Team Finland for HFGS and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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

I am very excited to announce that I will be part of a group of 12 Los Angeles area Catholic school principals for a study tour to Finland this March (March 9th - 16th). This project has been in development since last spring, with the funding and support of the Archdiocese, and we are about a month out. I am so glad to represent Holy Family Grade School - Glendale, CA as part of this professional development to learn about the educational system of Finland, which is considered one of the best in the world. Please see the attached article, which was featured in the California section of the LA Times last Wednesday (Catholic Schools Week), to learn more about our trip and the impact we hope to have on our great Catholic school system.

Then, last Friday, I was interviewed by Glendale News Press and they published an article about our school leadership, the awards that we have received thus far, and the selection process to send a delegation to Finland. I am elated and at the same time humbled by this wonderful blessing. **Please click on this link and read.**

https://www.latimes.com/socal/glendale-news-press/news/tn-gnp-me-hfgs-suelto-finland-20190204-story.html?

Know that I am grateful to all of you - Fr. Jim, Dr. Tony Galla, Dr. Susan Abelein, Mr. Ryan Halverson, Mrs. Marirose Martinez, Mrs. Leonora Bautista, Our Office Personnel, Deacon Ron, the HFCC Pastoral Staff, Mrs. Teresa Nelson, Ms. Katy Huntley, Mrs. Ashley Liberda, Mr. Tony Makhoul, Mr. George Brown, our PTO Board, Faculty, Staff, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Dr. Rey Pangilinan, Consultative School Board, all of our families, and supportive friends who continue to believe in the great strides that we are making here at HFGS! I will be out for one week in March and I can be contacted by email perhaps by irregular intervals but will respond to any urgent matters as soon as possible. In my absence, our knowledgeable Vice-Principals and office personnel will be around to assist you.

If you are interested, our group, Team Finland has started an Instagram and Twitter page (ADLA_in_Finland, @ADLA_in_Finland). We will be sharing our experiences throughout our process and journey to Finland.

Ystävällisin Terveisin,

Dr. Suelto, Principal