

Important for the Weeks of November 13 and 20, 2023

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

Grateful for your generous contributions during in our Thanksgiving Food Drive last week!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school families for their generous contributions to this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your kindness and commitment have made a significant impact, ensuring that those in need can enjoy a bountiful and joyous holiday season. Such gesture of sending those assigned items has exemplified the spirit of giving and community support. Together, we surely make a difference. Our Student Council Commissioners will be in charge of distributing and bagging the Thanksgiving Food donations. Also, our student leadership ensures that our collective efforts come to fruition, spreading warmth and gratitude to those who will benefit from your generous contributions. Thank you for supporting this meaningful initiative and making a positive impact on our community during the Thanksgiving season.

Empowering God's Children Lessons during the Weeks of Nov. 13 and 20

We will conduct sessions on Empowering God's Children, emphasizing the importance of recognizing and asserting personal boundaries in the next two weeks before the Thanksgiving Break. Participants will learn to discern situations that may be uncomfortable or pose potential risks, empowering them to confidently say 'no' when needed, particularly in the context of preventing abuse. *This new program is designed to help children and young people know they have the power to protect themselves from harmful or threatening situations and always aim to keep themselves safe and healthy.* Empowering God's Children will remain on the three year cycle. This year's cycle is Year 1 (2023-2024): Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules; (2024-2025) Year 2 - Boundaries & Bullying and (2025-2026) Year 3 will be on Internet and Technology Safety.

Please see the attached letter for our parents and guardians' information and signature.

EcoHero Show

Join us for the EcoHero Show, where environmental awareness meets entertainment! Discover the exciting journey of our EcoHeroes as they inspire and educate audiences of all ages on the importance of sustainability, conservation, and being environmental stewards. Don't miss the chance to be part of this eco-friendly adventure – a show that enlightens, engages, and empowers! Please let the office know if parents or grandparents are interested to see this presentation that's soon coming up and we shall be reserving seats for you in the GS auditorium.

ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors (Grades 6,7, & 8) Progress Update from Mrs. Ofelia Ruta, Main Coach

Here's to give you an update of our Academic League, where excellence thrives across a spectrum of subjects! Our students are excelling in diverse academic disciplines, showcasing their knowledge, critical thinking, and passion for learning. Join us in celebrating the intellectual prowess of our Academic League as we continue to flourish and achieve greatness in every field of study.

The ALA requirements cover our participants' attendance, learning engagement, projects, & subjects mastered.

- * Catholic Math League 1st Testing Results
- * Religion verses researches & understanding
- * A common book to be read independently and discussed in December & January 2024
- * An Art painting on Sustainability
- * Using Quizlet for flash cards and self-assessments in Science and Social Studies

Jennifer Torres's Funeral Services 11/17 & 11/18/23 from Fabiola Martinez, Friend and PTO Board

As many of you may already know, Jennifer Torres, mother of Makayla Olivares in 5th grade, recently passed away. We are deeply saddened to hear of her passing as she was a cherished member of our Holy Family Grade School community. As you all may imagine, covering the expenses of the funeral and other end-of-life costs could be cumbersome and overwhelming. If you are able to contribute to the Torres and Olivares' family, your generosity would be greatly appreciated as it would help ease the burden during this difficult time. We are grateful for any support you are able to provide.

As the family has asked me to assist in coordinating, we have created the "In Loving Memory- Jen Torres" Fund. Donations can be made via Zelle to – InlovingmemoryJenTorres@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you'd like to send the family comforting words, messages, or share memories of Jen with Pictures, you may also do so at this email address. Here, the family will have an opportunity to read and be comforted by your kindness. If you have any question, you may also reach out to me at 323-491-0030.

Viewing:

*Friday, November 17, 2023 5:00-9:00pm
South Pasadena Christian Church
1316 Lyndon Street - South Pasadena, CA 91030*

Funeral Service:

*Saturday, November 18, 2023
Mass @10:00am
Holy Family Catholic Church
209 E. Lomita Avenue - Glendale, CA 91205*

Interment following Mass @1:00pm
*Inglewood Park Cemetery
3801 W Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90305
Near the Manchester Blvd. Entrance*

On behalf of the Torres and Olivares family, I thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

*God Bless,
Fabi Paz Martinez*

School WiFi Interrupted & Restored this Week

We extend our sincere apologies for the disruption in WiFi connectivity due to a recent power outage. While in the midst of selecting the most suitable bid, we anticipate the restoration of our WiFi services in the coming week. In the interim, teachers from C3 Ignite to TK-6th Grade are utilizing iPads with their own data. We appreciate your understanding during this time and are thankful for the students' adaptability as we temporarily transition to traditional teaching methods without technology for three days. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Our new WiFi network will be restored this week.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Friday, Nov. 17

Last week, we shared valuable insights on conducting successful Parent-Teacher Conferences. As you

engage in conversations with your child regarding academic performance, conduct, behavior, and relationships with peers, we wish you the utmost success. Your active involvement during the fifteen minute conversation is instrumental in fostering a supportive and enriching educational experience for your child. Best wishes for fruitful and meaningful discussions.

Advent Confessions

As we approach the Advent season, we want to emphasize the significance of Advent Confessions for our Catholic school children. Advent is a time of preparation and reflection, and participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides a unique opportunity for our students. Advent Confessions offer a chance for [self-examination](#), repentance, and spiritual renewal. By seeking forgiveness and receiving the sacrament, our children deepen their understanding of the importance of mercy and reconciliation in their faith journey. Encourage your child to embrace this season of grace by participating in Advent Confessions. It is a meaningful step in their spiritual growth, fostering a stronger connection to their faith and the community. Thank you for working hand-in-hand with us in guiding our students on their spiritual journey.

Christmas Concert Program 2023

We are excited to share that our Music Director Tom Makiling and Homeroom Teachers are currently curating an enchanting Christmas performance list for our upcoming Christmas Concert at the UCCG. Anticipate a delightful blend of festive melodies and heartwarming performances.

While there is a modest fee associated with utilizing the corner Church on Colorado Blvd. which is the UCCG - United Community Church in Glendale, this helps cover rental, sound system, parking, and other miscellaneous costs. Rest assured, the Christmas performances promise to be phenomenal and unforgettable, making the investment worthwhile for an enchanting holiday experience.

Save the date - Friday, **December 15** for a magical evening of holiday cheer from our HFSGS classes.

Private Tours - Welcome New Families.

Our school warmly embraces new families, offering personalized private tours. We greatly appreciate your referrals of prospective students who can benefit from our high-quality academics and faith-filled education. Your support is invaluable, especially as we proactively prepare for our upcoming Open House in January 2024.

Winter Dedication Book

The office has started to receive some page reservations and we look forward to featuring more contributions of a page order, photo, and a message in this special publication. This book will feature our Christmas Concert program. Know that your participation makes a significant impact on our school's success, allowing us to provide the best educational experiences for our students. Email your digital file submission to: winterdedicationbook@hfgsglendale.org

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Safeguarding the Children Training - Parent Permission
2. An Optional Fundraiser to Support our Sports and STEM Programs: pls see attached Order Form of La Da Vie Beauty Skin Products

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Mon. 11/13

8:00 a.m. - 8th Grade Field Trip to The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library / 6th Grade Field Trip to JPL Laboratory

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - HFCC Staff Meeting

Note:

1. Lessons on Safeguarding the Children will begin.
2. Social Science contest guidelines will be discussed today.
3. La Da Vie Fundraiser for Cheer, Choir, Sports, and STEM clubs begins.

Tues. 11/14

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

Wed. 11/15

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - St. Francis Campus Tour with Mrs. Liberda
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 4th Grade Field Trip: Barnes and Noble

Note: Ticket Order Form for the Christmas Program and an information flier on Santa Shop will be sent home through family envelopes.

Fri. 11/17 - PTCs, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sat. 11/18 - HFCC hosts Livescan / Fingerprinting for Staff and Volunteers at the HFCS Auditorium. Please call up the Church office secretary at 818.247.2222 Ext. 220 for your livescan appointment to reserve your schedule.

Mon. 11/20

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 6th Grade Field Trip to the Natural History Museum
Note: La Da Vie Fundraiser for Cheer, Choir, Sports, and STEM clubs ends.

Tues. 11/21

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Student Assembly led by Student Council
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 11/22 - No School / Thanksgiving Break begins. Classes will resume on Monday, the 27th.

Thurs. 11/23 - Happy Thanksgiving.

Sat. 11/25 - Happy Birthday, Coach Karl Johnson!

Sun. 11/26 - Solemnity of Christ the King

A prayerful meditation to begin the week:

Psalm 112:1-6,8a-9

1 Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

2 His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever.

4 Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the LORD is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered for ever.

8 His heart is steady, he will not be afraid.

9 He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love burn in my heart that I may be wholly devoted to you above all

else. Free me from greed and attachment to material things that I may be generous in using the gifts and resources you give me for your glory and for the good of my neighbor.

Thank you and sincerely,
Dr. Suelto

References:

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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

[23-24-Empowering-Gods-Children-Permission-Slip-E-K-8.pdf](#)

[2023/11/HFGS Fundraiser ladavie.pdf](#)