

"We always hear that drugs are bad; with this (experiment) we saw and learned the science behind drugs," he said.

Holy Family Regional Catholic School students tested the effects of sucrose, caffeine, nicotine and tobacco on planarians — tiny flatworms — and extrapolated what that means for humans.

The special experiment was part of Terry Gottshall's



Holy Family Regional Catholic School eighth-graders Jessica Kelly, Haile Keaveney and Edward Melcher test the effects of alcohol on a flatworm at the Middletown school Thursday. Teacher Terry Gottshall looks over the results of an experiment conducted by Megan Russell and Joshua Rifkin.

CARL KOSOLA / PHOTO JOURNALIST

eighth-grade science class. Gottshall got a grant from Temple University School of Medicine's Science Education Against Drug Abuse Partnership, which is funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, to take students beyond their textbooks and see through a hands-on experiment the effects and consequences of drug addiction.

During class at the

Middletown school, students first figured out the worms' preferred environment, light or darkness. Then, they gave the worms drugs for 10 minutes — each team was assigned a different drug. After that, they put the worms in clean water. Finally, students waited to see if the drugged worm retreated to its preferred environment or not.

Usually, the worms switched preference.

At first, Joshua's team's worm stood still. "I don't think he's alive," Joshua said. "Too much nicotine killed it."

Eventually, the worm, which had preferred darkness earlier in the experiment, started making minimal movements toward darkness.

the brain is fully developed at age 25. Drug use can hinder the development of that cortex, Gottshall said.

"When they take a drug, it releases dopamine in the brain, it's the pleasure sense of the brain, so it makes them feel good," Gottshall said. "Every single time they take a drug, it has already been sensitized to that level of drug. They always need to take more drugs to get that feeling again, they are always chasing that feeling, chasing the high, which makes people to take more and more drugs, and leads to addiction."

Some of the students said they know people who use drugs and the science experiment got them thinking more about what the brains of those people are going through.

"Obviously, I know drugs are bad," said Gia Caputo, 14, of Falls. "We actually saw what happens to your brain and mind and how life-threatening (drugs) are."

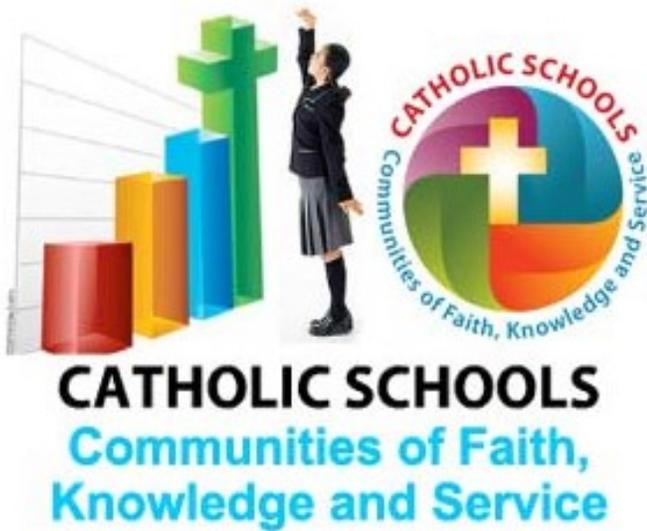
Correspondent Gema Duarte can be reached through editor Christina Kristofic at ckristofic@caalkina.com.



# UPcoming EVENTS

- January 30— February 3 - **Baby Items Collection**
- February 1- **Home & School General Meeting**
- February 1—**Science Assembly**
- February 2—**8th Grade students become HFRCS Teachers for the afternoon**
- February 3—**Early Dismissal**

Thank you to all of you that have re-enrolled your child/children for the 2017-18 school year!



## School Newsletter

Have an item for the newsletter?

Email your information to:

**Andrea Pendle**—[andrea.pendle@hfrcs.org](mailto:andrea.pendle@hfrcs.org)  
by noon on Monday.

Please put in the subject line of your email

**NEWSLETTER**

Calling all third graders !! Come join the Holy Family 3rd grade chorus and sing your heart out! We will meet every Thursday during recess time beginning Thursday, February 9th. Please visit Miss Haneman's music blog <http://misshanemansmusicblog.blogspot.com/>

to sign-up and for important performance dates.



# SMART AID

## To be eligible for financial aid you must apply!

The priority deadline has passed, however, if you received financial aid last year or think you might qualify for financial aid for the 2016-2017 school year, you still have time. Financial aid through BLOCS is still being accepted. Don't delay. Please go to Holy Family's website [www.hfrcs.org](http://www.hfrcs.org) and click on the "Students and Parents" tab, then click on the "financial aid" link. All of the information that you will need to apply is there.

Don't delay and miss the opportunity to receive the financial support you deserve.



Looking for a Summer Camp  
experience?  
Try Camp Spirit!

Camp Spirit is held here at Holy Family  
and is available for students age 3-12.

