



**Newsletter**  
**12.14.2020**

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**Our SY 2020 -2021 Student Council Commissioners, Fr. Jim, Mrs. Liberda, and I wish you ALL a blessed Christmas!**

**Important for the Weeks of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Sun. 12/13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Mon. 12/14**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – PLC / Deanery 6 Principals' meeting

**Tues. 12/15**

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – School Mass (live-streamed)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Faculty Meeting

**Fri. 12/18**

7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. – An Online Presentation of HFGS Christmas Program prepared by Mr. Tomas Makiling, Mrs. Cheryl Lopez, GS Faculty, Concert Chorus, and TK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. Save this date and time to enjoy the Grade School program.

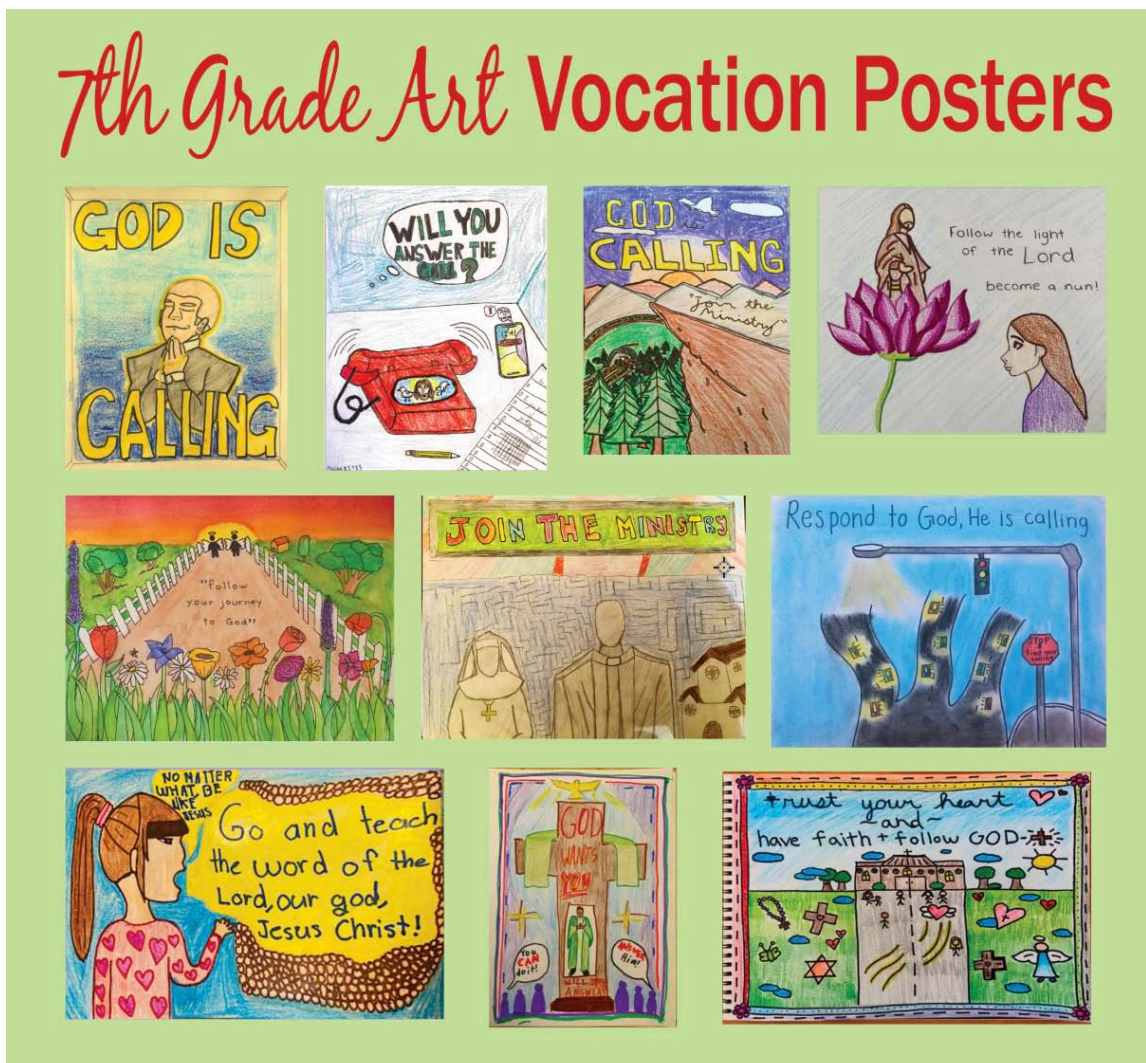
**Thurs. 12/24**

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass for Children sponsored by the Grade School, HFCC Holy Courtyard of Charity (Patio)

**Thurs. 12/17 – Sun. 1/3/2021 – Christmas break**

**Fri. 1/1/2021 – Happy New Year!**

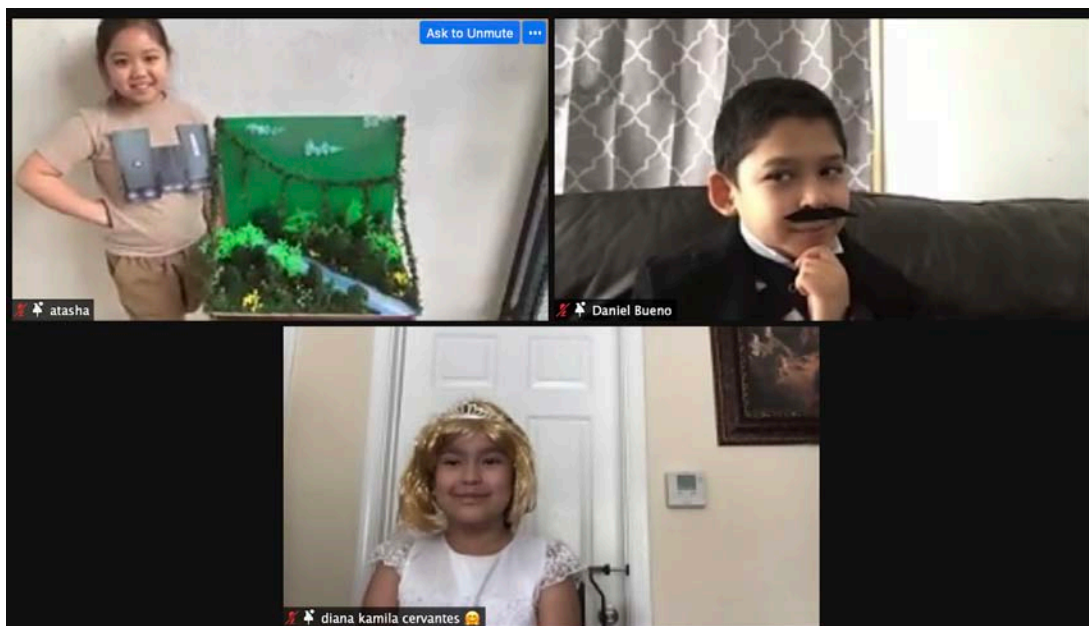
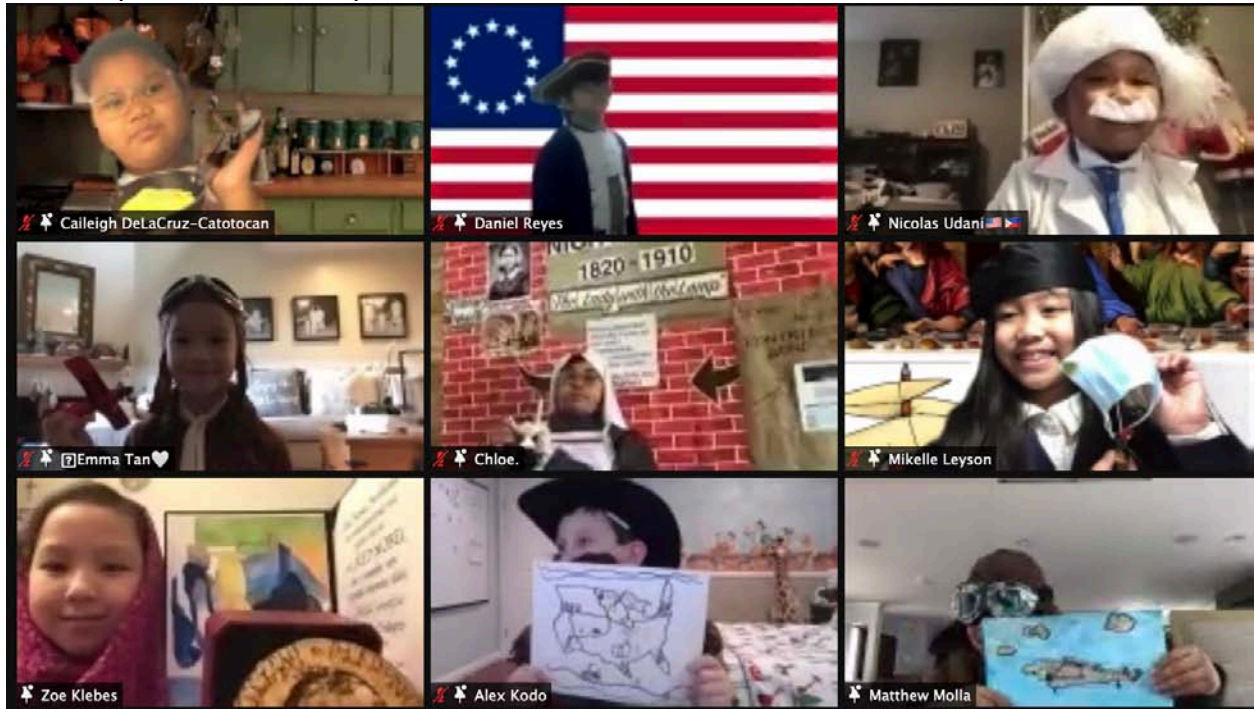
**Mon. 1/4/2021 – Welcome back to school! Recycling Day**



From the desk and Zoom classes of Mrs. Courtney Abruzzo on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Vocation Posters

**3rd Grade: Social Studies: Biography Book Report by Mrs. Pamela Wardle**

In 3rd grade, students were tasked with researching a famous person of their choice. They had to read a biography on that person that was over 75 pages long. They then dressed up as that person and reported as that person over Zoom. They gave their life story and what they were famous for. Then, other students asked them hard hitting questions that maybe were not answered in their report. Some of our famous guests included: Amelia Eirheart, Albert Einstein, Julia Child, Florence Nightingale, Nicola Tesla, and Abe Moss! Overall, students had tons of fun and everyone said that they had fun.



**Resource Specialist's Report for Grades K-3 by Mrs. Teresa Nelson**

**Kindergarten** is working on Alphabetic Principle and phonics. (Extra support provided through "Heidisongs", EDMARK "Bailey's Book House", Pinkcat games.com, and Epic.) **First Grade** is working on reading comprehension, main idea, and first grade sight word recognition. (Additional support is provided through EDMARK "Bailey's Book House", Reading A-Z, Menteatery.com, Dolch Slight Words, Pincatgames.com, and The Teaching Treehouse). **Second Grade** focus is on sight word recognition Dolch, reading fluency, reading comprehension, contractions, main idea and key details. (Extra support provided through SISD Reading First, EDMARK "Bailey's Book House", Tobin reading comprehension and fluency, and Pinkcat.com). **Third grade** focus is paragraph writing using first, next, then and last, reading fluency, influences, and reading comprehension. (Extra support provided through Annie Moffit.com, KerryLutz.com, InspireMeASAP.com, PinkCat and Epic.com).

**Resource Specialist's Report for Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> by Mrs. Ashley Liberda**

All is going well with 4th through 8th. Mrs. Liberda makes certain to communicate with the Homeroom Teachers every week (usually Friday) updating them on how each child is performing. She provides them both with each student's weekly percentage, as well as their overall performance for all assignments submitted. Prior to Thanksgiving break, she emailed each parent in the program a report of how their child is doing, what his/her strengths are, what areas he/she can improve upon, and a detailed list of exactly where the child struggles (citing textual evidence, drawing conclusions, identifying the main idea, etc.). The parents were appreciative of such communication. A few parents from this program also reached out asking what other materials can be purchased to help their child with comprehension strategies.

**Advanced Learner's Program Report by Mr. Clarence Clark**

Teachers were reminded to add their information to the Google doc. A form letter was provided to teachers for possible communication with parents. Fourth and Fifth Grade students have begun or soon will begin Move-Up Math (MUM). Younger students and their teachers have also been in communication about possible participation. Dr. Suelto expressed the view that often students take great pride in being invited to move-up. Ms. Huntley also stressed the advantage of students not being graded and allowed to be exposed to higher level Math.

**ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors' Training Update from Mr. Jared Soliman and on behalf of Mrs. Ofelia Ruta**

On Wednesday, December 2nd, a parent orientation session was held and on Friday, December 4th, the first meeting was held with the ALA students. Mrs. Ruta and Mr. Soliman communicated their expectations to the students and provided some additional information regarding the program. The students will continue to use the IXL program. The second session with the students was held December 9th. Many students are excited to begin the program.

### **Annual Giving 2020**

Our school has sent you via mail our Annual Giving invitation and pledge card to continuously support our educational goals. Your donation will primarily help us reach our goal of \$200,000 for the much needed and on-going Capital Improvement Projects and Scholarship Tuition Assistance Program. Capital Improvement projects include an enhanced technology infrastructure, kitchen remodel, and an upgraded science lab. We would love for business, community leaders, and individuals to be on board with us.

The Holy Family Grade School Community is clearly excited and eager to see these projects come to fruition. You can be part of that excitement by supporting us through your donation. Please fill out and return the pledge card, or Give online at [www.hfgsglendale.org](http://www.hfgsglendale.org) to join the parents, grandparents, administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who generously support Holy Family Grade School each year. Thank you in advance!

### **A spiritual meditation to begin the week...**

Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony.

#### **Psalm 98:1-4**

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

2 The LORD has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Thank you and have a blessed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent!

Dr. Suelto

#### **References:**

***Fr. Jim's Message***

[Church Bulletin](#)

***Grade School Website***

[School Calendar](#)

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

[BVM Sisters' Website](#)