

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

What children will wear for this week for photos

Mon. 4/4 - School Uniform

Tues. 4/5 - School - Class Photoshoot - Full Uniform

Wed. 4/6 - School - Class Photoshoot - Full Uniform

Thurs. 4/7 - Individual Spring Photos for TK - 8th Grade - A non-uniform day and wear pastel colors.

Fri. 4/8 - School Uniform

Spring Photo Form

The office is sending home family envelopes today and please find the Spring Photo Form that needs to **be returned tomorrow, Tuesday, 4/5/2022.** Thank you!

Lent Confessions Tomorrow, Monday, 4/4/2022 for 3rd through 8th Grade

Our 3rd through 8th grade classes will go through this Sacrament of Penance from 8:30 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. ***This is a powerful sacrament where our Lord Jesus Christ offers a river of mercy to sinners and the chance to restore sanctifying grace in their hearts. While lent is the season of conversion, confession is one of the greatest means of conversion.*** The children have been assisted by their Religion teachers in their Examination of Conscience so each may be convinced of the need for repentance. Many kids do say that after the sacrament, they feel a mountaintop experience as they know that they are to be healed and to restore the bond with Jesus. And as said, ***"Be healed! Repent, let go of sin, and walk once more in the light of the Lord! Thanks in advance to our dear priests as they administer the sacrament - Fr. Jim, Fr. Mike, Fr. Marlon, and Fr. Peter!***

Academic Excellence at HFGS

Main Coach Ofelia Ruta has reported that the ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors program awarding of HFGS held on Monday, March 28th was an occasion of pride and joy celebrating the academic achievements of selected 5th through 8th grade ALA! Coach Ruta adds that HFGS believes that a good solid education plays a vital role in building a bright future for Holy Family Grade School's young adolescents' life academically, spiritually, and socially. Therefore, HFGS continues to be committed to offering a well-balanced atmosphere providing for a child's academic, physical, moral, and spiritual development. The significant undertakings in HFGS – Academic League are absolutely powered by both home and school collaboration. The pastoral leadership of Fr. Jim Bevacqua, Dr. Suelto, Vice-Principals, faculty, and parents support the on-going mission of nurturing the school's faith and its pursuit of academic excellence.

Assistant Coach Jared Soliman shared that in the last 5 months, HFGS - ALA (Academic League and Ambassadors) team met in person for at least three hours each week. Students were given different tasks in every session, such as reviewing for International Academic Contests and Catholic Math League exams, designing reflective art pieces from the Social Science readings and researches, and completing questions on IXL. In math specifically, students were given four assessments well above grade level to challenge their academic abilities. This after-school program tested against other schools from various states nationwide. In addition to in-person sessions, students were given tasks to complete asynchronously to promote their independent learning through IXL, answering over 122,762 questions in total!

Important for the Weeks of April 4th and 11th, 2022

Mon. 4/4 - RECYCLING DAY (First Monday of the month): Please bring empty and clean plastic bottles and soda cans from home and bring them in on this day. We will REUSE, REDUCE, & RECYCLE. Thank you.

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Lent Confessions for 3rd through 8th Grade

Tues. 4/5 - Noon Dismissal / School - Class Photoshoot - Full Uniform

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

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

Wed. 4/6 - School - Class Photoshoot - Full Uniform

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month for February & March / Student-of-the-Quarter Assembly

9:15 a.m. - A panoramic photo for the entire school

Thurs. 4/7 - Individual Spring Photos for TK - 8th Grade - A non-uniform day and wear pastel colors.

Fri. 4/8

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

6:00 p.m. - Fish Friday, GS Auditorium

Sun. 4/10 - Cheer Leaders and Concert Chorus members will be selling palms.

Mon. 4/11 - Student Council applications are due.

Tues. 4/12

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

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Passion Play Rehearsals, HFCC

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Annual Easter Egg Hunt for TK - 1st Grade: Courtyard of Charity

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

Wed. 4/13 - Student Council campaign speeches are due.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Passion Play, Church

Thurs. 4/14 - Holy Thursday

12:00 - Noon Dismissal

Fri. 4/15 - Good Friday (No School)

Sun. 4/17 - Happy Easter

Mon. 4/18 - Easter break begins.

Mon. 4/25 - Classes resume.

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord."

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Sincere thanks and God be praised.

Dr. Suelto