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Congratulations, First Holy Communion Class of 2020!

First Holy Communion of our 2nd Grade

Thanks to Fr. Jim, Fr. Marlon, Fr. Sam, and Fr. Jeff Baker for concelebrating our 2nd Graders' Sacrament of the Eucharist last Saturday, June 27th at our Church. We are extending our gratitude to our 2nd grade families, Miss Ty (2nd Grade Teacher), Mrs. Teri Nelson (Vice-Principal), Miss Isaac (TK), Ms. Bote (1st), Mr. Tom Makiling (Music), Mrs. Sandra Rodas (Religious Education Director), Deacon Ron Baker, James Jonson (for live streaming this Mass), and our Office Personnel for the wonderful support to make this sacrament possible.

Jog-a-Thon 2020

While we were able to pull off the Sports Recognition, 8th Grade Graduation, End-of-the-Year Awarding, and the First Holy Communion celebration with very careful details during this pandemic, Jog-a-Thon will be next. A core committee from our PTO Board (Tony Makhoul, Anna Samuy, and Jerome Aguilar) attended the Zoom meeting with Aaron and Alexis Callahan of Boosterthon last week to strategize and deliver this last event of the school year beginning with the Final Victory Lap of our Class of 2020 on Friday, August 7, 2020.

Tentatively, August 7 will be the date scheduled as well for the other grade levels to do a 30 to 45 minute physical fitness activities or calisthenics. **Coach Karl Johnson and Athletic Director Teri Nelson** are preparing the program and will let you know the details in July. A physical fitness shirt, a moment with classmates and families, an award for participation, a healthy meal prepared by parent volunteers will be distributed on the same day. **Save the date: Friday, August 7th!** Details of the program will be determined and shared as we get closer to the date. Meanwhile, please enjoy your summertime.

A Safe Instruction Plan for HFGS SY 2020 – 2021 (Revised as of 6.30.2020)
(COVID-19)

While waiting for immunity, this document presents a safe instruction plan either through Distance Learning (Group #1) OR the On-Campus Instruction / Hybrid Instruction: Combination of Distance Learning and Classroom In-Person Teaching and Learning (Group #2) for HFGS students from TK through 8th Grade. A [Continuous Distance Learning](#) modality until a vaccine is made available OR the [On-Campus Instruction / Hybrid Instruction: Combination of Distance Learning and Classroom In-Person Teaching and Learning](#) will be provided for families to choose from. The preference of each registered family has to be established and made clear with school office personnel the week of June 8th for registered families & July 15th for new families using the Return Slip. All responses will assist in proper planning and adequate staffing in the classrooms, playground, hallways, gates for entrance and exit. This plan will be in effect during the new school year and will be reviewed based on immunity updates and guidelines from ADLA – Archdiocese of Los Angeles, CDPH - California Department of Public Health, AAP - The American Academy of Pediatrics, and our public and city health officials.

Common Core State Standards, Grading System, Flexibility, and Student Attendance

1. Teachers will continue to use the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and California Common Core State Standards for lesson planning and selecting materials for teaching in various grade levels.
2. Flexibility is of primary consideration in turning in homework and projects.
3. All teachers and students in Groups 1 and 2 will have to begin at the same time. A weekly plan of lessons, projects, tests, and Zoom calls will need to be determined per grade level / subject.
5. The grades of A+ through C-, and NI (for D and F) will be used for assessing student work, performance, and participation.
6. Students in attendance will show their best effort.
7. Teachers will continue to use their LMS, Learning Management System through Seesaw and / or Google Classroom to organize lessons which students can access and use both in and out of the classroom.
8. Instructional time described as a “day in session” is defined as one in which all teachers and students are on campus (or engaged in distance learning) for at least a minimum day of instruction (consists of no fewer than 180 minutes of content engagement through a variety of teaching and learning strategies.

A Safe Plan for the In-Person Return

- Periodic Health checks
 - Temperature checks via no-touch thermal scan thermometers will happen in the morning and / or before going home.
 - A temperature check will be taken at the school gate by parent volunteers or staff on gate duty.

- Before entering campus, all students (or guardians on behalf of the students) must respond to a brief health screening. If a student (or guardian on behalf of the student) responds with an affirmative to any of the screening questions, he / she must not enter the school building.
- Screening must include questions concerning cough, shortness of breath, fever and any other abnormal symptoms that a student may be experiencing.
- Daily temperature checks - frequent sneezing/coughing should be automatically sent home, or if a temperature develops, the child will be sent home.
- Parents are strongly advised to monitor for symptoms at home and are kindly reminded to keep children who are sick at home until they are fever and vomit free (without medication) for 24 hours.
- Increasing Hygiene
 - Washing uniforms daily, hand-washing at the end of each class period, wiping down desks at the end of each class.
 - Both students and staff will be trained and reminded on a frequent basis on proper hygiene, cleaning, physical distancing protocols, etc. Ways will be explored for students to have a leadership role in compliance and educating the community about healthy practices. Everyone is to adhere to the rules of ensuring proper hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection.
 - Restrooms are used at designated times, including that no more students will be admitted into a restroom at a time than there are sinks in the restrooms.
 - There will be frequent opportunities to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application and using paper towels to dry hands thoroughly and occurring at minimum:
 - Before and after eating
 - After using the restroom
 - After outdoor play.
 - Before and after any group activity
- Personal plastic containers with lids for each student school supplies / Hand washing / Classroom Carpets / Cleaning
 - Hand washing & hand sanitizing will be worked into the schedule.
 - Parents may begin to buy hand sanitizers and Clorox/Lysol wipes.
 - Roll up carpets for the year. No carpets.
 - All teachers and teacher aides will assist in cleaning after school.
- Physical Distancing & Use of Student Desk Partitions
 - Maintain social distancing requirements or utilize student desk partitions.
- Spaced desks
 - At least 4 to 6 feet apart vertically and horizontally. Teachers can also have a designated area outside to teach large classes, if needed.
- Spaced lunches
 - Staggered snack times for grade levels will be essential to allow time for cleaning in between.

