

Dear **HFGS Families, Faculty, Staff, and Students,**

Our school opens on Monday and we welcome you all back.

Our faculty and staff completed our in-service days, classroom set-up, and decorations. Thanks to all the families that availed of the days to deliver the school supplies early. Such effort will make your first day of school a lot easier. Here is the **[schedule of our first day.](#)**

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. - Morning Care, 3rd Grade classroom

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Elk Gate is used for student and families' entrance. Parents and guests are only to use this gate on the first day of school.

* On a regular basis and for safety reasons, the Elk gate is the entrance gate for students only. Parents and visitors are to use the main door at the corner of Louise Street and Elk Avenue for all official business matters.

* The students will assemble in the GS yard following their specific grade level signs.

* The beautiful tradition of welcoming our parents and serving them coffee, tea, fresh juices, water, and bite-sized muffins and cookies is sponsored by our PTO Board. These are served by the students' lunch area. Thank you, PTO Board!

* **7:50 a.m.** - Homeroom teachers will pick up the children from the yard, leave their backpacks in the classroom, and will then proceed immediately to the GS auditorium for the 8:00 a.m. First Day of School assembly.

* **8:05 a.m.** - All the children will be seated in the GS auditorium. Student Council Commissioners will lead.

8:05 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - Morning Prayer, Patriotic Song, Pledge of Allegiance, SLE's - Schoolwide Learning Expectations, Introduction and reminders

* Fr. Jim Bevacqua, our Pastor will give us his blessings and will deliver his welcome speech to all our parents, guardians, faculty, staff, and students.

* School Principal will introduce our teachers and staff. Important reminders for the day and the week will be briefly provided.

8:50 a.m. - All students and teachers will proceed to their classrooms.

9:00 a.m. - Classes are in session and parents will come back to pick up the children in the afternoon.

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Morning Recess: Snacks, Play, and Hygiene Time

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. - Lunch Recess: Lunch, Play, and Hygiene Time

2:50 p.m. - TK Dismissal

2:55 p.m. - Kindergarten Dismissal

3:00 p.m. - 1st - 8th Grade Dismissal

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Pick up Time, Gate on Elk Avenue

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - After School Care

It is important to send your child his / her lunch on Monday. You also have the option to place lunch orders using the Happy Lunch Company form. For our new families, please know that no lunches are delivered to the classroom while school is in session. Your child, if not availing of the school's hot lunch program, should bring one in the morning. Thank you.

The first PTO Board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Please refer to the link below to access our school calendar for major school community events, student activities, and reminders. We have also summarized the quarterly days, non-federal and no school days, PTO General assemblies, CSB Board meetings, and more on the August month - page.

<http://localendar.com/public/HFGS-Bulldogs>

Our main teachers for SY 2018 - 2019:

TK - Miss Alexa Isaac

Kindergarten - Mrs. Teresa Nelson

1st Grade - Miss Justine Bote

2nd Grade - Miss Elisha Ty

3rd Grade - Mrs. Pamela Wardle

4th Grade - Ms. Katharine Monahan Huntley

5th Grade - Mr. Clarence Clark

6th Grade - Mr. Jared Soliman

7th Grade - Mr. Krikor Kiladjian
8th Grade - Mrs. Ashley Liberda
Physical Education - Mr. Karl Johnson
Technology - Ms. Maria Talavera
Spanish – Mrs. Patricia Coppola
Art - Miss Dolores Padilla
Music - Mr. Tomas Makiling
Counselor - Ms. Elizabeth Edmunds
Band Director - Mrs. Cheryl Lopez
Guitar Coach - Mr. Randall Garcia

Please make sure that the following are **submitted to our school office on Monday for us to have your child's information.**

- a. All required forms for SY 2018-2019
- b. Live scan and VIRTUS Certification (Safeguarding the Children attendance for all parent volunteers)
- c. 2018-2019 Vaccine Requirement for 7th Grade
- d. FACTS Tuition Management System sign in form

Some of our classes are now full to capacity while the other grade levels still have **remaining seats for student registration.** Please call up the office to inquire about our school's admission procedures for any interested referrals, friends, and new families.

We are very proud of our new set of faculty, leadership goals, and collaboration for this school year. We are revisiting and talking about effective measures for student success. Our goal is for every child to score at or above standards in English Language Arts, Reading, and Math. We are discussing strategies to assist those who may have some challenges as well. We are taking the assessment data from last year and wish to celebrate once more our students' progress by providing them enhanced programs, teaching methodologies, and the standardized curriculum from Common Core State Standards using our CIP, Core Instructional Practices. We are also looking for areas to increase student achievement in the classroom. Our theme this year is COURAGE. Therefore, with courage, please know that we are bravely supporting each cause to educate our students in multiple ways and bracing ourselves with the 21st century teaching skills and strategies necessary for success in your child's future.

For Today's Reflection and Meditation:

"Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness."

Psalm 85:8-13

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him, and make his footsteps a way.

Thank you and we welcome you to Holy Family Grade School!

- Dr. Suelto, Principal