

Important for the Weeks of March 25th and April 1st, 2019.

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

I was back from Finland last week and ready to share the experience of the Finnish educational system. I can't wait to share with you what I, and the other eleven (11) principals from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, have learned from there. I was at the University of Tampere and in affiliation with Learning Scoop, received an up-close and personal view of daily life of students, teachers, and principals in the Finnish schools. I plan to share these wonderful observations, their national core curriculum, school and classroom implementation, and valuable characteristics that are noteworthy of sharing in the next succeeding and solid straight principal newsletters as well as an overview of their system during our April PTO General Assembly. I am blessed to have been granted such an opportunity!

Here are some major events that are coming up at HFGS:

Monday, 3/25/2019

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Lent Confessions for 3rd through 8th Grade, HFCC. This is a face-to-face confession with our priests. Each Religion teacher will help each class go through the student's examination of conscience and will recite The Act of Contrition before proceeding to church.

11:15 a.m. - A Student Limo Ride + Sibling + Chuck-E-Cheese's Lunch with Our Athletic Director & Principal: A March Madness Prize. If your family won, your child received a parent permission slip last Friday. Please do sign it and send it through your child's Homeroom teacher.

Tuesday, 3/26

7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Grandparents Day: Grandparents will be seated with their grandchild(ren) in Church at 7:45 a.m. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. and a simple program for grandparents will be held in the GS Auditorium. The first 10 pews in the old wing of the church will be designated for grandparents and their grandchildren. All the other classes will be seated behind them and two classes may occupy some pews in the new wing. There are about 70 grandparents' sign up and 60 students.

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #1 Available Child Care in 1st Grade Room & GSA. HFCC's Parish Mission Nights feature Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the cooking priest from EWTN!

Wednesday, 3/27

1:00 p.m. - Deanery 6 Spelling Bee in the GS Auditorium. HFGS hosts this year and there are three schools competing: Holy Family Grade School, St. Dominic, and Holy Trinity. Best of luck to our contestants - Nicole Paja (Deanery 6 Spelling Bee Champion from last year), Azucena Ortega, Antoinette Pena, Lindsay Cervantes, and Samantha Estrada.

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #2 Available Child Care in 1st Grade Room & GSA. HFCC's Parish Mission Nights feature Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the cooking priest from EWTN!

Thursday, 3/28 - Jeans for Jesus

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #3 Available Child Care in 1st Grade Room & GSA. HFCC's Parish Mission Nights feature Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the cooking priest from EWTN!

Friday, 3/29

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Stations of the Cross, GS Auditorium

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Funeral Mass for Mrs. Christina Garchitorena, sister of Mrs. Marirose Martinez. 5th through 8th grades will be in attendance at church. As a school, we share comfort by expressing our sympathies. We send thoughts of condolences and support to Mrs. Marirose Martinez (office manager), Mr. Rene Martinez (former CSB member and Morning Care supervisor), Mrs. Mary Waldron, Mrs. Angel Garchitorena (former teachers assists), Myka and Daniel Martinez (alumni).

5:30 p.m. - Fish Friday with Ministry Entertainment: Cooks: Spanish Ministries / Servers: Spanish Ministries / Entertainment: Spanish Choir Performance

Sunday, 3/31 - Cesar Chavez Day

Monday, 4/1

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 4th and 5th Grade Field Trip to The Getty

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Field Trip to Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

Tuesday, 4/2 - End of 3rd Quarter (1/24/2019 - 4/2/2019)

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - School Mass

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - A Matinee Performance: HFGS Stage Play & Musical "The King and I" under the direction of Miss Alexandre Legaspi, Mrs. Pamela Wardle, Miss Alexa Isaac, and Mr. Tom Makiling

12:00 noon - Early Dismissal / 1:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting / 6:30 p.m. PTO Board Meeting

Wednesday, 4/3 - Start of the 4th Qtr. (4/3/2019 - 6/14/2019)

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Natural History Museum

7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - An Evening Performance: HFGS Stage Play & Musical "The King and I" under the direction of Miss Alexandre Legaspi, Mrs. Pamela Wardle, Miss Alexa Isaac, and Mr. Tom Makiling

Thursday, 4/4 - Jeans for Jesus Day / PENMANSHIP CONTEST 2019

8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 1st and 6th Grade Field Trip to the California Science Center

10:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. - TK and Kindergarten Field Trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific

Friday, 4/5 - No School - CIP Day #4: Strengthening MATH Instruction / Child Care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Fish Friday with Ministry Entertainment: Cooks: EMHC Ministry / Servers: EMHC Ministry / Entertainment: Lent Trivia Game with Prizes presented by Deacon Ron

Sunday, 4/7

Cheer/Hip Hop Families: The final competition will be at Magic Mountain for the SHARP West Coast Championship. Best of luck! Location: Six Flags Magic Mountain, 26101 Magic Mountain Parkway Valencia, CA 91355

Competition times: 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM PDT (*Please note that times may change.)

More information will be sent within the next week by Mrs. Teresa Nelson, Athletic Director.

For our Topic of Finland, let us begin with these facts and we shall continue as the days go by.

Thank you.

The Government of Finland

Finland is governed by its status as a republic with representative democracy. The public administration is composed of the highest elected bodies, state administration, local government, and the judiciary. The highest elected body is made up of the parliament, the president, and the government. The Parliament of Finland exercises the legislative powers while the executive power is exercised by the cabinet supervised by the premier who heads the government of Finland.

Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education and Culture prepares the legislation and regulations for the education sector. The Government decides on the national objectives for education, the time allocation for compulsory and optional subjects in basic and general upper secondary education as well as the common core subjects and their scope in vocational education and training. In higher education the universities and polytechnics have autonomy with regard to the contents of their study programmes.

The national-level core curricula and qualification requirements in Finland are norms enacted by the Finnish National Agency for Education. These define the objectives and core contents as well as the basic principles of cooperation with homes as well as the objectives of pupil and student welfare services.

Distribution of lesson hours

The overall distribution of lesson hours for basic education and the minimum number of lessons for core subjects during basic education are decided by the Government. The distribution of lesson hours stipulates the core subjects taught to all pupils and the distribution of teaching hours between different subjects.

More to come, very grateful for you, and God bless!
- **Dr. Suelto**, Principal

References:

HFGS Online Calendar:

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

Fr. Jim's message on page 2 / Church Bulletin

<https://files4.ecfiles.com/20009/bulletins/20190324.pdf>

Influenza (Flu) & Other Respiratory Diseases / Prevention

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>