- Everyone eats outside at different times to allow for social distancing. No eating/drinking on the turf.
- Social distancing during dismissal
 - Students can stay in their fire drill lines, six feet apart (TK-3rd can be in the auditorium with 4th-8th outside).
- Rotating teachers instead of students
 - Art and technology are the only teachers that the primary grades visit. All other allied teachers will come to the classroom.
 - Rotating teachers instead of students is a possibility especially for Middle School.
- Distance learning becoming normal for part of the week or within the week
- Limited attendance or no sporting events. This will have to depend on CYO announcements.
- No field trips.
 - Virtual field trips may be selected.
- Changes to socializing
 - Guidelines will be discussed with families prior to the first day of school.
 - Reduce the congregating of students in hallways, recess and lunch areas, and outside the classrooms.
 - Floor markings and signage will be installed to follow.
- Staggered arrival and dismissal
 - Starting with younger grades and vulnerable students first
- Quarantining when necessary
 - Doctors' notes will be reinforced. If a child goes on vacation, he or she must have the mandated 14 days of quarantine.
 - A positive test would require the person to isolate and be retested before school entry. It would also necessitate quarantining those who have been in close contact with that person for 14 days.
- Opening windows
- Masks or face shields will be worn all the time.

References for Parents and Faculty:

1. [Holy Family Grade School Website](#)
2. [Holy Family Grade School CALENDAR](#)
3. [Holy Family Catholic Church – Glendale, CA](#)
4. [Education in the Faith, Archdiocese of Los Angeles](#)
5. [Maintaining Catholic Identity in Distance Learning Education](#)
6. [Catholic Schools Trailblazing Distance Learning in California](#)
7. [CDC: How To Protect Yourself and Others](#)
8. [Why Practice Social Distancing](#)
9. [Guidance from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for On-Campus Instruction](#)

Farewell and Thank You's

As seasons change, some people's plans for the next school year change as well for various reasons – relocation, pursuing educational degrees, spending quality time with family, and many more. It is through this communication that we would like to express our gratitude and send our well wishes to the following members of our Holy Family Grade School Community and our archdiocese:

- **Sr. Mary Elizabeth Galt, BVM** - Sr. Mary Elizabeth Galt is one of our BVM Sisters and the Chancellor to Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. She is retiring this end of June, 2020 after nearly 60 years of service in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In the words of our Archbishop, Sister Mary Elizabeth is one of the most accomplished and highest – ranking women serving in the universal Church. She held the positions of Superintendent and Associate Superintendent of Catholic Elementary Schools. She has also been a passionate leader in the area of child protection, ensuring that we are creating safe environments in our parishes, schools, and other ministries. We thank Sr. Mary Elizabeth for her being a blessing to our Church's mission!
- **Mrs. Kimberlee Thomas** – Mrs. Thomas devoted her twenty five years or so here at Holy Family Grade School as a Full Time Middle School faculty teaching Science; and later on spending a few hours a day assisting in our After School Care and in our ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors Program. She now lives in Iowa to be closer with her own family and will hopefully visit us from time to time to serve as an educational resource speaker in Science or in Scouting! Thank you for your many years of service and your friendship, Mrs. Thomas.
- **Miss Elisha Ty** – She served as the 2nd Grade classroom teacher, FHC Coordinator, and a Volleyball Coach assistant for five years. Lately, she moderated our Kiwanis Builders Club. She officially resigned last June 18th and completed her duties with 2nd Grade as the First Holy Communion teacher on Saturday, June 27th. After five years at Holy Family, she wanted a change of environment for a whole new experience in the same field of teaching ministry. Well wishes to Miss Ty.
- **Mr. Mikel Rodriguez** – He was a dedicated classroom teacher assistant serving our school for about four years. He started as an active member of our LifeTeen Ministry and decided to spend some time working in the classroom, as well as in supervising students during their breaks and playtime. He will pursue his academic degree and is returning as a full time university student in the Fall. Good luck, Mr. Rodriguez!
- **Mrs. Marirose Martinez** – Mrs. Martinez has said goodbye to her Full Time position as an Office Manager. She has expressed her desire to work on a Part Time basis only, starting in September 2020 so she can spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Her impeccable organization and dedication to serve our school families will be missed! Mrs. Martinez, however, will still work at the office for a few days during each month. Thank you and God's many blessings, Mrs. Martinez!

Thank you and a blessed summer to ALL!

Dr. Suelto

Stay healthy, strong, and compassionate. Take care of those who are vulnerable. Let family members know they are precious. Do what it takes to keep a roof over your head and food on the table. Everything else can wait.

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