

Important for the Weeks of October 16 & 23, 2023 / Parish Country Fair / Spelling Bee Winners

Dear **HFGS Families, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends,**
Congratulations on receiving the following awards!

1. **Kendall Ballesteros, 7th Grade**, won the Msgr. Brouwer's Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest among the 7th grade contestants from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. When our Middle School students were invited, all our ALA - Academic League and Ambassadors submitted their grade level essay entry. They all competed for one of the three \$500 scholarships. Our ALA contestants developed the topic: ***How does the way you live your life bear witness to Jesus?*** 6th and 7th grade ALA will be attending the Missionary Childhood Association Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Jose Gomez this coming Tuesday at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles. ALA will support Kendall as she receives her certificate and scholarship win right after the Mass.

Congratulations, Kendall B. on your remarkable achievement in winning the essay writing contest. To all the other ALA participants, thanks and way to go! Your insightful and faith-filled composition reflects not only your talent but also your deep understanding of our Catholic values. **Thank you and well done, Kendall, Mrs. Ruta (Coach), and ALA Team.**

2. Spelling Bee 2023 Winners

Kudos to our amazing spellers! Your dedication to language and spelling has paid off. Many thanks for participating and we send our gratefulness to our Language Art teachers, beloved parents, Spelling Bee Masters Mrs. Ashley Liberda and Mr. Clarence Clark. Assisting during the contest proper last Friday were our driven and resolute Student Council Commissioners. Each of the participants will obtain a certificate and the individual winners will receive a medal.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

1st Place: Janaiah Rojas, 1st

2nd Place: Noah Ferrer-Chacon, 1st

3rd Place: Kira Nguyễn, 1st

2nd and 3rd Grades:

1st Place: Grace Jazmines, 3rd

2nd Place: Alejandra Respicio, 3rd

3rd Place: Nia Orbita, 3rd

4th and 5th Grades

1st Place: Devin Vergara, 5th

2nd Place: Julian Abdoush, 4th

3rd Place: Aria Villaseñor, 4th

4th Place: Josiah Prado, 4th

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

1st Place: Noah Samuy, 8th

2nd Place: Gabriel Malaguit, 8th

3rd Place: Elizabeth Ilano, 7th

A Tribute to Our Sisters of Charity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Our faculty, staff, students, and friends will honor our BVM Sisters through a **Spiritual Bouquet** and slide presentation this coming Wednesday afternoon, 10/18/23 at 1:00 p.m. in the GS Auditorium. Saying farewell to our nuns who are retiring and leaving California to Dubuque, Iowa, is both bittersweet and inspiring. The Sisters have dedicated their lives to faith, service, and love. Their impact on our community is immeasurable. As you step into retirement, we send you our well wishes and gratitude. May the new chapter in your lives be filled with peace, joy, and continued blessings of the Lord. Farewell, dear nuns.

PCF 2023: Parish Country Fair Preparations and Handbid Online Auction

Our PCF Core Committee with the collaboration of our parent board leads, parent representatives, and volunteers,

continued to meet and finalize the plans for next weekend events. The school is indeed excited! A separate link to the details of each day program will be sent to you. Our Handbid Online Auction is now live! **Mr. Jerome Aguilar** wishes to pass along the QR code for easy reference and promotion inclusion. If anyone is searching for our event manually, our PCF can be found by typing "Parish Country Fair 2023" on the "search" bar of Handbid. Please find the enclosed QR code.

Don't forget to get to our Track It Forward App for parent service hours. Once again, we would like to invite all our parishioners, friends, and school families to join us for our Parish Country Fair, a fun-filled community event. Come together for our Saturday Movie Night Dinner and Sunday games, food, , and fellowship (after attending Mass). See you at the fair!

A Winter Dedication Book

Building connections. Promoting values. Celebrating YOU while supporting our programs.

Soon to be launched is our **Winter Dedication Book** - to invite teams, families, alumni, businesses, and HFCS friends to support an ad space and submit a special dedication. To join will require a selected size-page submission with a message, photo, and matching contribution to either a full page, half, or a quarter page, This compilation will be produced in the months of October, November, and December with a target date of distribution of hard copies and/or online publishing before the Advent season and New Year. Messages solicited are from or given to a child, mom, dad, family, class, sports/music/ club teams, grandparents, business owners, any of our community shareholders. We are pleased to announce that this year's **Winter Dedication Book** will be directed towards supporting student scholarships and enhancing our academic programs. Your generous contributions will directly impact the education and future of our students. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Tues. 10/17

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

8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 6th & 7th Grade ALA attending the Missionary Childhood Association Mass at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles, LA

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 8th Grade Individual Cap and Gown Photos by Studio Photography

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

Wed. 10/18

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month Assembly (All Subjects), GSA

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Farewell: School Tribute to The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, GSA

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - PCF 2023 All lead and parent volunteers' meeting, Lunch Area

Thurs. 10/19

Note:

1. 7th Grade Field Trip: Medieval Times

2. Great California Shakeout

Fri. 10/20 - PCF 2023 setting up begins.

Sat. 10/21 & Sun., 10/22 - PCF 2023 - Parish Country Fair / 10/22 is World Mission Sunday

Mon. 10/23 - PCF Clean up. No School.

Tues. 10/24 - Photoshoot Day#1

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

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

Wed. 10/25 - Photoshoot Day#2 & Happy Birthday, Miss Mary Ann Gutierrez!

Thurs. 10/26 - Photoshoot Day#3 / End of the 1st Quarter

Fri. 10/27 - 2nd Quarter begins.

8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - TK/Kindergarten/1st Grade Field Trip to Underwood Family Farm, Moorpark

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, 10/19 - Great California Shakeout
Saturday, 10/21 & Sunday, 10/22 - Parish Country Fair 2023, School Grounds
Wednesday, 11/1 - 8:00 a.m. All Saints Day (School) Mass

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

Jesus went to lunch with the publicans, who were public sinners; they were the bad ones. God is not afraid of our spirits wounded by many cruelties, because he loves us; he invites us. And the Church is called to reach the daily thoroughfares, that is, the geographic and existential peripheries of humanity, those places on the margins, those situations where the hopeless remnants of humanity camp out and live. It is a matter of not settling for comforts and the customary ways of evangelization and witnessing to charity, but rather of opening the doors of our hearts and our communities to everyone, because the Gospel is not reserved to a select few. However, the Lord places one condition: to wear a wedding garment. Let us return to the parable. The wedding garment — this capelet — symbolizes the mercy that God freely gives us, namely, grace. Without grace we cannot take a step forward in Christian life. Everything is grace. (Angelus, 11 October 2020)

Thanks and see you at the Fair,
Dr. Suelto

References:

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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

