

Important for the Weeks of November 28th and December 5th, 2022

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

Welcome Back and Happy 1st Sunday of Advent!

We hope that everybody had a relaxing and joyful Thanksgiving break. We now welcome all our families, faculty, staff, and students back to school. Our 3rd through 8th grade Religion teachers, with the guidance of Fr. Anthony, led the students last week using appropriate questions in following the Catholic Examination of Conscience to prepare our students for tomorrow's Confessions. The exercise helps us / the students to examine our lives and to make a good confession so we can be at peace with Christ and with one another.

We now begin the Advent season and let this be the time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. As we have listened to our priests' homilies this Sunday, it is in this season that we recall two core elements of our faith and those are: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on **HOPE**.

The Act of Contrition Prayer from the Rite of Penance

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong

and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you

whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance,

to sin no more,

and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors' News from the IXL Dean of Students

On November 22nd, our academic team received a certificate of achievement for their outstanding completion of 80,000 questions on subjects such as Math, Science, and Social Studies. Congratulations!

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Sun. 11/27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Mon. 11/28 - Welcome back!

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - FALL Confessions for 3rd - 8th Grade, HFCC

Note: 8th Grade: All requests for HS recommendations must be given to the teachers this day.

Tues. 11/29

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

Wed. 11/30 - TK through 8th Grade Classroom Observations Day #1

Note:

1. Final submission of entries for the 2022 Social Studies Contest
2. Ordered Christmas Concert tickets will be sent through the Wednesday family envelopes.

Thurs. 12/1 - TK through 8th Grade Classroom Observations Day #2

Note: Tuition fees, extended care, and other monthly fees are due via FACTS Tuition Management System.

Fri. 12/2 - Loaves and Fishes Day

Sun. 12/4 - Second Sunday of Advent

Mon. 12/5 - Recycling Day/ **Happy Birthday, Miss Alma Stone!** / **ACRE**, Assessment of Children or Youth Religious Education Reviews and Tests for 5th and 8th Grade classes will begin and end on December 9th / **Santa Shop** Day #1

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - **8th Grade Mock Interviews**

Tues. 12/6 - Santa Shop Day #2

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

12:00 p.m. - Noon Dismissal

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

Wed. 12/7 - Santa Shop Day #3

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

Thurs. 12/8 - A Blessed **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Combined Grade School and High School Mass, HFCC

Fri. 12/9

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **PTO-sponsored Faculty and Staff Christmas Celebration**, GSA

A prayer meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, you have captured my heart for you. Make me strong in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love that I may seek to please you in all things and bring you glory and praise. Keep me ever watchful for the coming of your kingdom today and every day of my life.

Psalm 122:1-9

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

3 Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,

4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!"

7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

8 For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Thank you and welcome back,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary