

Important for the Week of May 27th, 2020 - Distance Learning Week #10

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

I hope that each one of you had a restful and a fun weekend celebrating the 7th Easter of Sunday, Monday Memorial Holiday, and today's Professional Development Day for our faculty. We are grateful for the moment spent memorializing the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Yesterday was a peaceful quiet time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today.

Today, our faculty shared new strategies to continue to engage the children in Distance Learning during the remaining three weeks before the end of this school year. Most of our faculty will be the same talented educators who will serve in our Summer School program. Have you registered your child upon receipt of the Summer School email from your child's subject teacher? I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity. From four to six weeks are the choices for your child's Summer enrollment on courses toward advancement or remediation. Please connect with Mrs. Teresa Nelson, Summer School Coordinator and Mrs. Leonora Bautista, Bookkeeper.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week are the days for pick up of awards and the program for Friday's Sports Recognition. A kind reminder was sent to all to update their accounts with Mrs. Leonora Bautista. In order to join these major events to end the year, it is important that each family account is clear of all financial obligations. We thank all of our families in advance for following our school policies.

The ADLA released last Friday an announcement that they joined both counties of Ventura and Sta. Barbara for allowing a drive by parade for a closing ceremony or a graduation. There are very strict restrictions and not one is allowed to get out of his / her car and to continue to follow all social distancing and safety measures whoever wishes to participate to do this activity. To update, our 8th grade families have been refunded their caps and gown payment prior to this announcement. Mrs. Liberda has also emailed each 8th Grader his / her list of accomplishments for the graduation pre-recorded video, a virtual graduation through Zoom, and a special meal prepared by 8th grade families in the comfort of their homes. The dates released last week for pick up of awards, tassel, and program remain the same. Thank you!

Here is on the announcement of Vehicle Parades from our Deputy Superintendent for Catholic Elementary Schools, Dr. Tony Galla:

If you decide to engage in any vehicle-based parades or drive through events on Archdiocese parish or school grounds, you must read and adhere to the stipulations outlined in the attached – there are no exceptions. For our colleagues in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, please see their most recently modified health orders below and follow their orders accordingly: Santa Barbara County: (see item 34)

http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/phd/PROGRAMS/Disease_Control/Corona/HOO2020-8-2Stage2.pdf

Ventura County: (see 11 /a./ 5)
https://vcportal.ventura.org/CEO/VNC/2020-05-20_VCPHOOfficerOrder_ver20200507_amended_20200520.pdf

Here is an excerpt from Superintendent Paul Escala's message on Re-opening of schools in the Fall:

"As I shared in my communication on May 8th, the decision to return to in-person instruction in fall will be made by public health officials. Our goal is to safely return to campuses and should become necessary during the school year, prepare for the resumption of distance learning.

The archdiocese is working with state and local authorities on campus health and safety measures that will align with our distinctive Catholic schools. This process is fluid and occurring daily. We should expect a decision and guidance from state and local officials no later than Monday, June 15th.

To resume in-person instruction, families and staff will need to have confidence and faith in our collective ability to maintain a high standard of health and safety. Based on the latest CDC guidelines, sustained personal hygiene practices (i.e. hand washing, facial coverings), limitations on gatherings, and a plan to respond to positive cases will be required. Frequent cleaning of surfaces, promotion of social distancing, use of outdoor spaces, limiting student mixing and health checks should be expected. While guidance from state and local public health will ultimately determine specific modifications required in our schools, the standards outlined by the CDC are considered a starting point."

While he encouraged modifications to be made for the possibility of a safe in-person instruction return or / with Distance Learning, HFGS is continuing to build a solid plan for our families.

Thank you and God bless. GO BULLDOGS!
Dr. Suelto