Open from June 19 through August 25.  
Stay all 9 weeks or select the weeks you  
would like to come.

Theme weeks, water play, fun treats  
and more!

**Registration** coming soon!  
For more information go to our website  
under the Students Parents Tab

# Re-enrollment For the 2017-18 school year is under way!

We encourage all our families to to re-enroll by February 28



WE

Our HFRCS Families

**Just for fun we will have a raffle each week !**

The week of January 29 those who have enrolled will be eligible to win Spiritwear

The week of February 6 those who have enrolled will be eligible to win a \$25.00 Walmart giftcard

The week of February 13 those who have enrolled will be eligible to win a \$25.00 Staples giftcard



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Communities of Faith,**  
**Knowledge and Service**

Sunday 1/29/17	Monday 1/30/17	Tuesday 1/31/17	Wednesday 2/1/17	Thursday 2/2/17	Friday 2/3/17
Open House	Community	Student	Nation	Teacher/Staff/ Volunteers	Vocations
Mass: Cabrini 11:00 Queen 11:30  Student – greeters & gift bearers  Open House 12:30-3:00  Student Council & Homeroom representatives Student Ambassadors	Morning coffee & donuts for bus drivers  Shortened morning schedule  Afternoon Activity  Baby Shower for “A Woman’s Place”	Free Dress Down Day  Shortened morning schedule  Afternoon Activity  STREAM Bag Activity	Shortened morning schedule  Afternoon Activity  Science Assembly	Volunteer Breakfast  Shortened morning schedule  Teacher Luncheon  Afternoon Activity  8 <sup>th</sup> grade students become HFRCS teachers for the afternoon	Morning Mass  Full Winter Uniform  Religious Vocations Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan, I.H.M.  11:30 Dismissal



Our Catholic Schools Week Service Project continues!  
We are still collecting items for our baby shower!  
Items will be accepted through **this Monday, February 6th!**

Items collected will be donated to:

**Cradles to Crayons:** Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth to age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive; at home, at school and at play.

**Mother Bachmann Maternity Center:** Mother Bachmann Maternity Center helps women have access to the health care they need regardless of their ability to pay. This is the only maternity clinic of its kind in Bucks County. Certified nurse midwives provide obstetrical care to women who are uninsured or underinsured.

**You can help!** Please send in new baby items. We are looking for contributions of the following:

Clothing, newborn up to age 24 months

Diapers, rattles, pacifiers, teething rings

Bathing supplies, lotion, baby wipes

**Any and all baby supplies would be greatly appreciated!**



**Become a member or stay a member of our  
Holy Family family!**

Send in your re-registration form today!

Re-registration closes on **February 28**, NOT February 10 as stated on the school calendar!

Know of a family looking for a school home?

**Contact:** Andrea Pendle 215-269-9600 ext. 209,  
andrea.pendle@hfrcs.org



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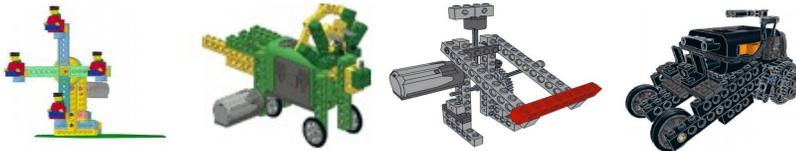
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**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL - GRADES K THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**TUESDAYS 2/14/17-3/21/17 AFTERSCHOOL TIL 4PM**



**Brick a Palooza:** We've combined the best of the best of all your child's favorite themes and characters including Super Heroes, Galaxy Far Away, Jurassic Brick Land, Amusement Park Creator and Gadgets and Gizmos. Kids will love to design and build their own special creations incorporating their favorite LEGO® themed models and our special Bricks 4 Kidz models, and motors. This session is loads of fun and learning for budding builders that like to have their hands into a little bit of everything at once.



**Cost: \$75 for the 6 week session.**

**Each kid gets a custom mini figure at the end of the session**

**Classes will be taught by Mrs. Breault-Straffe**

**to register online, please visit our website at [bricks4kidz.com/481](http://bricks4kidz.com/481)**

**or call Vanessa at 215-990-9763**

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# ENSPiRiTED PROJECTS

at HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **SOCIETY FASHION SHOW for grades 2-5**

Design your own t-shirt and accessories and show it off in your very own Fashion Show! Walk the runway in style and have your hair and make-up professionally done for the occasion!

Cost \$120

Thursdays Starting January 26th  
Schedule: after school to 4pm, Jan  
26, February 2, 9, 16, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fashion show at 4:30pm on  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**MUST ENROLL BY JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**



## **JUGGLING 101 – for Grades 1-4**

Learn and practice this classic party trick and try your hand at juggling different items.

Includes your very own juggling scarves!

Cost \$65

Tuesdays, Starting May 2<sup>nd</sup> after school to 4pm

Schedule: May 2, 9, 16

**MUST ENROLL BY APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**

**TO ENROLL, VISIT [www.ENSPIRITEDPROJECTS.org](http://www.ENSPIRITEDPROJECTS.org)  
For more info, email [colleen@enspiritedprojects.org](mailto:colleen@enspiritedprojects.org)  
FREE TRIALS AND PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE!**

***SPACES ARE LIMITED!***

ENSPiRiTED PROJECTS



# **HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS AND UPDATES**

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## **General Home & School Meeting WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Come out and mingle with your Holy Family Community on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 PM in the large hall. Meet other parents, learn more about all the fun things planned for the remainder of the year and ways that YOU can get involved.**

**Remember - attend all 4 H&S meetings and have your name put in a drawing for a \$100 Flynn & O'Hara gift card at the end of the year!!**

**We'll have door prizes, 50/50 raffle and also be drawing the winner from the Joe Corbi's fundraiser (for those who bought 10 or more items).**

**There will also be AUCTION TALK!! Learn about all the committees involved in planning this fun event and decide where you can contribute your time and talent!!**

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**Holy Family Regional Presents:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction  
“Mardi Gras”**

**\*When: April 1st**

**\*Where: St. Frances Cabrini Gym**

**\*Time: Doors open at 5:30PM**

**\*Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**(Includes: Admission, Food, Wine, and Beer)**

**\*Basket Raffles**

**\*Silent Auction**

**\*Live Auction**



## **IT'S AUCTION TIME**

**GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND COME OUT TO THE 7TH ANNUAL  
HFRCS AUCTION—MARDIS GRAS!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST**

**TICKETS ARE \$30 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES:  
DINNER, BEER/WINE, AND SODA**

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE OF 10 TODAY!**

**SEND IN AN ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL MARKED  
"AUCTION TICKETS"**

**TICKETS ALSO FOR SALE AT BOTH QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE  
AND ST. FRANCES CABRINI RECTORIES!**

**YOUR SUPPORT ENSURES A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!**

# Mardis Gras Baskets

- PK3A—Mrs. Gaber—Baking
- PK3B—Mrs. Oscar—Baking
- PK4A—Mrs. Murphy—Movie Night
- PK4B—Mrs. Seger—Summer Fun
- KA—Mrs. Sonnie—Lottery
- KB—Mrs. Morrison—Reading Fun
- 1A—Sister Marie—Feathered Fantasy
- 1B—Mr. Snyder—Italian
- 2A—Mrs. Blaisse—Game Night
- 2B—Ms. Lusher—Ice Cream
- 3A—Mrs. Schafer—BBQ/Picnic
- 3B—Mrs. Hamilton—Easter
- 4A—Mrs. LeCloux—Car Wash
- 4B—Ms. Kisselback—Baby
- 5A—Mrs. Konen—Gardening
- 5B—Ms. Kramer—Coffee/Tea
- 6—Mrs. Benoit—Emoji
- 7—Mr. Rash—Breakfast
- 8A—Mrs. Gottshall—Art Supplies
- 8B—Mrs. Primavera—Lottery



# SFC Winter Luau!!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

Doors open at 6:45 PM

**Dinner includes Roast Pork, Hawaiian Chicken, Cashew  
Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes and Hawaiian Rolls  
Coffee and Desserts  
Wine, Beer and soda**

**All for only \$20 per person**

Dancing to the sounds of DJ John Serenelli

Shake those wintry blues and come out and socialize with your Parish Community. We will bring the warmth of a SUMMER LUAU to a fun winter dance with plenty of food, drinks and desserts.

**Please call the Rectory, 215-946-4040,**

for more information, or to reserve a table.

We hope to see all of you there!



In order that we might provide the appropriate amount of food and beverages, we appreciate tickets being purchased in advance.



**Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory, any questions, please call 215-946-4040!**

# Saint Frances Cabrini Parish

**PRESENTS**



## MR. JOHN SHRENK WILL BE THE MC!

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Ticket price includes 3 chances to win on 10 games of Bingo. Purchase 10 or more tickets to reserve a table.

**50/50's can be purchased at the event.**

## Many Basket Raffles too!

## Saturday, February 25

Monsignor Woods Hall

St. Frances Cabrini Gymnasium, Fairless Hills

**BRING YOUR OWN  
SNACKS AND BYOB.**

## Tickets only \$25

**(if purchased in advance, \$30 at the door)**

  
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Style and color of bags will vary and may not be the ones pictured.

**Tickets can be purchased at the SFC Rectory, any questions, please call 215-946-4040!**

*SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY*



**POT OF GOLD  
WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM**

**January 30, 2017**

**14 - 17 - 28 - 35 - 36**

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

**(NONE)**

**CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNER**

**1 @ \$1,000**

**WINNER**  
M. Edmiston

**SELLER**  
K&M Potalivo

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE**

**\$27,000**

Thank you for participating in the Pot of Gold Program.  
For more information, contact the Rectory at 215-946-4040.

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