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

**Happy 1st Day of our Catholic Schools Week celebration!** This year's theme is Faith. Excellence. Service. This is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States in which schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contribution to our church, communities, and nation.

## **COVID-19 Update and Steps to Take at HFGS**

It is the end of January and we continue to be in compliance with our safety and hygiene protocols. We now have an update of all the vaccination copies received at the office. To follow the CDC guidelines on isolation and quarantine and to ensure a non-interruption of our in-person instruction, these are our next steps.

- 1. Identify the student/faculty/staff who tests positive from our weekly testing or any result from the most currently administered testing from an accredited facility or home kit testing.
- 2. Determine from each class the students who have received the prime series of vaccinations. If they were exposed to a COVID-19 tested positive individual from their classroom or from home, please be advised that they need NOT quarantine. This will be the same for any student or staff who tests positive and continues to receive false positives within the next ninety (90) day period. These two groups need NOT quarantine.
- 3. The students, who are exposed from an infection and who have not submitted vaccination copies, will **quarantine for at least five days.**
- 4. Students who are quarantining will turn on their computers and will listen to their teacher's lessons and instructions. A regular school / class schedule will be followed.
- 5. The teacher on campus will **primarily focus on the students who are physically present.** Our school is moving away from the hybrid modality of teaching and encourage a continuous inperson instruction for our new normal.

Update on vaccination copies received at the office as of 1/28/2022 (Grade Level - Received Copies/No. of Students per Class)

**Primary School:** TK - 0/9 K - 5/18 1st- 9/30 2nd - 8/26 **Elementary School:** 3rd - 7/22 4th - 15/26 5th - 8/25 **Middle School:** 6th - 6/17 7th - 8/29 8th - 9/26

## **2nd Graders' Exposure to InfectionThis Past Week:**

8 out of 26 students in 2nd grade forwarded their vaccination copies and they will come to school on **Monday.** That means having an in-person instruction with Miss Alexa Isaac for 8 students on Monday. All other 2nd graders will quarantine and **return to school campus on Tuesday**, 2/1/22. Thank you.

# Important for the Weeks of January 31st and February 7th, 2022

Sunday, 1/30 - Celebrating our Parish - Students will attend Mass with their families.

**Monday**, 1/31 - Celebrating our Community (<u>Wear jeans and the grade level coded shirt</u>.) & EcoHero Show Each grade level will wear a specific shirt color to represent the unity and bond created within the classroom community.

**Tuesday, 2/1** - Celebrating our Students (<u>Students wear their school uniforms and a crazy hat.</u>) / Start of Black History Month

12:00 noon - Dismissal

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Open House and Art Exhibit

**Wednesday**, **2/2** - Celebrating our nation (<u>Students will dress in red</u>, <u>white</u>, and <u>blue to celebrate the United States of America</u>.) Parent Reps will distribute the traditional baked cupcakes. 8:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Ouarter Assembly

**Thursday**, **2/3** - Celebrating Vocations / Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of the Throats (<u>Students will</u> wear their full uniform.)

8:00 a.m. - School Mass

Friday, 2/4 - Celebrating our Teachers (Students will dress up as any teacher at HFGS!)

Saturday, 2/5 - Celebrating Our Families

**Mon. 2/7** - Recycling Day 10:00 a.m. - Pastoral Staff Meeting

### Tues. 2/8

8:00 a.m. - School Mass

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

Wed. 2/9 8:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month Assembly

Thurs. 2/10 12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. A popcorn and a movie event

Fri. 2/11 - Loaves and Fishes Day / Mat Quiz Bowl

Note: March Madness \$225/family is due thru FACTS Tuition Management System.

Sat. 2/12 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 2nd Grade and Religious Education Class - Sacrament of Reconciliation

# A Prayerful Meditation To Begin The Week

Lord Jesus, unbind me that I may love you wholly and walk in the freedom of your way of life and holiness. May there be nothing which keeps me from the joy of living in your presence.

#### Psalms:

O Lord, how many are my adversaries! Many rise up against me!

Many are saying of me, "There is no salvation for him in God."

But you, O Lord, are my shield; my glory, you lift up my head!

When I call out to the Lord, he answers me from his holy mountain.

When I lie down in sleep, I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

I fear not the myriads of people arrayed against me on every side.

Many thanks and looking forward to seeing you all on our Tuesday Open House, Art Exhibit, Band and Musicians' Performances!

Dr. Suelto

#### References:

<u>Fr. Jim's Message</u> School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary