

Important for the Weeks of October 31st and November 7th, 2022

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

Save the date of our Parent-Teacher Conferences - Thursday, November 10, 2022

Each of our families will be receiving their specific schedule this Wednesday. Families with two or more children need not worry as your schedule to meet your children's teachers has been formatted to include all within an hour. Each PTC or Parent- Teacher Conference is a wonderful opportunity to share academic progress and development based on classroom observations, testing data, assessments, portfolios, and assignments. It is a conference that is viewed as a parent-teacher collaboration that helps build a positive relationship and trust with the student and their family, creating an open line of communication that supports the student's academic pursuits, or a time to welcome to listen and discuss both progress and find solutions to a child's academic or behavioral struggles. Please save the date.

An update from our STEM Director Dr. Krikor Kiladjian

We are blessed to have a bright and open MakerSpace classroom that facilitates student learning. 7th grade and 8th grade students have begun utilizing this space during science sessions, and they have enjoyed the unique setup of this classroom, which promotes collaboration.

Once the robotics program begins in the second quarter, students from 4th to 8th grades will have the opportunity to assemble robots and program them to function. Since one of the purposes of the MakerSpace room was to promote student collaboration, the robotics program is particularly suited to take advantage of this setting's dynamic. Students will develop their problem-solving, critical thinking, and communications skills as they build unique robots.

In April 2023, HFGS will celebrate Earth Day and thus reinforce the need to be proper stewards of our planet's resources. As such, 7th and 8th grade students will be asked to bring recyclable products that they can use to design robots and create various forms of artwork.

Tutoring by HFHS - NHS Girls resumes by Mr. Clarence Clark, Advance Learner Program Director

This week our after school tutoring program resumed, thanks to the generous efforts of National Honor Society students from Holy Family High School. Ms. Sahar Towfigh and Mr. Clarence Clark helped organize the girls, who gain service hours while helping our grade school students. Currently, tutors include Leonaleah O'Santos, Irene Lim, Ashlyn Pimental, Ysabella Leynes and Victoria Robles. They meet with students at the covered lunch tables, dividing up students as best they can. Parents who may be interested in tutoring for their children should have them report to the school office at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday. Tutoring lasts until 4:00 p.m. each day.

From our Band Director Quentin Purviance

Mr. Purviance and his band students are very pleased with their performance at the 2022 Parish Country Fair. They are already back at work, preparing Christmas music for December. The HFGS

band Christmas selections on December 15th will feature the returning band students you may have seen last weekend, along with all our brand new band students together for the first time. This makes the largest HFGS band program to date.

Sports News Update from Athletic Director, Mrs. Teresa Nelson

Congratulations to our HFGS Girls Bulldog Varsity Volleyball Team for advancing to the CYO Playoffs. The team will play in the first round of the Silver Division this Sunday at Providence High School at 4:00pm. We wish them good luck as they face St. Rose Lima of Simi Valley.

Go Bulldogs!

A Message from Technology Teacher, Miss Marie Antoinette Romillo.

"Thank you for these last few weeks working with all of you. Upon some reflection from these past few days, I feel that I can best pursue a career in education by starting with the basics and returning to school at this time to gain more knowledge and experience. I will still continue to be the ALA Assistant Coach with Mrs. Ruta. I will miss seeing you all and the students everyday."

We are currently **in search of applications interested in the Technology Instructor position.** If you know of someone who is interested, please send the application our way. Thank you.

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Mon. 10/31

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - Morning Assembly in the GS Yard led by Student Council

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Halloween Parade, Table Treats in the GSA, and TK/Kinder & 1st Grade Trick or Treat at the Parish Office

Note: Only wholesome and responsible characters/themes (animals, decades, careers) are allowed.

Tues. 11/1 - Noon Dismissal

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - **All Saints Day** Combined Mass for Grade School and High School

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

Wed. 11/2

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Ecohero Assembly in the GS auditorium: TK through 3rd Grade classes will be in attendance.

Fri. 11/4 - Loaves and Fishes Day

8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 2nd Grade Field Trip to the LA Zoo

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Safeguard the Children Committee Meeting, Fr. O'Neil's Room, Parish Office

Sat. 11/5

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Altar Server Training Session #2 at Holy Family Catholic Church for both current and new altar servers from 4th through 8th grade.

Sun. 11/6 - DST, Daylight Saving Time

Note: For this week, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week 11/6/ through 11/12. We promote this event, pray for, and **build up a culture of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Mon. 11/7 - Recycling Day

Tues. 11/8 - Happy Birthday, Miss Pelongco! Thanksgiving Food Drive: Drop off assigned food and the correct quantity per class. Thank you!

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

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

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

Wed. 11/9

9:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month and Student-of-the-Quarter Assembly

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 4th Grade Field Trip: Behind the Scenes at Barnes and Noble

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting

Thurs. 11/10

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Parent-Teacher Conferences: **No School** for All Students

Fri. 11/11 - Veterans Day. No School

A prayer meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, your love never fails and your mercies abound. You offer us the best of gifts - peace, pardon and everlasting friendship with you at your banquet table. Fill me with gratitude for your great mercy and kindness towards me. And may I never fail to show kindness and mercy towards all I meet so that they may know the mercy and goodness you offer them as well.

Psalm 69:16,29-30,32-36

16 Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

29 But I am afflicted and in pain; let thy salvation, O God, set me on high!

30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

32 Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

33 For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise his own that are in bonds.

34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves therein.

35 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; and his servants shall dwell there and possess it;

36 the children of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

Prayer intentions for this week

1. For the success of our parent-teacher conferences and continued academic, spiritual, and social growth of the children we teach.

2. We express our sadness and send our prayers to the families of children lost in the tragic crush during the Halloween festivities in Seoul, South Korea.

3. For all the souls of those we love but see no longer. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord. Let Perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Thank you and God's peace,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary