

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

### **9/11: Patriot Day**

We celebrate the 11th of September to mark the 9/11 terror attacks that led to loss of lives and damage to New York City in 2001. For the celebration this year, Patriot Day (a United States national observance) begins at 8:46 a.m. EST, the time that the first airplane struck the World Trade Center and to respect the ceremonies of remembrance when they are scheduled and conducted. This is a special time of prayer for the victims who lost their lives during the attacks as well as to give thanks to the fearless first responders who put their lives on the line. In helping our children understand, we lead them to take a moment of prayer and reflection to think about our own convictions - what we stand for as a nation and how we can continuously work together to make a better, peaceful place for all.

### **Track-It-Forward for Parent Service Hours**

Have you registered using our new system for Parent Service Hours through **Track-It-Forward** app for service volunteer hours. Please register [here](#) and begin to see your preferred events and availability. If you have any questions, please forward your email to [hfgsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hfgsvolunteers@gmail.com) For interested room parents, please email [hfgsroomparents@gmail.com](mailto:hfgsroomparents@gmail.com) .

### **Catalogue Fundraising**

Please watch this [video](#) to help in our catalogue fundraiser. Top 3 to 5 class sales win prizes. We are on our second weekend and thank you in advance for your support.

Sending our gratitude to the following parents who have committed to new volunteering opportunities:

1. **Mrs. Elsbeth Fulgencio and Mrs. Fabiola Martinez** - New system for tracking parent service hours
2. **Mr. Nars and Mrs. Anna Samuy** - Church Altar Servers' scheduling
3. **Drs. Steevens and Allison Alconcel** - Physics and Chemistry Lab work in collaboration with Dr. Krikor Kiladjian and Mr. Jose Luis Hernandez
4. **Mr. Adriel Edward Yapana** - Workout and training sessions with our Middle School students & Coach Karl Johnson
5. **Mr. Richard Caceres** - Coaching soccer at HFGS

## **Important for the Weeks of September 11 and 18, 2023**

### **Mon. 9/11** - Patriot Day / Recycling Day

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session 1 for **TK, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**: A grant received from The USGBC-LA - US Green Building Council - Los Angeles for HFGS and our Green School Initiatives  
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session #2 for **TK - 2nd Grade**

### **Tues. 9/12**

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

### **Wed. 9/13**

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session #1 for **3rd & 4th Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**: A grant received from The USGBC-LA - US Green Building Council - Los Angeles for HFGS and our Green School Initiatives  
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session #2 for **3rd & 4th Grade**

**Thurs. 9/14** - Happy 98th Anniversary of Holy Family Grade School! / Happy Birthday, Mrs. Palmer.

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session #1 for **5th & 6th Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**: A grant received from The USGBC-LA - US Green Building Council - Los Angeles for HFGS and our Green School Initiatives

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session #2 for **5th & 6th Grade**

**Fri. 9/15** - Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ruta.

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session #1 for **7th & 8th Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**: A grant received from The USGBC-LA - US Green Building Council - Los Angeles for HFGS and our Green School Initiatives

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session #2 for **7th & 8th Grade**

**Note:**

1. Catalogue Gift Items & Frozen Desserts Fundraiser continues.

2. Members of our school administration and faculty will be participating and will be recognized at the ECOSOC - United Nations Economic and Social Council and **UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership** Conference.

**Sunday, 9/17** - Catechetical Sunday

**Note:** This is an annual celebration that gives us an opportunity to honor our catechists or Religion teachers on their role of faith formation and the call to share and live out their faith. The word "catechesis" comes from the Greek meaning "to echo the teaching" in an interactive process of proclaiming the Word of God.

**Tues. 9/19**

7:45 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. - HFCC Catholic Church Staff Retreat

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Student Council Installation, GSA

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

**Fri. 9/22**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - School Visit of Mr. Ryan Gomez, San Fernando Regional Superintendent of Catholic Schools

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, 9/30/23 7:30 p.m. - 30th Anniversary Concert of Holy Family Filipino Chorale, HF Catholic Church

Sunday, 10/1/23 2:00 p.m. - Pastor Installation Mass of Fr. Anthony Garcias & The Blessing of the New Parish Center

Saturday, 10/21 & Sunday, 10/22 - Parish Country Fair 2023, School Grounds

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

Today's passage speaks about *fraternal correction*, and invites us to reflect on the twofold dimension of Christian existence: community, which demands *safeguarding communion* — that is, the unity of the Church — and personal, which obliges attention and *respect for every individual conscience*. To correct a brother who has made a mistake, Jesus suggests a pedagogy of rehabilitation. And Jesus' pedagogy is always a pedagogy of rehabilitation. He always tries to rehabilitate, to save. And this pedagogy of rehabilitation is articulated in three passages. In the first place he says: "tell him his fault, between you and him alone", that is, do not air his sin in public. It is about going to your brother with discretion, not to judge him but to help him realize what he has done. How many times have we had this experience: someone comes and tells us: 'But listen, you were mistaken about this. You should

change a little in this regard'. Perhaps in the beginning we get angry, but then we say 'thank you', because it is a gesture of brotherhood, of communion, of help, of rehabilitation. And it is not easy to put this teaching of Jesus into practice, for various reasons. There is the fear that the brother or sister may react badly; at times you may lack sufficient confidence with him or with her. And other reasons. But every time we have done this, we have felt it was precisely the way of the Lord. (Angelus, 6 September 2020)

Thank you for valuing Catholic education.  
Dr. Suelto

**References:**

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary