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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: January 31st – February 6, 2021



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

We hope that you had a relaxing and reflective MLK, Jr. weekend.

Significantly, this day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Department of Catholic Schools Superintendent Paul Escala shared his thoughts and relays: "Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I pray that you are able to reflect on his life, his message and the movement he led which we continue to fight for in our country. Never since the days of the civil right movement has his words been so appropriate and so necessary than they are now; "We shall overcome because the arc of the morale universe is long but it bends towards justice." In the days ahead, let us pray and work towards this end in our schools, community, church, and nation."

We share with you various Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lessons and activities from all our grade levels. Our faculty planned and implemented to make this event more meaningful and relevant in the lives of our young today.

Transitional Kindergarten by Miss Kaitlyn LaFrance



TK listened to the story, "Courageous People Who Changed the World" focusing on the part that discussed Martin Luther King, Jr. Students then learned about his life and took a short quiz on Boom Cards. Finally, TK made birthday cards for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and signed their names on the cards.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Teresa Nelson









Our Kindergarten class read an emergent text on celebrating each other's differences in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Using their Scholastic News Subscription, the Kindergartners watched a video "Dr. King, A Leader and a Hero" to provide them with a background of who he was and his dreams for the future. Our class discussed Martin Luther King, Jr., and how differences are good! We imagined that each of us is like a piece of a puzzle. Each piece is beautiful and unique on its own. When all the pieces are put together, they make a beautiful picture. Students were able to choose from many hands on activities, stories, puzzles, and worksheets within the magazine to help them better understand Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1st Grade - Ms. Justine Bote



Our 1st graders first learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by listening to the story *I Am Martin Luther King Jr.* by Brad Meltzer. The class discussed what we learned about him and his importance. Our 1st graders then completed a directed drawing of Dr. King, Jr. On Seesaw, our 1st grade students read a short passage about him and answered some questions about what they learned from the short passage.

2nd Grade - Miss Alexa Isaac







Our 2nd graders began their research on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a choice board activity. Each student was asked to choose 4 activities to complete, each with a different digital resource for their research. Some of the resources included were videos, websites, timelines, and books. The different activities ranged from video recordings, writing, summarizing, and art projects. This is an introduction to their presentation project that they will complete this upcoming week!

3rd Grade - Mrs. Pamela Wardle

Students will read about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he is more than just his speech. Students will take notes and discuss about his life and how what he spoke for still applies to our lives today.

4th Grade - Ms. Katy Huntley





Reading and discussion of ReadWorks passage, "The King Holiday," and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s relevance in terms of today's politics and society.

5th Grade - Mr. Clarence Clark

Next week (January 19), students will watch and study one or two speeches of Dr. King and then color a black and white drawing titled "God's Children Come in All Colors." The drawing includes historical photographs of Dr. King and the civil rights movement. Students will be encouraged to be creative in their use of color. Here is the drawing:



6th, 7th, and 8th Grade – Mr. Krikor Kiladjian

We first watched an animated video on Dr. King Jr.'s biography followed by a discussion about some of the main points that stood out to the students. Second, we took a virtual field trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee (The museum was originally the Lorraine Motel, which is where Dr. King Jr. was assassinated). We also visited the Smithsonian website, identified some images of significant moments from Dr. King Jr.'s life, the civil rights movement, and discussed their descriptions (i.e., MLK's arrest in Montgomery, Alabama, the march on Washington handbill, Rosa Parks, Ralph Abernathy, and Dr. King Jr. during the bus boycott, and an image of an integrated bus in 1956 after the Supreme Court decided that segregation on buses is unconstitutional). Finally, we watched Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Here are some pictures during these activities.





Important for the Weeks of January 18th and 25th, 2021

Mon. 1/18/21 - No School. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tues. 1/19

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. - School Live-streamed Mass

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

Wed. 1/20

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. - 4th through 8th Grade Student Assembly

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. - TK through 3rd Grade Student Assembly

Note: 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed.

Fri. 1/22

Note: Science Contest submissions are concluded.

Mon. 1/25

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Deanery / PLC6 Principals' Meeting

Tues. 1/26

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - School Live-streamed Mass

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

Wed. 1/27

6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. - 2nd Grade FHC, First Holy Communion Parent Orientation via Zoom c/o Miss Alexa Isaac

Sending Our Sincere Condolences...

Please pray for the passing away of **Mrs. Carmencita Kastner**, mom of Bernadette Kastner, and grandmother of Brendan (8th Grade), Dylan (6th Grade), and Grace Jazmines (Kindergarten) and for the repose of the soul of **Mr. George Baramily**, dad of Matteo Baramily (1st Grade). Both Carmencita and George were called home peacefully to join the Heavenly Kingdom of God, our Father. Let's continue to pray for the purification of their souls toward this journey.

As a community of faithful believers, let us offer our sincere condolences and prayers to the Kastner, Jazmines, Zarate, and Baramily families during this time of their loss. May **Carmencita** and **George** forever Rest In Peace and may God's Perpetual Light shine upon them.



A prayer meditation to begin the week...

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Help me to seek you earnestly in prayer and fasting that I may turn away from sin and willfulness and conform my life more fully to your will. May I always find joy in knowing, loving, and serving You who are My All.

Psalm 110:1-4

- 1 The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your foes!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day you lead your host upon the holy mountains. From the womb of the morning like dew your youth will come to you.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Sincerely grateful and looking forward to a peaceful Presidential inauguration of our nation this week,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Jim's Message on page 2

<u>Parish Bulletin</u>

Grade School Website Calendar

<u>HFGS Calendar</u>

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

BVM Sisters' Website

"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle."

"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.