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**Newsletter 5.24.2021**

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**Our 8th Graders and MS faculty got an ice cream treat after lunch yesterday from Fr. Jim at the park on Louise St. Thanks so much, Mrs. Liberda for the graduation rehearsal - seating arrangement & processional / recessional drills with Mr. Makiling's music and assistance. Thanks to Brandon Kawachi, our LifeTeen Ministry Coordinator for joining as well.**

**Some updates from DCS Superintendent Paul Escala on his memo dated 5/17/2021**

We have a few updates to provide to you regarding Public Health:

- **Masking:** Today, the State of California announced that masking requirements will remain in place through June 15, 2021, including for all vaccinated individuals. Come

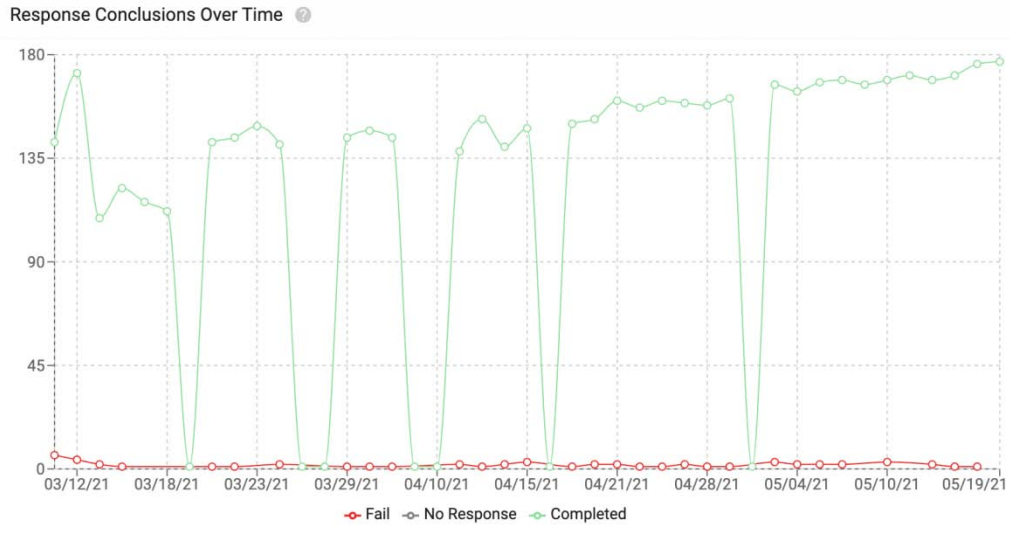
June 15<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the governor's plan, the state's recovery blueprint will be suspended and the tier system regulations on all social and business sectors will be lifted. Until then, please maintain alignment with all masking requirements on-campus.

- **End of the Year Activities:** All five of the public health departments in the ADLA are following the CDPH guidance for end of the year school events. LACDPH is NOT planning to make their guidance stricter than the state.
- **Vaccine Eligibility Expansion:** Individuals 12 years old and up are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. We are strongly encouraging all parents and guardians to vaccinate their eligible children. The DCS is working with public health to identify ways we can partner to educate and vaccinate students who want to be vaccinated. While there is no mandate for TK-12 students to receive the vaccine to enter school, we believe it's vital that parents and guardians are informed of the safety and necessity of being vaccinated for COVID-19 to protect their children, families and friends.
- **Next School Year:** Based on our discussions with the state and local public health authorities we are advising all schools to **prepare for full-time in-person instruction for all students**. We anticipate all distancing requirements for in-person instruction will be lifted, among other restrictions. However, at this time it's unclear if masking requirements for unvaccinated students and staff will remain in effect. Please prepare for the likelihood of this rule. Further, it's likely that should an outbreak occur, schools will be required to adhere to certain transmission mitigation rules. We will share any and all new rules for the next school year once we receive them.
- **2021-22 School Year Contingency Planning:** While we all pray that next school year is uninterrupted, prudence dictates that a contingency plan is put in place in the event a surge occurs. Therefore, we are advising all schools to have their distance learning plans ready to implement, particularly as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach. One mitigation tool we are working with public health on is school-wide testing. Should we experience another surge, COVID-19 testing of staff and students may be the key to remaining open. We will be working with public health officials on leveraging federal and state funds to pay for testing for schools that opt-in. We are also acquiring an additional round of PPE for the new school year from the state. More information will follow.

We continue to live in an ever changing public health environment; however, it's now clear that the improvements we've made are holding. Let's continue to encourage safety and vaccinations to ensure that the past year is exactly that – the past. Thank you.

### **MyMedBot Trends Image and Report from Mr. Scott Blackwood**

Attached is the graph showing our Pass vs. Fail statistics for our HFGS Screening Form. It shows a steady incline for Pass and a flat line for Fail results, which indicates a strong success in our implementation of Covid-19 safety protocols.



**Sports Recognition and First Holy Communion Dinner**

Congratulations to our Sports Teams, Coaches, & 2nd Grade for the wonderful events held last Wednesday - Sports Recognition and FHC Dinner! A fantastic experience for our students and their families to remember -



Great job, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Isaac, Coach Johnson, Ms. Bote, Mr. Bautista, Miss Makhoul, Mr. Makiling, Mr. Clark, / Mrs. Bautista, Mrs. Martinez, Miss Luna, and Miss Pelongco - for your contribution to make these two events successful! Fr. Jim and Fr. Marlon – Your presence during the banquet, a celebration of our faith, is indeed appreciated.



**Thank you for the years of services. Farewell and God speed!**

- Mrs. Cheryl Lopez – Band Director
- Mrs. Courtney Abruzzo - Art Teacher
- Mr. Mauricio Romero – Spanish Teacher
- Miss Kaitlyn LaFrance – TK Teacher

Words are always not enough to express our thankfulness and appreciation of the unparalleled work performance and attitude you have displayed during your time here at HFGS. Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to some staff members who have been such valued team members. We wish you God's blessings, all the best now, and into the future!

**From: Mrs. Cheryl Lopez, Band Director**

*Dear HFGS families and students,*

*I have greatly enjoyed my 4 years being the Band Director of the Holy Family Grade School Band. I am so grateful to Fr. Jim and Dr. Suelto for giving me the opportunity to work with such excellent faculty and staff, and such gracious students and families. I have learned so much and have grown both musically and professionally.*

*After careful consideration, I have chosen to move on from teaching band at HFGS to return to teaching in my private flute studio and continue freelancing as a professional flutist.*

*I have so many great memories that I will take with me after my experience at Holy Family Grade School. Thank you to the faculty and staff for welcoming me with open arms and for always being the best cheerleaders for the band. The band has come a long way, and your kind words were always so encouraging! Thank you to my band families for your undying support and for the privilege of working with your children. Thank you to my students. I hope that your time in band provided you with good memories and helped you develop a love for music.*

*My experience as a Band Director at HFGS will always hold a special place in my heart.*

*Mrs. Lopez*

**From: Mrs. Courtney Abruzzo, Art Teacher**

*Dear Students and Families,*

*Thank you so much for welcoming me into your wonderful school community. I am so lucky and so honored to have been your HFGS Visual Arts Coordinator for the last two years. I have had a wonderful time getting to know all of you.*

*This letter is to inform you that my last teaching day at Holy Family will be Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. I will not be returning next year. Please know this is not a goodbye! You will always be in my heart and you can always find me and reach out to me anytime. I will always be happy to hear from you and will continue being an advocate for the arts and social emotional arts for students at Holy Family. I hope to see you all again one day soon!*

*Blessings to you all for a safe and healthy end to the school year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Courtney Abruzzo, BFA, SEA-C  
Visual Art Instructor  
cabruzzo@gmail.com*



**From: Mr. Mauricio Romero, Spanish Teacher**

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

*I hope everyone has been doing well and is excited for the start of summer vacation. It has been a challenging year for all of us and I am really proud of everything we have accomplished during the school year. Before the school year ends, I must inform you that I will be leaving Holy Family Grade School. I will be taking a step back to handle some family affairs. In addition, I will be starting graduate school this fall and I will need to give both matters my full attention. This has not been an easy decision but after conversations with my family, prayer and reflection, this is the best decision.*

*I want to thank the families for making my time in Holy Family a very memorable experience. I was constantly amazed by the supportive community I was a part of and everything you did to make our school events a success. I also want to thank the church clergy and my colleagues for your example and the kindheartedness you showed me throughout my time in Holy Family. Last but not least, I would like to thank Dr. Suelto. Thank you for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. It has been amazing to give back a little of what I was given by you all those years ago as your student. Please know that I will forever be grateful for everything you have done for me. All of you make HFGS a wonderful place and I am confident you will continue to achieve greatness in the years to come. It has been an honor and privilege to have been your students' Spanish teacher for the past two years. I will always be rooting for their success and I am looking forward to hearing about their accomplishments in the years to come.*

*Once again, thank you everyone for everything here at Holy Family Grade School. I will remember our time together fondly and hope you are able to say the same thing. God Bless you all! Go Bulldogs!!!*

*Mr. Mauricio Joshua Romero*

**From: Miss Kaitlyn LaFrance, TK Teacher**

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

*I hope all of you and your families have been doing well! It has been a challenging year for each of us, and I am extremely proud of everyone's effort and accomplishments. Each student and family has worked hard through both distance and hybrid school, and we have achieved many great things throughout the entire year. Before the school year comes to an end, I would like to inform you that I will be leaving Holy Family Grade School. I have accepted a position that is closer to my home, and I am taking this time to continue working towards my certification as well. This decision has not been easy to make, but after discussing with family, friends, and by praying to God, I have decided this is the best decision for me.*

*I want to thank all of you for the incredible experience I have had at Holy Family. I am beyond thankful for your generosity, love, and support while I was both your 2nd Grade TA and TK Teacher. I will forever hold the moments I've shared with each of you in my heart.*

*It has been my honor to teach, learn from, and know each and every one of you during these past two years, and I pray for your success, happiness, and health. May God bless you all, and may you continue to follow His guidance and grow into the amazing people I know you are all meant to be. Thank you!!*

*Miss Kaitlyn Marie La France*



**Important for the Weeks of May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Mon. 5/24**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Graduation Rehearsals

**Tues. 5/25**

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – School Mass (Virtual)

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

**Wed. 5/26 - Greek and Latin Quiz Bowl for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes**

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Graduation Rehearsal in Church

**Mon. 5/31 – No School. Memorial Day**

**Tues. 6/1**

8:00 a.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: In-Person Mass for Class of 2021 in cap and gown

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – School Mass (Virtual)

12:00 noon – Dismissal

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

6:30 p.m. – PTO Board Meeting

**Note:** All students and faculty will return their iPads. This is a C3 Ignite requirement. All student and teacher-issued iPads will be returned on this day for checking and sanitizing. All tasks saved on the iPad will need to be saved in another device, USB, or iCloud the weeks prior. Name labels will not be removed for easy identification and re-distribution. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Wed. 6/2

6:00 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet and Recognition Night, GS Yard (Sponsored by 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Class of 2022)

### Fri. 6/4 - Loaves and Fishes (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month)

5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation

### Parent Service Opportunities

These are the time frames needed for our KOR, Keep on Rollin event.

### Tuesday, May 25 & Wednesday, May 26

12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. – Assist on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Invitations and other items at the office

### Friday, June 11 –

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Set up of tables and chairs, and decor. Ernie Lacambra and Toto Mortel will guide our helpers for table /chair placement based on a prepared layout.

### Saturday, June 12

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Placing linens on the tables, center pieces, set up

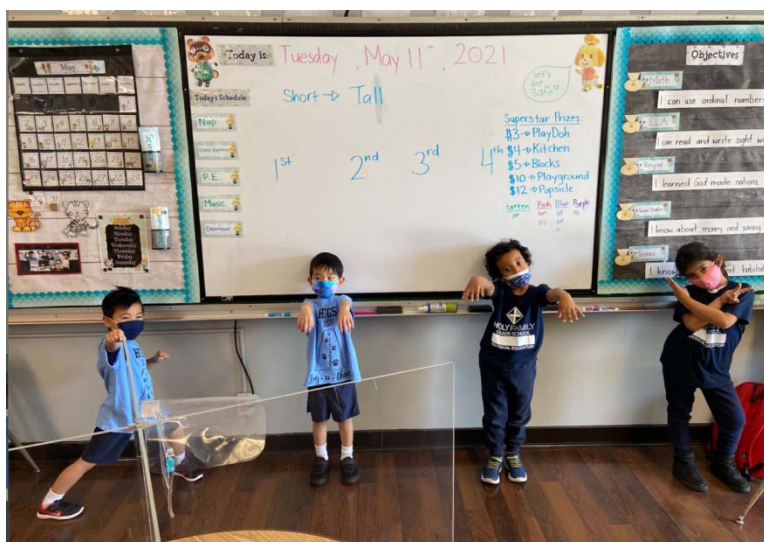
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Assist with work needs, kitchen, breakdown and cleanup.

We will need Four (4) food runners and should wear white top and black pants.

