Important for the Weeks of October 30 and November 6, 2023

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

Start of the 2nd Academic Quarter

As we end the first academic quarter and begin a new one, this is a great time for all our students to reflect on their achievements and set new goals for the coming months. We're proud of everyone's hard work and dedication. Remember that success is a journey, and with students being able to maintain good grades requires consistent effort and effective study habits. Know that we are here to support and guide every child every step of the way.

Physical Education and Sports News from Athletic Director Teresa Nelson and Coach Karl Johnson

Physical Education and Boys Flag Football Program from Coach Karl Johnson

In Physical Education, the primary and elementary grades are working on explosive movements and directional running. The middle school grades are learning the rules and fundamentals of volleyball, basketball and golf. Our Boys Varsity Flag Football Team just finished their season 1-6, and gave a hundred percent effort in every game. Our B Flag Football Team is currently 5-0, and trying to finish the season undefeated for the first time in school history. Our C-Team is our fundamental team where players are still learning the rules and fundamentals of flag football. They will be having Inter-Squad games, learning sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Sports News from Mrs. Teresa Nelson

This year HFGS is proud to field two Girls "B" volleyball teams into the CYO Verdugo Conference. Both teams are dynamic in spirit and play, and are off to a winning season. Team 1 is coached by Mr. Jose Luis Hernandez, and has a current record of 2 wins and 1 loss. Team 2 is coached by Mrs. Teri Nelson, and has a current record of 2 wins and 0 losses. Development of these athletes include teaching passing, hitting and serving skills while emphasizing teamwork and sportsmanship.

Sending You Our Gratitude

Football Assistant Coaches Jerome Aguilar, Nick Gutierrez, Robert Acosta, Brian Chacon, Marvin Gil, and Richard Caceres (Varsity Boys' Soccer) with our Basketball Assistant Coaches Marc Arias, Richard Miguel, Randall Miguels, HipHop Dance Coach Jared Singzon, Cheer Coaches Miss Alma Stone, Mrs. Alexa Soliman, Hairbows lead Mrs. Catotocan and other wonderful parent assists continue to support our Bulldogs. We shall highlight our amazing team parents in our next Newsletter. Cheers to our coaches, assists, and teams! GO BULLDOGS.

On Hallow's Eve

In our Catholic context, "Hallow's Eve" refers to the evening before All Saints' Day, which is celebrated on November 1st. It is also known as "All Hallows' Eve," with "hallow" meaning "saint" or "holy." The term is used to honor and remember the saints and martyrs recognized by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is a solemn feast dedicated to all the saints in heaven, both known and unknown, who have attained the beatific vision and are considered role models of Christian faith and virtue. Hallow's Eve, or Halloween, has its origins in the Christian tradition, with the evening before the feast of All Saints being a time for prayer, reflection, and remembering the departed. For this week, we shall have a safe and festive Halloween Parade on Tuesday and our school Mass will be on Wednesday, 11/1/23 celebrating All Saints' Day.

Our Church Summit Leadership (November 4, 2023)

Holy Family Catholic Church Leadership Summit is an event or conference specifically designed for

our Holy Family leaders and this summit aims to bring together clergy members, church administrators, pastoral staff, and other leaders within our Catholic faith to discuss and address various aspects of church leadership, ministry, and management. This will include spiritual leadership, pastoral care, outreach and evangelization, ministry development, challenges, opportunities, and networking.

National Vocations Week (November 5 - 11, 2023)

<u>National Vocations Awareness Week</u> is a week-long event observed within the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. It is designed to raise awareness and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and other forms of church ministry. The purpose of this week is to encourage individuals to consider dedicating their lives to serving the Church through these vocations. During National Vocations Awareness Week, various activities and events take place, both in parishes and at the diocesan or national level. These activities will include our regular school Mass and petitions, class prayer services, panel discussions, creative art work, sharing and supporting efforts to raise public awareness about the importance of promoting vocations and the role of the priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated life through prayer and education. Our community continues to foster an environment in which individuals can explore their own callings within the Church.

HFGS's Thanksgiving Drive

Please consider participating actively in our Thanksgiving Food Drive to help those in need during the holiday season. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families. Let's come together to share the spirit of gratitude and generosity. Parents can play a crucial role in helping their children support a school's Thanksgiving Drive and instill the values of gratitude and giving. Here are some ways that both our faculty and the parents can have our young ones get involved: educating the children about the drive, setting an example, shopping together as a family for the assigned item(s) to bring, visiting a charity, reflecting and discussing, and more. Finally, by involving our children in the Thanksgiving Drive and discussing the importance of giving, we as adults can instill values of empathy, gratitude, and community service. These experiences help children understand the significance of helping others and develop a sense of social responsibility. A flier will be sent home.

Winter Dedication Book

We cordially invite school families and local organizations to purchase a page or any size in our **Winter Dedication Book for advertising**. This is a wonderful opportunity t<u>o showcase your</u> <u>business or extend warm wishes to our school community</u>. Your participation not only promotes your message but also **supports our scholarship**, **academic**, **and after-school programs**. We look forward to featuring your contributions in this special publication. Know that your participation makes a significant impact on our school's success, allowing us to provide the best educational experiences for our students.

Please use the attached **Order Form** and email your submission to: <u>winterdedicationbook@hfgsglendale.org</u>

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Mon. 10/30 a.m. - 4th Graders' Caine Arcade in following the creativity and entrepreneurship of Caine Monroy

Tues. 10/31

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Halloween Parade in the GS Yard begins - Morning Prayer, Pledge, and Announcements. Table Treats organized by Parent Reps will be in the GS Auditorium.

Wed, 11/1 - All Saints Day 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass

Thurs. 11/2 - All Souls Day

Fri. 11/3 - 8th Grade Mock Interviews & Loaves and Fishes

Sat. 11/4

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - HFCC Leadership Summit Meeting, GS Auditorium.

Sun. 11/5 - National Vocations Awareness Week (11/5 - 11/11/23)

Mon. 11/6 - Recycling Day & Day 1 of Thanksgiving Food Drive drop off 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 2nd Grade Field Trip: Los Angeles Zoo

Tues. 11/7 - Day #2 of Thanksgiving Food Drive drop off 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass 8:30 a.m. - SFPR, San Fernando Pastoral Region Principals' Retreat with Bishop Albert Bahhuth 12:00 noon - Dismissal 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Online Faculty Collaboration (STAR Data Disaggregation and Analysis / Preparation for PTCs) 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - HFGS Cheer Fundraiser America's Got Talent All Stars Fantasy League: Red Studios/Hollywood

Wed. 11/8

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month Assembly 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting, GSA

Thurs. 11/9 - Jeans for Jesus

Fri. 11/10 - No School (In observance of Veterans Day)

Sat. 11/11 - Veterans Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, 11/1 - Submission of messages and photos for the Winter Dedication Book begins. Tuesday, 11/8 - Student of the Month Assembly Friday, 11/17 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

Jesus establishes two essential principles for believers of all times; two essential principles of our life. The first is that moral and religious life cannot be reduced to an anxious and forced obedience. There are people who seek to fulfil the commandments in an anxious or forced manner, and Jesus helps us understand that moral and religious life cannot be reduced to anxious or forced obedience, but must have love as its precept. The second principle is that love must tend together and inseparably toward God and toward neighbor. This is one of the primary innovations of Jesus' teachings, and it helps us understand that what is not expressed in love of neighbor is not true love of God; and, likewise, what is not drawn from one's relationship with God is not true love of neighbor. (Angelus, 25 October 2020)

Sincerely grateful, Dr. Suelto <u>References:</u> Fr. Anthony's Message <u>School Calendar</u> <u>Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>

