

Important for the Weeks of September 18 and 25, 2023

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

Congratulations, HFGS for receiving the International GREEN SCHOOL Award.

We are pleased to share with you Holy Family Grade School - Glendale's receiving the International Green School Award - our school being recognized for its sustainability practices and its initiatives in helping protect God's resources and our planet Earth. HFGS, one of the staunch and committed schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, shared a curriculum on sustainability fundamentals focusing on ESG - Environment, Social, and Governance at one of UNESCO's affiliated organizations. In attendance were heads and presidents of universities, non-profit organizations, private and public institutions, policy makers, advocates, and representatives from different states and countries all over the world.

Mrs. Teresa Nelson (Kindergarten Teacher, Vice Principal for Primary School, and Athletic Director) and Mr. Tomas Makiling (Music Teacher and Concert Chorus Director), along with Mrs. Yanira Gomez (Spanish Program Consultant) received the International Green Teacher Award 2023 from Green Mentors' NYC 7th Green School Conference at Cornell University on Friday, September 15, 2023. Mr. Makiling composed the melody and collaborated with Band Director Gabriel Martin for the Go Green Song and Mrs. Gomez had the song lyrics Spanish translation. Principal Suelto presented HFGS curriculum and practices on Sustainability following the conference's guiding theme on "Green School for Every Child" toward environmental stewardship, education, and global cooperation.

We are rejoicing to have received such prestigious awards and celebrate our teachers' and school community's efforts toward the progress made in green education. Thank you all for your support

Sustainability Workshops for HFGS with USGBC-LA Educator Elizabeth Christy

A grant on teaching-learning sessions was received from the US Green Building Council of Los Angeles. The grant consisted of a 90 minute workshop session for every grade level.

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.

Items for PCF Handbid Auction

There is a weekly meeting of PCF 2023 Core Committee and one of its agenda items will be on specific items for the school's upcoming Parish Country Fair Silent Action through Handbid. Please wait for further announcements as these are great opportunities for parent service hours.

We work Toward A Smooth Flow of Traffic, Drop off, and Dismissal.

Calling for more conscious and more aware members of our community toward attaining an easier and a safer morning drop off and afternoon dismissal on Elk Avenue. Thank you.

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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

Wed. 9/20

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - PCF 2023 Core Committee Meeting via Zoom

Thurs. 9/21

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session #1 for **5th & 6th Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**

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

Fri. 9/22

10:45 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Session #1 for **7th & 8th Grade** on **Sustainability and Going Green**

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

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

Tues. 9/26

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

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

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Parent Night, 8th Grade Classroom

Wed. 9/27

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - PCF 2023 Core Committee Meeting via Zoom

Thurs. 9/28

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - San Fernando Pastoral Regional Meeting, Bishop Alemany High School

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 Gospel also speaks to us of service. It shows us two servants who have much to teach us: the servant of the centurion whom Jesus cures and the centurion himself, who serves the Emperor. The words used by the centurion to dissuade Jesus from coming to his house are remarkable, and often the very opposite of our own: "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof" (7:6); "I did not presume to come to you" (7:7); "I also am a man set under authority" (7:8). Jesus marvels at these words. He is struck by the centurion's great humility, by his *meekness*. (...) Given his troubles, the centurion might have been anxious and could have demanded to be heard, making his authority felt. He could have insisted and even forced Jesus to come to his house. Instead, he was modest, unassuming and meek; he did not raise his voice or make a fuss. He acted, perhaps without even being aware of it, like God himself, who is "meek and humble of heart" (*Mt* 11:29). For God, who is love, out of love is ever ready to serve us. He is patient, kind and always there for us; he suffers for our mistakes and seeks the way to help us improve. These are the characteristics of Christian service; meek and humble, it *imitates God by serving others*: by welcoming them with patient love and unflagging sympathy, by making them feel welcome and at home in the ecclesial community, where the greatest are not those who command but those who serve (cf. *Lk* 22:26). (Jubilee of Deacons, 29 May 2016)

Grateful for your support of our Catholic education,
Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary