

Important for the Weeks of September 26th and October 3rd, 2022

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

Professional Development Day for Faculty

Last Friday was an excellent opportunity for our faculty to look into the STAR Standardized test scores of our individual students and the school in general. The good part of the day was spent obtaining baseline data for the new school year, determining the impact of summer, and identifying students who will be in need of multi-tiered supports as the categories of abilities may be advanced learners, average, or in need of intervention. The focus was more on classroom analysis. As we reviewed data, thoughts like what may be contributing to the overall performance came to mind as well as seeing if applicable, to what we attribute the change or lack of change from year to year may be, and find out additional strategies or steps that will be necessary for our next plan of action.

Fire Drill & Earthquake Drill

We had our school fire drill last Thursday and our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Mrs. Maria Talavera reported that two (2) minutes was spent coming down from the student classrooms to the small yard assembly, as opposed to the highly recommended one minute and twenty seconds (1.20) only. Since it was the first drill for the new school year, there is still much to learn for a more orderly and quicker way of exiting the building. The good news was that everyone remained calm and quiet so they could hear their teacher's instructions and they lined up outside which was the designated area for teacher's checking of student attendance. This Wednesday will be a general student assembly to hold our **earthquake drill**. The appropriate action of "**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**" will be practiced prior to the scheduled Great California Shakeout scheduled on October 14th.

Parent - Student Handbook Reading

Please read with your child(ren) pages 19 - 23. These pages contain topics which are related to Acceptable Use and Responsibility Policy for Electronic Communication. Thank you in advance.

Prayers in Latin, a meditation corner, and the celebration of our Church's 100 Year Anniversary

Fr. Anthony, Mr. Clarence Clark, and Mr. Tom Makiling are in the process of reviewing a special prayer sheet in both Latin and English for all to learn together this school year. Since Latin is the language of the Church, we will gradually incorporate the teaching of the basic prayers in Latin until everyone is ready to recite these prayers in the future. Our **meditation and reflection area** is now open for anyone or any class to use. It is located on the second floor of the original building next to our Spanish Room and directly across the room of our Director for Religious Education (DRE). Yesterday's 8:00 a.m. Mass was a special liturgical celebration dedicated to our Church's 100 Year Anniversary and it was con-celebrated by **Fr. Anthony, Fr. Mike, Fr. Alex, and Fr. Samuel. Big congratulations to Holy Family Catholic Church and Happy 100 Year Anniversary!** May God always uplift our leaders, parishioners, and community in grace, wisdom, and knowledge and may all our God's ways and works continue to draw souls to the heavenly kingdom of the Father.

Regency Holiday Catalogue Fundraising

We send our sincere gratitude to all our Grade School families who have supported both online and the regular order form of our Catalogue Fundraising sales! **Mrs. Maria Talavera** will post the winners of the Regency Holiday Collection Fundraiser this week. A BIG THANK YOU to ALL!

Placing orders of your child's Fall photos from Bronson Photography

For ordering of Fall photos, each family should have received an access code to view their child's photos and to be able to place their individual orders online. Please check your emails.

PCF, Parish Country Fair 2022 Update

Calling on sponsorships and donations for Handbid auction! Here are the various categories of items to donate for the auction: **kitchen equipment for home, garden tools, family movie night ideas, amusement fun centers admission passes, tech gadgets and devices, shopping places and restaurant gift certificates, men and women apparels, purses, timeless jewelry, hotel nights and vacation packages, sports memorabilia, and more.** No big furniture please. Kindly drop your donated items at the front office. Each item donation should have the **name of the family, student(s) grade level, the amount or the value of the item.** Thank you!

Our PTO Board officers continue to meet on Tuesdays to prepare the list of volunteer opportunities and the program of the two-day event. Please save the weeks of **October 10th and 17th** for Handbid Online Auction and these two dates;

PCF Day #1: Saturday - 10/22/2022 (Entertainment, DJ, Concession Stand Foods, Italian Dinner, and a Movie Night)

PCF Day #2: Sunday - 10/23/2022 (Asian Fried Rice & Egg /American Pancake Breakfast, Entertainment, DJ, BBQ Lunch, Halloween Costume & Pumpkin Carving Contests, Final Raffle Drawing, & Handbid Online Auction ends.)

Parent volunteer hour opportunities

The office is in need of parents who can consolidate pre-school marketing materials and who can sell PCF Raffle tickets after Church Masses during the October weekends. Advertising more seats available for new TK students and promoting our Parish Country Fair will be the goal. Please contact Miss Noemi Luna and Miss Allyson Reyes (office assists). Thank you in advance for your volunteerism.

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Tues. 9/27

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - School Mass

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

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Parent Night, 8th Grade Classroom

Note: All 8th Grade parents are required to attend this meeting. Thank you.

Wed. 9/28 -

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student Assembly: Earthquake Training

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - FALL Picture Retakes by Bronson Photography

Sat. 10/1

Note: Tuition fees, Extended Care, and other monthly fees are due via FACTS Tuition Management System.

Mon. 10/3 - Recycling Day

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 8th Graders' Cap and Gown Measurement with Josten's and Individual Photos with Studio Photography

Tues. 10/4 - Early Dismissal & Happy Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Blessing of the Animals)

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - School Mass

12:00 noon - Early Dismissal

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

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Holy Courtyard of Charity, HFCC

Wed. 10/5

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 5th Grade Field Trip to The Huntington

Thurs. 10/6

3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors' Training Session with ALA Coaches, 8th Grade Classroom

Fri. 10/7 - Loaves and Fishes

A prayer meditation to start the week

Lord Jesus, your grace knows no bounds. You give freely to the humble of heart and you grant us freedom to love and serve others selflessly. May my love for you express itself in an eagerness to do good for others.

Psalm 102:16-21

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, he will appear in his glory;
17 he will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their supplication.
18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD:
19 that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
20 to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die;
21 that men may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise.

Many thanks and sincerely,
Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary