

Important for the Weeks of December 18 and 25, 2023 / A blessed 3rd Week of Advent.

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

Commendations and gratitude on a beautiful Christmas Concert at UCCG and Our School Families' Thoughtfulness.

Appreciation extends to everyone involved in making our Christmas Concert a success - the class performances, musical renditions by the band, and the wonderful choir led by Mr. Tom Makiling and our dedicated Homeroom teachers. Our heartfelt thanks also go to our supportive PTO Board and the families who graciously assisted our office staff in organizing and ensuring a smooth event. We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the show. We would like to take this opportunity to send our sincere thanks to our school families for their thoughtfulness and generosity. We are amazed and moved by your beautifully written Christmas card messages, scarves, candles, chocolates, pastries, cakes, gift cards, and numerous other gifts. Thank you immensely.

Thank you, Mr. Andre Ko, for many years of serving in our CSB, Consultative School Board!

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Mr. Andrew Ko, the esteemed Chair of our Consultative School Board. Mr. Ko has been an integral part of our board for eight years, contributing his expertise and insights to enhance various aspects of our school community. His guidance and dedication have significantly impacted our school, leading to fair resolutions in school and parent affairs, fostering student engagement, bolstering academic achievements, and implementing diverse and effective marketing strategies.

As Mr. Ko embarks on a new chapter in a different state, we extend our best wishes for a fresh start and new adventures. We deeply appreciate his years of dedicated service and the invaluable contributions he made to our school community. We wish you the best and God's many blessings.

Social Studies Contest 2023 Report from Dr. Krikor Kiladjian

Prior to our Christmas break, both teachers and students engaged in a special project involving active participation from every student. This project was designed to enrich their learning experience in Social Studies, focusing on specific curriculum lessons. Prior to its commencement, we shared the project's requirements and criteria, ensuring everyone was prepared for its implementation.

Now, the results are in, and it is a moment to celebrate the achievements of our Social Studies winners. Let's extend our congratulations to all those who participated and excelled in this endeavor. Awards will be given in January, 2024.

Social Studies Contest 2023 Winners - Congratulations!

Transitional Kindergarten <i>"My Place in this World"</i> First Place: Hannah Lee Second Place: Alfred Villegas Third Place: Kora Nguyen Honorable Mention: Liam Castrejon	Kindergarten <i>"Learning and Working Now and Long Ago"</i> First Place: Isabella Martinez Second Place: Emily Porras Third Place: (3 way tie) Sol Cordero, Agatha Teodoro, and Rylie Valdez Honorable Mention: Mason Aguayon
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1st Grade <i>“Designing a Building”</i> 1st - Santiago Varela 2nd - Meghan Cacal 3rd - Liam Moreno and Cameron Anasco-Manabo Honorable Mention - Mars Gunter, Kenzie Bautista, and Benjamin Cuellar	2nd Grade <i>“A Heritage Project Learning about Family’s History”</i> 1st place: Maxwell Bulaon 2nd place: Olivia Baetiong 3rd place: Nicole Ishaq Honorable Mention: Oleksandr Balynsky and Camila Vergara
3rd Grade <i>“A California Region Diorama Project”</i> 1st: Grace Jazmines 2nd: Logan Aguayon 3rd: Alejandra Respicio 4th: Elizabeth Leff Honorable Mentions: Camryn Miguel, Nia Orbita, and Harlow Gutierrez	4th Grade <i>“California History”</i> First Place: Howl Hodges Second Place (Tie): Cayla Villanueva and Aria Villaseñor Third Place (Tie): Conor Cortes and Valerie Makhoul 4th Place (Tie): Ryan Roxas and Bella Sarfean Honorable Mention: Charles Atienza, Zoe Castrejon, Magnus Gunter, Josiah Prado, Faith Tojino, and Nicolas Udani
5th Grade <i>“The American Colonies”</i> 1st Place: Nicholas Arias and Trinity Villanue 2nd Place: Josiah Cruz and Cristopher Gonzalez 3rd Place: Miles Bulaon and Jacob Maldonado Honorable Mention: Dominic Fulgencio and Evan Funn	6th Grade <i>“Ancient Wonder Project”</i> 1 st Place groups (tied): AtashaDuano-Perfecto, Bethany Samuy, & Emma Tan; Daniel Reyes, Aiden Valdez, & Annalise Villa 2 nd Place groups (tied): Ace Aguilar & Addison Miguel, Zoe Klebes, Joshua Tojino, Mikelle Leyson, and Donnabelle Silvano
7th Grade <i>“The Age of Exploration”</i> 1 st place group: Autumn Braden, Kendall Ballestero, and Angela Leynes 2 nd place group: Joaquin Lopez and Michael Samija 3 rd place group (tie): 1. Giselle Reyes, Peighton Clavio, and Camila Tagorda 2. Gavin Miguels, Jacob Nagano, and Christopher Caceres	8th Grade <i>“U.S. History”</i> 1 st place: Alexis Gonzales 2 nd place: Kaseidy Kochoa 3 rd place (tie): Isabella Boktor and Miarose Flores Honorable Mention: Shanessa Dias

Thursday - 12/14/23 Updates on Academic League & Ambassadors Program from Mrs. Ofelia Ruta, Main Coach

Exciting news! Our 7th Grade ALA students have once again secured their position as the top performers nationwide in the Catholic Math League following their exceptional scores in CML’s second testing. They continue to hold the lead among Catholic schools, showcasing their impressive math prowess - ranking 1st out of 55 schools.

Additionally, our 8th Grade secured a commendable 3rd place among a substantial number of 67 participating schools, while our 6th Grade students put in their best effort and achieved a notable standing, securing 22nd place out of 79 participating schools.

These results were tabulated on Thursday, 12/14/23. Although there might be some minor alterations as a few more schools submit their scores, the 7th grade remains steadfastly strong. Please refer to the detailed breakdown for more information.

ALA Top Scorers in Catholic Math League as of 12/14/23

7th Grade Math – 1st Place 55 schools and 826 students competing: 2 nd – Joaquin Lopez 3 rd – Calix Salunga 5 th – Gavin Miguels 6 th – Autumn Braden 7 th – Camille Gammad 14 th – Jacob Nagano 20 th – Christopher Caceres 24 th – Camila Tagorda 58 th – Emily Gibson 69 th – Michael Samija 70 th – Kendall Ballesterio	8th Grade Pre-Algebra – 2nd Place 67 schools and 947 students competing: 7 th – Shanessa Dias 10 th – Cailey Villanueva 45 th – Alexis Gonzalez 53 rd – Noah Samuy 54 th – Emma Aguilar 63 rd – Audrey Monilla 64 th – Mia Rose Flores 65 th – Kaseidy Kochoa	6th Grade Math – 22nd Place 79 schools and 1151 students competing: 50 th – Bethany Samuy 81 st – Aiden Valdez
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Our ALA students are actively engaged in various activities during the break. They're continuing their exploration of 'Journey to the River Sea,' working on their paintings, preparing a report on renowned global structures, independently studying Catechism, and may schedule their CML Testing 3 upon their return.

Regarding the field trip to Universal Studios, a preliminary parent consent form was distributed prematurely. Upon school resumption, a new form containing comprehensive details will be provided. Additionally, the day before the educational trip, the program's Student Recognition event will take place. For specific dates, please refer to the website calendar. Thank you.

Save the Dates.

Open House - Saturday, 1/27/24 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & Tuesday, 1/30/24 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bring a Friend Day - Monday, 1/29/24

Grand Play Day - Wednesday, 3/21/24 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Mon. 12/18 - No School. Christmas break begins and classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Sun. 12/24 - Happy Birthday, Mrs. Teresa Nelson
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Mass

Mon. 12/25 - Merry Christmas.

Tues. 12/26 - Concert Chorus leaves for Rome and joins the 44th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome and Vatican City

Sun. 12/31 - Happy Feast Day of the Holy Family.

A Prayerful Meditation to begin another week

Psalm 72:1,12-13,18-19

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

19 Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!

Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life.

Thank you and have a blessed Third Week of Advent,
Dr. Suelto

References:

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