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HAND in HAND Options

Belonging. Community. Learning. Loving.

“We as Christians and citizens are called to a more diverse, welcoming, and inclusive society.”

—Pope Francis

We are excited to welcome you to our first monthly HIHO newsletter! Each month, we'll highlight friends and families of our HIHO programs, keep you up to date with our events, and let you know what we've been working on.

HIHO SPOTLIGHTS

We had the opportunity to get to know two 8th graders at our HIHO partner school, St. Ann Catholic School and find out more about them. We are so excited to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with them and their peers at SAS later this month!



CHARLOTTE

Favorite class: Science
Favorite hobby: Cheerleading
Favorite movie: Wonka



Charlotte and Grant working hard with Mrs. Davis.

GRANT

Favorite class: Science
Favorite pastime: Watching movies
Favorite movie: Finding Nemo



Thanks Charlotte and Grant for being our HIHO Spotlights this month!
Go Eagles!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 21st: World Down Syndrome Day

Celebrate our friends with Down Syndrome and spread awareness by wearing your favorite pair of mismatched, wacky, or fun socks! You are invited to a celebration Mass for World Down Syndrome Day at St. Ann Catholic Church, [5101 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37209](#), @ 1:30 pm.
Take a picture of you and your socks and tag @NashvilleCatholic to your posts on social media!

- April 13th: Sparkle Pageant

The Sparkle Pageant story is one of friendship and love for others. Each year we celebrate our differences in a fun and unique way! This year's pageant will be on Saturday, April 13th at Pope John Paul II Preparatory School, [117 Caldwell Dr, Hendersonville, TN 37075](#).

For more information, contact Danielle Beasley @ thesparklepageant@gmail.com
Follow the Sparkle Pageant on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

- October 24th: HIHO Golf Classic

Save the Date for our annual HIHO Golf Classic fundraiser. All proceeds go towards classroom supplies, curriculum, grants, scholarships, and professional development for our teachers.

Stay tuned for more information!

HIHO HIGHLIGHTS

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Number of Diocesan schools that currently serve students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Pope John Paul II Preparatory School](#)
[St. Ann Catholic School](#)
[St. Henry School](#)
[St. Matthew School](#)

16

Number of Diocesan schools that serve students with learning differences.

Resources and support vary by school.

7

Number of counties with Diocesan schools.

Davidson, Humphreys, Lawrence, Montgomery, Sumner, Rutherford, and Williamson.

38

Number of learning specialists and counselors in Diocesan schools.

1100

Number of students needing support who are currently being served.

5000+

Number of students from pre-k to 12th grade currently attending a Diocesan school.

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The presence of Hand in Hand Options has enhanced the inherent goodness, value, and wholeness of all students.

On behalf of our Catholic school students and families yet to be served in our schools, we ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution to Hand in Hand Options. Your generous gifts of prayer and contribution are greatly appreciated and will go a very long way in making a difference in many lives.

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To add events or spotlights to the HIHO newsletter, please contact Kathryn Sipos @ kathryn.sipos@dioceseofnashville.com.

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