

Important for the Weeks of September 5 and 11, 2023

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

Labor Day

A blessed Labor Day! This sure is an extra day off from work and school yet its meaning actually goes much further than just the long weekend. Labor Day has been a national holiday since 1894 and USA Today shares that today is *at heart a celebration of the hard-won achievements of America's labor movement and a recognition of what workers have contributed to the nation's prosperity.*

Back-to-School Night Parent Participation

We were close to a hundred percent attendance of our families last Wednesday and that was indeed a very good turn out of the families of students registered for this school year. Thank you to Fr. Anthony Garcias (Pastor), our Vice Principals, faculty, club/activity moderators, and PTO Board especially for the leadership of Mr. Tony Makhoul, Mr. Jerome Aguilar, and more, with special mention of Mrs. Elsbeth Fulgencio and Mrs. Fabiola Martinez for spearheading the refreshments team and the [**Track-It-Forward**](#) app for service volunteers 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

The board is also looking for Room Parents. Please email hfgsroomparents@gmail.com if interested.

On Hot Weather Days

Last week, we experienced extreme hot days and we adjusted our schedule to make certain that our school children and staff are not exposed to extreme heat outside of their classrooms. We postponed playtime and Physical Education classes that are usually held outside, kept children hydrated by having access to water and non-sugary drinks while playing outside. A water bottle or a reusable bottle is perfect for refilling from our safe drinking fountains. Anything above 90 to 92 F degree hot day temperature is when we as a team take all the extra precautions as such temperature can be potentially hazardous to our children's health. When these extreme hot days are earlier predicted, let us make sure that the children are not wearing excess clothing, their cardigans or sweat shirts, except when we are at Church since there is air-conditioning anyway. This week is cooler and that's the good news.

Catalogue Fundraising

We hope that you have started to use this long weekend to sell some or better yet, many of those items from our Gift Catalogue to support our various school programs. The catalogue fundraiser is also called the pre-sales, brochure or catalogue sales. Please show the catalogue and the order form to your relatives, friends, or work colleagues as our potential supporters. Aristotle once said, "*There can be no words without pictures.*" With pictures, your target buyers will sure enjoy and may lead to purchasing more items than expected. Thank you so much for promoting and supporting your child's education through this fundraising program. You may return the envelope with orders and payment at our school office during these next three weeks. The higher the class sales, the better the benefit for each class.

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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. - PTO Board Zoom Meeting

Thurs. 9/7 - Jeans for Jesus

Fri. 9/8

Note: PCF 2023 Parish Country Fair Fundraising Raffle tickets of \$225 due per family

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.

Mon. 9/11 - Patriot Day / Recycling Day

Tues. 9/12

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

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

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

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

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. More details to follow.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **Band Flier / Information** - from Band Director Gabriel Martin
2. **Dance Information** - from Jeannette Proulx and Plaza Production

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

Jesus begins by saying: “*Today* this scripture has been fulfilled”. Let us dwell on this *today*. The Word of God is always “today”. Isaiah’s prophecy dates back to earlier centuries, but Jesus, “in the power of the Spirit” (v. 14), makes it relevant and, above all, brings it to fulfillment, and shows how to receive the Word of God: today. It is not like ancient history, no: today. It speaks to your heart today. Jesus’ fellow countrymen are struck by his word. Even though, clouded by prejudice, they do not believe him, they realize that his teaching is different from that of the other teachers: they sense that there is more to Jesus. What is there? There is *the anointing of the Holy Spirit*. Sometimes it happens that our sermons and our teachings remain generic, abstract; they do not touch the soul and the life of the people. And why? Because they lack the power of this *today*; what Jesus “fills with meaning” in the power of the Spirit, is today. He is speaking to you today. Preaching runs this risk: without the anointing of the Spirit, it impoverishes the Word of God, and deteriorates to moralism or abstract concepts; it presents the Gospel with detachment, as if it were outside time, far from reality. And this is not the way. But a word in which *the power of today* does not pulsate, is not worthy of Jesus and does not help people’s lives. This is why those who preach, please, should be the first to experience the *today of Jesus*, in order to be able to communicate it in the today of others. (Angelus, 23 January 2022)

Thank you and welcome to our school week #3.
Dr. Suelto

References:

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)