Important for the Weeks of January 23rd and 30th, 2023

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

Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 24th through February 4th. The theme of *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.* and our planned activities at HFGS are aimed at forming students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor, and enrich society with the leaven of the Gospel and by example of faith.

Extending Our Invitation to Your Friends and Relatives

Please extend our school's invitation to your friends, work colleagues, and relatives for potential families who wish to bring their child(ren) to Holy Family Grade School. Join us in our pursuit of sharing the quality Catholic education we offer to the learners of today. Fliers and information packets for Summer School 2023 and registration for the academic year 2023 - 2024 are available on our website and the school office.

Sidewalk City Work

Tuesday, **January 24** - The cement will be poured on Louise street (The cement division of public work only works Tuesday to Friday 4-10 schedule)

Thursday, **January 26** - The sidewalk should be passable and ready to be used.

For **grade school entrance and exit** on construction days, please follow instructions of safety guidelines by city. If you want to see what is being removed and fixed, please look at the spray-painted lines done by the city.

<u>Congratulations, Holy Family Grade School on receiving The Vision to Learn Grant from The Shea</u> <u>Foundation (Free Eyeglasses)</u>

Thanks to The Shea Foundation and Mrs. Nelson's communication with the foundation representative. Below are the program details.

The Vision to Learn program model makes it easy for students to access eye care, and for schools to bring Vision To Learn to campus. Typical district responsibilities include coordinating consent forms for exams and escorting kids from the classroom to the mobile clinic. The program begins with vision screenings for all students, utilizing medically appropriate tools.

Vision to Learn will screen the entire student body whose parents have consented. Once screened, students who warrant a full refraction on another scheduled day.

Following the full-school vision screenings, Vision To Learn's staff will coordinate with school site staff and district administrative staff to schedule one or more visits from the VTL mobile vision clinic. VTL's clinics are converted sprinter vans, each with a self-contained optometric exam lane. The clinic can park anywhere on campus. Inside the mobile clinic, a licensed optometrist will provide eye exams for all students who failed the initial vision screening. Students who need further ophthalmology care beyond glasses, will receive a note for their parents to follow up with their pediatrician.

Students will be able to choose from Warby Parker frames and will be fitted with their glasses and taught how to care for them. Glasses are covered for repair and full replacement at no cost for one year. Parents will be supplied with an OPT OUT form.

If a student already wears and has glasses, they will still receive a pair at no cost and the glasses will be covered for one year for loss and or breakage.

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Mon. 1/23 - End of 2nd Quarter (10/27/22 - 1/23/23)

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

Tues. 1/24 - Start of 3rd Quarter (1/24/23 - 3/30/23)

8:00 a.m. - School Mass, HFCC

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

Wed. 1/25

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 2nd Grade Families' FHC Orientation & Dinner, GSA

Thurs. 1/26

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - American Heart Association: Kids Heart Challenge, GSA

Fri. 1/27

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - January Student-of-the-Month, Student-of-the-2nd Quarter, and Social Studies Contest Awards

Sun. 1/29 - CSW #1 Celebrating Your Parish

9:30 a.m. - Family Mass

Note:

- 1. All our school families are encouraged to attend this Sunday Mass.
- 2. Alumni, Parents, Faculty, and Administration will invite parishioners and guests to attend our Catholic schools.

Mon.1/30 - CSW #2 Celebrating the Community

School-wide Activity: Making posters/cards for a children's hospital.

Tues. 1/31 - CSW #3 Celebrating Your Students

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - School Mass (Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest)

School-wide Activity: Door Decoration Contest - Students will create an image that represents their personality. Images will be placed on the door.

5:30 p.m. – **7:00 p.m.** – Open House and Art Exhibit (Classrooms and GS Auditorium)

Wed. 2/1 - CSW #4 Celebrating the Nation

School-wide Activity: Positive News Regarding our Nation - Students will create a news article highlighting a positive event within our nation.

Thurs. 2/2 - CSW #5 Celebrating Vocations (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

Student Assembly with our Church Community Priests, GS Auditorium

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade through 4th Grade Assembly with Fr. Alexander Okondu-Ugba

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – 5th through 8th Grade Assembly with Fr. Anthony Garcias

Fri. 2/3 - CSW #6 Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers (The Feast of St. Blaise)

8:45 a.m. - Blessing of the Throat, GS Auditorium

School Activity: Student Council versus Faculty/Staff Volleyball game.

Note: All students will wear a jersey for the day.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - VIRTUS Recertification: Keeping the Promise Alive, HFHS Auditorium

Sat. 2/4 - CSW #7 Celebrating Families

Note: Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. Families are encouraged to spend some bonding time together.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - VIRTUS Certification for Volunteers: Protecting God's Children HFHS Auditorium

A prayer meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, you are my hope and salvation. Be the ruler of my heart and the master of my home. May there be nothing in my life that is not under your lordship.

Psalm 89:19-21,24-25

19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

- 21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
- 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers."

Thank you. Dr. Suelto

References:
Fr. Anthony's Message
School Calendar
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary