



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

May 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Get ready for an “a-MAY-zing” month at Holy Cross Stars Academy! Our calendar is blooming with fun activities that will have your little sprouts giggling and growing! The children will be planting seeds. Our butterfly kits have arrived, and the children are eagerly awaiting the hatching of our butterflies. They are anxious to show off some of their physical skills at our annual Mini-Olympics. This will be an event you will not want to miss!! The classrooms are abuzz with academic learning as well. Our Tiny Stars are finishing their unit on bugs and will be delving into a study on brushes. Nature will be blooming in our Little Stars classroom as they begin a study of trees. They will be reviewing circumference and observing how vegetables grow roots and leaves!!! Our Rising Stars spend the remainder of the school year “getting ready for kindergarten!” They will be mastering pre-readiness skills in literacy and mathematics and will be reading their very first books. They are certainly on their way and more than ready to move to kindergarten!

Teachers are shining stars who go beyond the call of duty, in and out of the classroom for every child. Teacher Appreciation Week is being celebrated from May 4 through May 8! Thank you for supporting our class parents. They have a wonderful week of surprises planned for an outstanding group of educators. I am so grateful for our staff and am thrilled to see how much your children have learned and matured.

As you continue to plan for the month, please remember these special dates:

May 1	Protomayia Parent-Child activity. 11:30am, gym. All Stars Academy students are welcome to come with a family member at 11:30am.
May 4 - 8	Teacher Recognition Week
May 10	Happy Mother's Day
May 14	Final Open House - 7:00 PM, Room 5
May 19	Tiny Stars and Rising Stars – walking trip to Whitestone Library
May 20	Librarian to visit Tiny Stars' classrooms
May 21	Liturgy - Holy Ascension, Sts. Constantine and Helen
May 22	Annual Mini-Olympics - 11:00AM, gym. Doors open at 10:30 AM
May 25	Memorial Day - School closed

Planning for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. It is imperative that registration forms are submitted for returning students are received no later than May 10. The first day of school for students will be September 10, 2026. Tiny Stars students will have flexible schedules on September 10 and 11. Little Stars and Rising Stars will be dismissed at 11:30 on both days. Monday, September 14 will be the first regular day of school for all students.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers who have blessed Stars Academy with the joy of their lives: our students.

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