

Important for the Weeks of January 6 and 13, 2020

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

We are back in school and we hope that each one of you had a joyful and relaxing Christmas break. This Sunday's **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** gives us a chance to remember and celebrate the Three Kings. We celebrate the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and remembers his baptism. These are significant times when Jesus was "revealed" to be very important. During this celebration, we respond and believe, "**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**"

Our school administration and faculty welcome you all back and wish you the best this new year. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season for showering us with your many gifts and blessings.

Please take note of the following activities during these ***first two weeks of the year*** -

Monday, 1/6/2020 - Recycling Day

* Begin with STAR testing Window 2 (January 6 - 24).

Tuesday, 1/7

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

12:00 p.m. - Noon Dismissal

1:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting, Computer Lab

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting, Art Room

Wednesday, 1/8

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 4th Grade Walking Research field trip to the Glendale Public Library

*World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser begins.

Friday, 1/10 - Loaves & Fishes

9:00 a.m. - Start of 8th Graders' mock interviews

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - HFGS Cheer and Hip Hop Groups' warm cocoa and marshmallow sale for \$1

*FHC, First Holy Communion & 8th Grade Legacy fees due.

Tuesday, 1/14

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

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Cubs' Pack Meeting

Wednesday, 1/15

8:00 a.m. - Student Assembly led by Student Council Commissioners

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - WCEA Team's Pre-visit Day led by Mrs. April Beuder, School Accreditation Chairperson

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - PTO General Assembly, GSA

Thursday, 1/16

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - New Year's Bash and Jeans for Jesus

Friday, 1/17

* Faculty Professional Development Day - No School

* Child Care will be provided from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please fill up the form if you wish to avail of our child care services.

Do you know that...

* after a careful analysis of our first STAR Standardized testing results in December comparing all results from SY 2018-2019, **our students perform higher in both core subjects** - Reading and Math? Remarkably, our average and advanced learners from 3rd through 8th grade perform higher by three (3) or four (4) grade levels up in Reading than in Math. For instance, our Middle School

Reading average and advanced students' scaled scores are already and mostly geared towards 11th and 12th grade levels. That's truly amazing and record-breaking!

Math is high as well but will need more effort to level the exceedingly high Reading results. To note, there are individual Math learners who are three (3) or four (4) years higher in their Math scaled scores and these are categorized as our advanced learners.

To continue to pursue our goal in making all students' potential fully developed at Holy Family, especially in **the field of academics**, there are classroom strategies employed to dramatically improve student achievement. **We are committed to -**

- * constantly reference our Schoolwide Learning Expectations poster/document to guide us through;
- * establish a climate of mutual respect for learning;
- * set high and clear expectations for quality work;
- * insist on high quality by having students polish their work;
- * get students to read and write twice as much every day;
- * bring about a culture of evidence and proof in the classroom;
- * have students think and reflect with number concepts and computations every day;
- * maximize the percentage of time that all students are engaged in content learning;
- * use formative assessments ensuring that everyone understands before moving on;
- * collaborate with parents and provide appropriate recommendations for students' continued success;
- * give students brainbreaks during the day to absorb what was learned in a fun and happy classroom / school environment.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuy, along with Mr. Clarence Clark, have met to gather and plan ideas, steps, and some procedures to continue to enhance our advanced learner program. More details will be shared in our future bulletins.

A prayerful reflection to begin the week:

"Lord Jesus, your ways are life and light! Let your word penetrate my heart and transform my mind that I may see your power and glory. Help me to choose your ways and to do what is pleasing to you."

Psalm 2:7-8,10-11

7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, while trembling
12 kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

References:

Fr. Jim's Message on page

2: <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/20009/bulletins/20200105.pdf>

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

BVM Sisters' Website: <https://www.bvmsisters.org/>

Thank you and have a happy, healthy 2020!

- Dr. Suelto