

Important for the Weeks of August 28 and September 4, 2023

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

First Week of School

Congratulations and thank you to all after completing our first week of school! We continue to welcome and assist our new students / families in learning the day-to-day dynamics (teachers' ways of presenting academic materials, students' interactions with teachers, and students' interactions) at HFGS. Dynamic learning at HF goes *beyond the bell, beyond the grade level and subject, beyond the due date, beyond the tools, and beyond the walls* (*Dynamic Learning by Shakeup learning, 2018 model*). Please feel free to communicate with school administration, faculty, and some of our families who have been with us for years. They may share with you the most positive experiences that will support your child to be on the right track.

School Blessing

Last Thursday, Fr. Anthony blessed our classrooms and office with his prayer and Holy Water in the presence of our faculty, staff, and students. The event was held to have God being welcomed and filling each space with His glory and dedicated for the study of our young people.

Back-to-School Confessions

3rd through 8th Grade classes will have their Back to School Confessions tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 28th from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation in the beginning of the school year is an added spiritual layer of support to our children's promise of a new beginning and God's forgiveness. The sacrament will make them feel closer and know God's love and mercy as a gift received, give them wisdom to make good choices, become more humble, experiencing an openness to learn new things, and fill them with that spiritual knowledge and positive thinking.

Tour of BVM FFC and Back to School Night

Dr. Krikor Kiladjian, Mr. Jose Luis Hernandez, and Coach Karl Johnson will join the school principal as your tour guides during the Tour of the BVM FFC on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m. The school received the first registrants to join and there are still spaces to complete a group of 39 participants. Please refer to the tour invitation email sent last week to register on JotForm.

Back-to-School (BTS) Night Schedule:

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. - Tour of the BVM FFC for registered participants only

6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Registration / Parent Attendance, GS Auditorium

7:00 p.m. - 7:55 p.m. - Part 1 of BTS Night Program, GS Auditorium

7:55 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Part 2 of BTS Night: Teacher's Curriculum Presentation, Classrooms

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Mon. 8/28

8:45 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. - 3rd through 8th Graders' Back-to-School CONFESSIONS

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Principal and ALA Coaches' Meeting

Tues. 8/29

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

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - 4th Grade walking field trip to the Glendale Central Library

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 8/30

7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Back-to-School Night / PTO General Assembly (All Parents), GS Auditorium

Note: Catalogue Gift Items and Frozen Desserts Fundraiser begins. (8/30/23 - 9/15/23)

Fri. Sept. 1

*Happy Birthday, Mrs. Maureen Garcia.

*Loaves and Fishes (1st Friday of the month)

7:00 a.m. - Algebra 1 for 8th Grade with Mr. Jose Luis Hernandez begins in 6th Grade Classroom. (Please note that the siblings of Algebra 1 students may avail of a free Morning Care supervision. Morning Care opens at 6:30 a.m.)

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Start of ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors Program for Grades 6, 7, and 8. New meeting place is the classroom across the Prayer Corner, 2nd Floor, Original Building.

Mon. 9/4 - Labor Day. No School.

Tues. 9/5 - Happy Birthday, Ms. Huntley

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

8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Individual and Class Pictures by Bronson Photography - Come in complete formal school uniform.

12:00 noon - Early Dismissal

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

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - In-Person PTO Board Meeting, Art Room

Thurs. 9/7 - Jeans for Jesus

Sat. 9/9

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults and Volunteers from HFSGS, Confirmation, and EDGE Ministries. Please call up the Church secretary for registration.

A prayerful meditation to begin the week from the Words of the Holy Father

Jesus touches them to the core: “But who do you say that I am?” (v. 15). At this point, we seem to perceive a moment of silence, as each one of those present is called to put themselves on the line, manifesting the reason why they follow Jesus; therefore a certain hesitation is more than legitimate. Even if I were to ask you now, ‘For you, who is Jesus?’, there would be a little hesitation. Simon takes them off the hook by declaring forthrightly, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16). This answer, so complete and luminous, does not come from an impulse of his own, however generous — Peter was generous — but rather it is the fruit of a particular grace of the heavenly Father. Indeed, Jesus himself says to him: “flesh and blood has not revealed this to you” — that is, culture, what you have studied, no, this has not revealed it to you. It was revealed to you by “my Father who is in heaven” (v. 17). To confess Jesus is a grace of the Father. To say that Jesus is the Son of the living God, that he is the Redeemer, is a grace that we must ask for: “Father, give me the grace to confess Jesus”. (Angelus, 23 August 2020)

Thank you and welcome to our school week #2.
Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary