

Important for the Weeks of November 14th and 21st, 2022

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

Breaking News!

Our ALA, Academic League & Ambassadors took their first Catholic Math League Contest competing with other Catholic students in **Math & Pre-Algebra nationwide**. Here are the test results generated last **Wednesday, 11/9/2022**. Thanks to our **ALA students'** hard work, main coach **Mrs. Ofelia Ruta** and assistant coach **Miss Marie Romillo**.

6th Grade Math - **2nd Place** (out of 31 schools)

8th Grade Pre-Algebra - **3rd Place** (out of 25 schools)

7th Grade Math - **6th Place** (out of 24 schools)

Top HFGS-Catholic Math League scorers in **6th Grade Math**: #2 Autumn Braden, #7 Joaquin Lopez, #26 Calix Salunga, #39 Angela Leynes, and #44 Camilla Tagorda (430 6th grade students competed.)

Top HFGS-Catholic Math League scorers in **8th Grade Pre-Algebra**: #6 Joseph Nagano, #13 Zachary Panis, #16 Eli Ongyiu, #28 Joel Villalta, #36 Joshua Estrada, #46 Finn Raimondo, and #47 Isabella Lopez (396 8th grade students competed.)

Top Catholic Math League scorer in **7th Grade Math**: #3 Noah Samuy (375 students competed.)

Social Studies Contest 2022 Coming Up Soon - Dr. Krikor Kiladjian, Middle School Social Studies Teacher & Overall Contest Coordinator

We are excited to announce the beginning of our social studies contest. On Monday, November 14th, teachers across all grade levels will present the topics and guidelines for this contest. Each grade level will produce unique projects and/or presentations that highlight a specific element of the social studies curriculum. Students' critical thought, creativity, and communication skills will be showcased with each work. Upon their completion, teachers will utilize a rubric or a set of standards to objectively assess the quality of each project/presentation and thereafter select awardees from first to third place, along with honorable mentions. The number of awards will be decided by each teacher. We look forward to seeing our students' amazing work!

1st Grade Activities by Miss Mary Ann Gutierrez

In 1st Grade, we are currently learning about multiple topics such as creating simple design tests in Science and what is voting in Social Studies. For Science, we had the question of "What kind of paper airplane can we make that can go from one end of the auditorium to the other?" In pairs, we tried to fold and color two parts (wings and nose) in different ways. After testing our first batch of planes, we discussed how we could improve our designs and folded another plane, explaining to everyone what we changed.

In Social Studies, we held a ballot session to vote for what should we add to our Friday Fun Time. Our choices were for extra art materials or board games. Each student wrote their vote onto an index card and put it into a box. Later on, we counted them together and ended up with a tie! In the future, we will probably use this method again since it was so successful.

Our 3rd Graders' Integration of Holidays from Miss Alma Stone, 3rd Grade Faculty

While the holidays are quickly approaching, 3rd graders are taking full advantage and using them as part of our learning. Since the previous week, we started reading *How to Catch a Turkey* by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton. We are utilizing this book to help us learn across the curriculum. Then, we are rewriting the story in the 3rd person point of view. We are using it for science and the children are making traps to try to catch a turkey stuffed animal as well. We are all excited about this and love when ELA and Science come up in our day.

Concert Chorus Maestro Tomas Makiling's Report

In our Fall music sessions, we have been learning Rhythmic Body Percussion which teaches TK- Second Grade students how to use their bodies as percussion instruments by snapping, clapping, patting, stomping, tapping, and other gestures while using fall musical themes. The music spelling bee, note name speed test, the musical word finder race, and unscramble music terms have all been assigned to the Third-Fifth Grade classes. The music spelling

bee requires students to identify the notes on the staff in order to reveal a word. In middle school, the Eighth Grade class, in particular, began composing a brief phrase in the key of G Major. Students in the Seventh and Sixth Grade classes have been reading about Johann Sebastian Bach, a composer, and organist during the Baroque era. Students complete a word search from the reading. In another lesson, they do complete a note name speed test and record their fastest time.

As you may have noticed, the children have been singing again. We resumed singing together in school and at church after a break of nearly two years. We are excited to announce that we are currently getting ready for our much-anticipated Christmas concert, titled "Heaven and Nature Sing" - our first live school concert after the pandemic. Each class will provide a performance of their favorite Christmas tunes. The concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 7 PM.

Our Spanish Classroom News - by Miss Vania Chileno

The teacher has had the opportunity to carry out a thorough evaluation of the language level of the students and the concerns that they have had. Students have shared their opinion about the importance of learning Spanish. Creating a Spanish portfolio has begun in upper levels (4th to 8th) where each class chooses two Spanish-speaking countries to learn more about their history, culture, and music.

For the lower levels. TK through 3rd grade levels have explored the world of animals. The teaching method used is based mainly on the **EXPLORATION** of the language through the **CULTURE**, and developed in **GAMES**. This method helps to make the learning process more dynamic, promotes teamwork, and requires 100% use of the brain and body.

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Mon. 11/14 - Lessons on Empowering God's Children begin.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Church Clergy and Staff Meeting, HFCC

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Deanery 6 Principals' Meeting

Note:

1. For our Social Studies Contest, guidelines will be provided by each homeroom teacher.
2. Internet Safety is the specific lesson utilizing varying grade level approaches in Empowering God's Children.

Tues. 11/15

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

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

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

Note: 8th Grade graduation fee of \$375/child is due through FACTS Tuition Management System.

Wed. 11/16

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - St. Francis Campus Tour with 8th Grade boys and supervised by Mrs. Liberda

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - PTO General Assembly, GS Auditorium

Thurs. 11/17

12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Popcorn and a Movie Day in Jeans \$10 Admission **except** for 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade classes. They come in FREE (their winning prize during our PCF Soda Contest). **Congratulations, 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade classes!**

Fri. 11/18

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - WCEA 2024 Accreditation Training

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - FHC, First Holy Communion Core Committee Meeting, Parish Office

Tues. 11/22

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

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Student Assembly led by Student Council. Joe Gandelmen, famous ventriloquist will be our school guest artist and this performance is through the courtesy of Mrs. Ann Daniels, former PTO Board Member.

Wed. 11/23 - No School. Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume on Monday, the 28th.

A prayer meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus Christ, by your atoning death on the cross you have redeemed the world. Fill me with joyful hope,

courage, and boldness to witness the truth of your love for sinners and your victory over the powers of sin, Satan, and death.

Psalm 98:5-9

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Prayer intentions for this week

1. In thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received from His bounty.

2. For the successful Parent-Teacher Conferences held last week and a continuous partnership between school educators and parents.

Thank you and all the best,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary