

## Important for the Weeks of November 6 and 13, 2023

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

### ***Daily Saving Time begins.***

The transition to daylight saving time can affect children's sleep patterns and daily routines. By implementing a few of these strategies and maintaining open communication, we can work together to ensure a successful adjustment for our students. Some of these strategies include but are not limited to - maintaining a consistent routine since consistency is key by sticking to regular meal times, homework schedules, and other daily activities to provide a sense of stability for your child; reducing screen time, especially before bedtime, can help your child relax and fall asleep more easily; making sure your child's sleeping space is comfortable, dark, and quiet. A calming bedtime routine, like reading a book or taking a warm bath, can be helpful; providing a balanced diet which is important for good sleep; communicating with our teachers and staff if your child experiences significant difficulties adjusting to DST. Please do not hesitate to reach out to their Homeroom Teachers or our school counselor, Mrs. Suzanna Boyer for additional support or accommodations.

### ***HFCC Summit Leadership 2023***

We are pleased to share the amazing success of the recent Church Leadership Summit that took place last Saturday, November 4th. This event was **a strong confirmation to the power of collaboration, faith, and community spirit**, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated and supported this meaningful gathering. Some of the key achievements were **the vision of Holy Family Catholic Church's spiritual life and enrichment topics shared by Fr. Anthony Garcias**, the group brainstorming of ideas in increasing our faith and community volunteers that were led by **Deacon Ron Baker**, and having a ministry assessment of its goals soon. In looking ahead, and as we reflect on the success of the Church Leadership Summit, we are already planning for future events and initiatives to **continue nurturing the strong bonds within our community and furthering our mission. Our grade school has the biggest number of members and we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who played a role in making our Church continue to grow** and the Church Leadership Summit a success. We do believe that together, we can continue to strengthen our church leadership and build a more connected, vibrant, and thriving community.

### ***Thank You, Parents, for the Halloween Table Treats and Sweets!***

We wanted to extend our utmost gratitude for the delightful Halloween table treats and the abundance of sweets that you generously provided during the Halloween festivities. Your thoughtfulness and presence truly made the event even more special, and we are tremendously grateful for your support. The **wide variety of goodies and the charming decorations were a big hit with both students and parents alike**. It is your unwavering commitment to our school community that makes events like these so successful, and we are lucky to have such dedicated individuals on our team. Your efforts in creating a fun and memorable Halloween experience for our children are deeply appreciated.

### ***8th Grade Mock Interviews and thanks to Mrs. Funn, Mr. Steve Braden, Mrs. Ashley Liberda, and our Middle School***

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent 8th-grade mock interviews. The participation, enthusiasm, and effort put forth by **Mrs. Liberda, the office, Mrs. Nadia Funn, and Mr. Steve Braden** have truly made this a remarkable experience for our 8th grade students. Some key highlights of the mock interviews were **our 8th graders' impressive level of preparedness, our two impeccable parent volunteers - Mrs. Nadia Funn and Mr. Steve Braden for their constructive feedback; our students' increased self-confidence and poise; and the idea itself providing our students a taste of the real-world high school interview process and what to expect during the actual interviews**.

### ***National Vocations Week (11/ 5 - 11, 2023)***

National Vocations Awareness Week 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.

### ***Veterans Day - No School on Friday, 11/10/23***

Veterans Day, observed on November 11th each year, is a federal holiday in the United States that honors and recognizes all military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a day to express gratitude and pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed and served their country in various capacities, often in challenging and dangerous situations. There is **no school on Friday, November 10th in observance of 11/11/23 Veterans Day as a way to show respect and appreciation for veterans. The day of observance** provides students and teachers with an opportunity to participate in or attend local Veterans Day events, parades, and ceremonies to learn more about the significance of this day and to honor the contributions of veterans. This weekend will have a day for reflection, remembrance, and recognition of the service and sacrifices made by veterans for all of us.

### **PTCs, Parent-Teacher Conferences coming up (Friday, 11/17/23)**

We are excited to announce the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, **a valuable opportunity for us to collaborate and discuss your child's progress, achievements, and areas for growth.** To ensure a productive and meaningful conference, we would like to share some tips on how to prepare effectively:

1. Arrive on time for your child's PTC;
2. Give yourself insights into the academic performance of your child, any questions, and concerns you may have;
3. Set goals and expectations so the conference will be more focused;
4. Listen to your child at home as their perspective can provide valuable insights as well;
5. Keep an open mind and participate actively during the conference and be receptive to the teacher's recommendations;
6. List all the strategies and a follow up plan to continue to build up your student's academic strength and good behavior to support their progress.

As we are committed to your child's education and well-being, know that the Parent-Teacher Conferences will provide a valuable opportunity for us to work together in their best interest. Thus, your active participation and preparation will help make these conferences as productive as possible. You have received your PTC schedule and please return the acknowledgement slip if you have not done so at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### ***Following up your support to meet our program goals:***

1. Thanksgiving Drive, America's Got Talent Attendance, Fundraisers for our After School Programs
2. Winter Dedication Book

### ***Winter Dedication Book***

We look forward to featuring your contributions of a page order, photo, and a message in this special publication where we shall incorporate our Christmas Concert program event as well. 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](mailto:winterdedicationbook@hfgsglendale.org)

### **Important for the Weeks of November 6 and 13, 2023**

**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  
9:00 a.m. - Visit of Brother John-Marmion Villa from The Little Portion Hermitage, Arizona  
8:30 a.m. - SFPR, San Fernando Pastoral Region Principals' Retreat with Bishop Albert Bahhuth  
12:00 noon - Early Dismissal  
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Online 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  
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Safeguard the Children Meeting for Core Committee, HFCC

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting, GS Auditorium

**Thurs. 11/9** - Jeans for Jesus

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

**Sat. 11/11** - Veterans Day

**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:** Social Science contest guidelines will be discussed today.

**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

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Tuesday, 11/8 - Student of the Month Assembly

Friday, 11/17 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

**A prayerful meditation to begin the week: A Psalm of David - Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down;

to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

You set a table before me in front of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me

all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

Thanks and sincerely,

Dr. Suelto

**References:**

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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