

Important for The Week of April 20, 2020

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

Welcome back to our **Distance Learning Week #5 and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!**

I hope that you had a restful Easter break and are now getting ready to continue to complete the school year.

It has been, by far, a tremendous collaboration that we have had utilizing the influence of **fortitude, technology, digital citizenship, and self-discipline**. Thank you!

From the Department of Catholic Schools, **Superintendent Paul Escala** sends his warmest regards and is ***humbled by our families' and educators' perseverance, passion and faith during this time of uncertainty. Our status, in terms of coming back to school, has not changed. We will return to in-person instruction when public health officials determine it is safe to do so. As a result, distance learning will continue and we must prepare to maintain this through the end of the school year.***

Ending the School Year Strong and Starting a New School Year Smart will be high on our radar. There will be continuous discussions on the conclusion of the school year and how schools will return to in-person instruction in the Fall.

Moving on, please take note of the following:

- Holy Family Grade School administration and faculty, with the full cooperation of our families, will maximize the efficient use of technology and various strategies to reach out to our students' potential and engagement in learning.
- Student learning outcomes will be expected from content standards taught and skill practices done remotely.
- Teachers will post weekly assessment grades in Gradelink while parents will log in to check their child's weekly academic progress.

- Class schedule remains the same.
- A realistic and practical number of Zoom calls will be made for both subject teachers and students to be able to meet as a class.
- Our faculty will remain flexible in receiving student's work submissions.
- Students are expected to have prepared prior to the 8:00 a.m. start of class hours, dressed appropriately, and ready to complete the day's tasks with determination. This means following a solid sleeping routine, beginning the day with a habit of prayer, exercise, shower, and good breakfast, preparing all necessary tech gadgets, books, paper and pen, getting into a relaxed and positive mental state, and facing the work with the right attitude.
- Jog-a-Thon, First Holy Communion, and 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass will commence as soon as we come back.
- A Sports Recognition ViewBook program and a Virtual Graduation are in the works.
- Please check our school website calendar for grade level teachers' collaboration schedule across the archdiocese this week (for teachers only); and pick-up schedule of Student-of-the-Month, Student-of-the-Quarter certificates, A Survey for State and Federal educational programs and eligibility requirements (for parents); and Cap, Tassel, and Gown for 8th Graders (parents).

For our prayerful meditation to begin this week:

"Lord Jesus Christ, you offer us abundant new life and power to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Renew in me the gift of faith to accept and obey your life-giving word and to cooperate with the transforming power of your Holy Spirit who changes us into your likeness. May your kingdom come and your will be done in my life today, tomorrow, and always."

Psalm 2:1-9

1 Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

3 "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

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.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

References:

Fr. Jim's Message

<https://hfglendale.org/bulletins>

Grade School Website Calendar

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

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Their Mission, and Core Values

<https://www.bvmsisters.org/>

Thank you, God bless, and Happy Sunday of Divine Mercy!

Dr. Suelto