Important for the Weeks of March 8th and 15th, 2021

Dear HFGS Families, Faculty, and Staff,

On School Reopening

We completed our meetings with all the families from our three schools in the last two weeks. We are indeed grateful for your attendance and active participation from the filling out of surveys to the open forum session of our meetings. Our school reopening for the in-person instruction for TK through 6th grade will commence on Monday, March 15, 2021. Last Thursday, we received the news that 7th through 12th grade can reopen as well, following some paperwork submission, website posting, and approval. With those requirements, we anticipate our 7th and 8th grade classes' in-person instruction to happen right after we come back from our Easter break.

Our faculty have been preparing for the return of some students and they have been coming on Fridays to set up the classrooms. Teacher Assistants were interviewed and thus, two supervising adults in 14 students or more in a stable regular cohort, following the appropriate social distancing protocols for desks and chairs will be followed. Here is the schedule for each school.

Primary Grade:

Drop Off: Students will arrive between 8:15 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. at the gate on Elk Avenue (near HVAC). Class will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Morning Recess and Hygiene: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lunch Recess and Hygiene: 11:30 a.m. -12:20 p.m. Dismissal: 2:30 p.m. (Elk Avenue Gate; by HVAC)

Elementary Grade:

Drop Off: Students will arrive at school between 8:15 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. at the Lomita gate. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Morning Recess and Hygiene: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Notes

- 1. Students will be crossing toward the big yard with proper supervision.
- 2. 3rd Grade Lunch: 11:45 a.m. 12:20 p.m. (Lunch Tables; then cross with 6th Grade)
- 3. 4th and 5th Grade Lunch: 12:00 noon 12:45 p.m. (Lunch Tables/Hallways; then cross together)

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m. (Lomita Ave. Gate)

Middle School

Drop Off: Students will arrive at school between 8:00 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. Class will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Morning Recess and Hygiene: 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Lunch Recess and Hygiene: 11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m. (Elk Avenue Gate; behind Kindergarten Room)

Instruction Time

For both the in-Person and Distance Learning cohorts, the schedule of the in-Person takes precedence. While the students from the in-Person class hold their break periods, that will be the same for the main teacher and the students from home.

School Supply

Our faculty will be meeting this Tuesday to talk about the specific amount of personalized classroom materials and supplies each student will bring to class (for the in-Person cohort). Subject teachers will communicate with families in the middle of the week. Thank you, parents and teachers!

We welcome our Teacher Assistants - TK

& Kinder: Mrs. Maureen Garcia 1st Grade: Mrs. Esperanza Santos 2nd Grade: Miss Raziel Pelongco

3rd Grade: Aaron Pati 4th Grade: Abram Bautista 5th Grade: Miss Charlius Medina 6th Grade: Mr. Youshan Ghasheh

PPEs, safety banners, floor decals, hand sanitizing stations, desk barriers, and more, are all set for everybody's use while at school to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Please continue to read our CSP (COVID-19 Safety Plan), CPP (COVID-19 Prevention Program), and Reopening Plan as posted on our school website. In the next two weeks, those documents will be updated to include the addition of two (2) cohorts - 7th and 8th grade classes.

SPORTS Announcements and Consent Forms

These will be forwarded by Mrs. Teri Nelson (Athletic Director) and Coach Karl Johnson (Physical Education Teacher and Sports Consultant).

Thank you, Ms. Katy Huntley, Families, and Students!

Congratulations to all the winners of our **Short Fiction Writing and Illustration Contest 2021**! Here at HFGS, we celebrate the talents of our rising creative writers and illustrators. Ms. Huntley's reading of the winning entries, their titles, and respective authors was a recognition of our students' good writing qualities - focus, development, unity, coherence, correctness, and creativity.

Congratulations, 8th Grade!

Last Saturday, twenty nine of our thirty four 8th graders gathered together in our open yard and astroturf for a fellowship and a simple celebration of their acceptances in the high schools of their choice. Many thanks to our 8th grade families, our Class of 2021, Fr. Jim, Fr. Marlon, Fr. Mike, Mrs. Joanna Samija (event coordinator) and Mr. David Samija, Mrs. Ashley Liberda, Mr. Jared Soliman, Mrs. McNutt, Mrs. Joal Ryan, Mrs. Ale Gurrola, Mrs. Joelle Delfin, and Mrs. Fatima Polo!

<u>Amazing, Fun Fact -</u>

Our ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors program is doing incredibly well in their training! Thanks to the members of our ALA, Main Coach Ofelia Ruta and Assistant Coach Jared Soliman. ALA recently received certificates from IXL that they have completed 10 hours of language arts practice on March 5th, outstanding completion of 10,000 questions on March 3rd, and an outstanding completion of 5,000 math questions on February 26th!

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Mon. 3/8/21 - Registration for School Year 2021 -2022 10:00 a.m. - Pastoral Staff meeting, HFCC

Tues. 3/9

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - School Mass 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Faculty Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

Wed. 3/10

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Kindergarten visit with Fr. Jim **Note**:

- 1. Our 8th Grade Retreat is rescheduled for next week. TBD.
- 2. Last day to receive for in-person instruction preference through email. Next survey will be in mid-April.

Fri. 3/12 - Professional Development Day & Preparations for the in-Person School Reopening **Note**: Don't forget to do the Stations of the Cross. Thank you!

Sun. 3/14 - DST, Daylight Saving Time starts.

Mon. 3/15 - School resumes for In-Person Instruction for TK through 6th Grades. 1:00 p.m. - Deanery / PLC 6 Principals' Meeting

Tues. 3/16

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - School Mass 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 3/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Note:

- 1. Possible Retreat Day for 8th Graders
- 2. 3rd Quarter ends (January 12 March 17)

Thurs. 3/18 - 4th Academic Quarter begins.

Fri. 3/19

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - 2nd Grade Students will enjoy "Scruffy and the Egg" with author Angela Sanchez via Zoom.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Annual Vocation Poster Virtual Celebration via Zoom led by Fr. Mike Perucho. Congratulations, Ryan Giron, 7th Grade winner from HFGS!

For our prayerful meditation to begin the week...

Lord Jesus, teach me to love your ways that I may be quick to renounce sin and wilfulness in my life. Make me whole and clean again that I may delight to do your will.

Psalm 42:2-4; 43:3-4

- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- Oh send out your light and your truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Thank you and have a blessed week ahead! Dr. Suelto

Attachment: School Counselor Justine Plocher's message on Praise Vs. Encouragement

References:

Fr. Jim's Message

https://hfglendale.org/bulletins School Calendar

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Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary https://www.bvmsisters.org/