

**Important for the Weeks of November 27 and December 4, 2023**  
**Happy Feast of Christ the King!**

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

Welcome back to school! We hope that the Thanksgiving break gave you ample time to connect and bond with family and friends. As we continue to step into the second quarter, let's continue to delve into our academic goals and keep embracing for and with our children the joy of learning, making our classrooms and school campus vibrant spaces for exploration.

***The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives.

*He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'* - Quas primas, 33

On this sacred Solemnity of Christ the King, may the reign of Christ in our hearts and homes bring blessings of peace, love, and unity to all families. Let us honor His sovereignty by embodying His teachings of compassion, forgiveness, and service in our daily lives.

***Social Studies Contest 2023***

Engaging in Social Studies offers students a window into the world's past, present, and future. It helps them comprehend diverse cultures, societal structures, and historical events, fostering a broader understanding of humanity. Participation encourages critical thinking, empathy, and civic responsibility, empowering students to become informed global citizens equipped to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Prepare your students to participate in the upcoming TK/Kindergarten through 8th Grade Social Studies Contest, scheduled in just two weeks!

***Time to Recycle Next Week***

Post-Thanksgiving, it's time to gather all recyclables once more. Let's keep up our efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle for a more sustainable future. Something good to say to our little ones:

You know how superheroes save the day? Well, when we recycle and reuse, we become superheroes for our planet! It's like giving our Earth a big hug. By recycling, we give things a new life instead of letting them go to waste. And when we reuse stuff, like using a water bottle again and again, we help our planet stay clean and healthy. So, every time we recycle or reuse, we're making a big difference and being superheroes for our home, Earth.

**EcoHero Show** comes to Glendale and HFGS for our TK/Kindergarten through 3rd Grade at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29. Parents are invited to watch.

***Survey on Top Reasons Families Choose HFGS and Thank You for Your Participation.***

Sending you our gratitude for taking part in our recent survey. Last week, we asked for your input on the top reasons why families choose HFGS for their children. Your rankings have provided us with our goal confirmation and valuable insights into how these benefits resonate with you. Here are the

results based on your feedback.

1. Academic Excellence
2. Dedicated Faculty and Staff
3. Safe Environment
4. Emphasis on Catholic and Family Values
5. Advanced Math and Science Curriculums
6. Active Parent Collaboration and Engagement
7. Students Embodying Respect and Love
8. Robust Sports, Music, Band, and After-School Activities
9. Strong Discipline

At our school, we provide a comprehensive curriculum, foster a strong learning environment, instill essential family values and discipline, strive for academic excellence, offer diverse after-school activities, and so much more. Please extend an invitation to new families to experience the exceptional education provided at HFGS, from Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Keep these two dates reserved for our Open House.

**Saturday, January 27 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Tuesday, January 30 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 pm**

### ***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 thank those who have returned their slips for concert admissions at the UCCG. Please forward your slips if you have not done so. Thank you. Save the day - Friday, **December 15** for a magical evening of holiday cheer from our HFGS classes.

### **Important for the Weeks of November 27 and December 4, 2023**

**Sun. 11/26** - Solemnity of Christ the King

**Mon. 11/27** - Classes resume and welcome back.

11:30 a.m. - Deanery 6 Principals' Meeting, Art Room - HFGS

**Tues. 11/28**

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

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

**Wed. 11/29**

1:30 p.m. - Super EcoHero Assembly for TK/Kinder through 3rd Grade, GS Auditorium

**Fri. 12/1** - Loaves and Fishes

**Sun. 12/3** - 1st Sunday of Advent

**Mon. 12/4** - Recycling Day (Reuse. Reduce. Recycle.)

8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Advent Confessions for 3rd through 8th Grade classes

**Tues. 12/5** - Happy Birthday, Miss Alma Stone!

12:00 p.m. - Noon Dismissal

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

**Wed. 12/6** - Santa Shop Day #1, GS Auditorium

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting (Zoom)

**Thurs. 12/7** - Santa Shop Day #2, GSA & Jeans for Jesus

**Fri. 12/8** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (A Holy Day of Obligation)

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

12:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Builders Club Christmas Performance at The Elk's Lodge

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - PTO Board, Faculty, and Staff Christmas Potluck

### ***A Prayer for the Deceased***

Kindly keep the sister of Mrs. Ofelia Ruta our Academic League Coach in your thoughts and prayers. Her sister **Pacita Valerio Yonzon**, 91 years old, passed away in Canada on November 22nd. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of your servant, **Pacita Valerio Yonzon**. Grant her eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### ***A Prayerful Meditation to begin another week***

Psalms 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all.

Thank you and welcome back,

Dr. Suelto

### **References:**

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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