### Curriculum Sharing from Class Engagement and Teaching Strategies

#### TK Math from Miss Kaitlyn La France

Standard: Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of/less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. TK measured their heights, and ordered themselves from “first” to “fourth.”

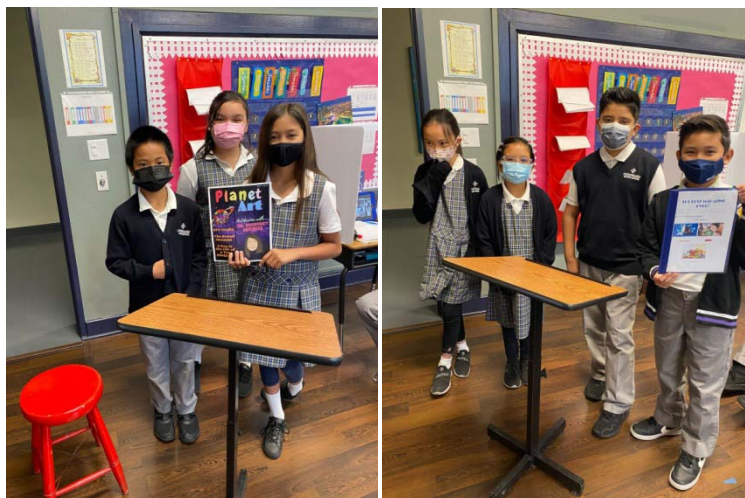


**Kinder Religion from Mrs. Teresa Nelson**

Standard: Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy) “Kindergarten continues this introduction by addressing the purpose of specific objects with the church (altar, ambo/lectern, tabernacle, sanctuary light, pew, and kneeler) as well as actions related to this objects.

“I can name the objects seen in Mass and tell you about them”.

**In-Person Students**

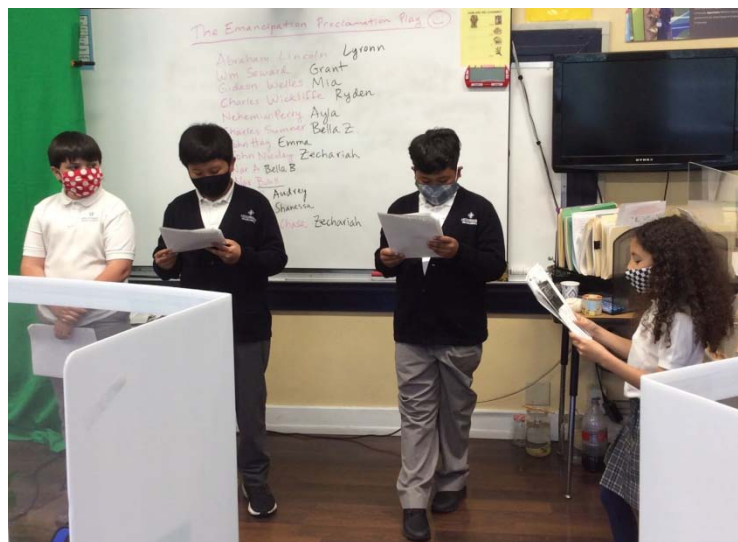


**4th English Language Arts/Cross Curricular Magazine Project with Ms. Katy Huntley**



### 5th Grade Performs an Emancipation Proclamation Drama in Social Studies by Mr. Clarence Clark

Using a green screen with a “Presidential” virtual background, 13 5th Graders performed a short play on the complexities behind Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. While Miss Medina shot a few stills, Mr. Clark recorded the session using Zoom. Among the historical personages included were William Seward, Salmon Chase, Charles Sumner and Lincoln himself. Despite having little time to prepare, students enjoyed the activity and learned about the importance of projecting their voice, blocking and good timing!



### **7th Math: Introduction to Statistics - Random Samples and Populations by Mr. Jared Soliman**

After the 7th grade students learned the difference between biased and random samples, students were quizzed on their understanding in a game of Kahoot. Students were given a situation, and were tasked with identifying if the sample was biased or random. This friendly competition is easy to host both students in-person and those learning from home.



### **For our prayerful meditation to begin the week...**

Lord Jesus, you have captured our hearts and opened to us the treasures of heaven. May you always be my treasure and delight and may nothing else keep me from giving you my all.

### **Psalm 111:1-2,5-6,9-10c**

- 1 Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- 10 His praise endures forever!

### **Thank you and Happy Pentecost Sunday!**

Dr. Suelto

### **References:**

Fr. Jim's Message

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School Calendar

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