

Important for the Weeks of December 4 and 11, 2023 / Happy 1st Sunday of Advent.

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

The Advent season has arrived, offering us a meaningful opportunity to help our children comprehend its essence.

Advent is a period of anticipation and readiness for the commemoration of Jesus' birth. It is important for our children to grasp that each year, Catholics and Christians joyfully prepare for the Christmas festivities. 'Advent' means 'coming,' signifying the four-week period before Christmas when we eagerly anticipate Christ's arrival.

The beloved Advent wreath stands as a cherished symbol of this season. Children delight in lighting a candle each week, marking the countdown to Christmas. Within the Advent wreath, the four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent, symbolizing **hope, peace, joy, and love**, respectively. These candles symbolize Jesus' arrival as a guiding light amidst darkness, with one candle lit every Sunday until all four shine brightly.

Under the guidance of our Pastor, Fr. Anthony, and alongside his priest companions, Fr. Vincent Liwag, and Fr. John Schiavone, our 3rd through 8th Grade classes will commence Advent Confessions on Monday, 12/4/23.

Santa Shop this Week

Our dedicated parent board members, led by Mrs. Samuy along with Mrs. Pitpit, Mrs. Bulaon, Mrs. Miguel, and several others, are diligently organizing our upcoming Santa Shop event scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

This Christmas store is designed to offer our children an enjoyable shopping experience. Beyond simply understanding the joy of giving, this initiative encourages them to explore and enhance their mathematical skills through decision-making, budgeting, and money counting. It's an engaging opportunity for them to exercise these important skills while having fun.

We encourage and seek your support to ensure the success of our school's Santa Shop.

A Gentle Reminder on Students' Hair and Nail Policies

Kindly note our Hair, Nail, and Uniform Policy Reminder - As more available time for hair appointments can be made, please take a moment to ensure your child's hair adheres to our guidelines. We emphasize the importance of maintaining clean hair and nails regularly. Keeping both well-trimmed contributes to a neat, sharp, and healthy appearance, in line with our standards.

What are your thoughts? Please fill out the survey as your opinion is very important to us.

We may be considering a change in the billing structure for tuition, textbooks, and required fundraising fees for next school year or so. Instead of assigning specific dates for various fees, we're exploring the option of consolidating these costs into 10 equal monthly installments for families. This approach might offer added convenience for bookkeeping purposes and reduce the frequency of invoicing and emails to our families.

To gauge your preference and better serve our community, we invite you to participate in a survey.

Your input is crucial in helping us understand what would work best for the majority of our parents. Your feedback will guide our decision-making process. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.

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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

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Recess for Grades 6, 7, and 8

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Recess for Grades 3, 4, and 5

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

12:00 p.m. - Noon Dismissal

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

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

Note: School Mass will be on Friday, December 8th.

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

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

Note: The first set of purchased Christmas Concert tickets will be sent home through the family envelopes.

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 Gathering

Sat. 12/9

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Gloria! A Holy Family Christmas Concert & Family Sing Along Featuring A World Premiere by Composer Fr. John Schiavone and Conductor Dr. Adan Fernandez, HFCC Music Director

Sun. 12/10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Mon. 12/11

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

Tues. 12/12 - Celebrating **Our Lady of Guadalupe!**

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - School Mass

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

Wed. 12/13

8:00 a.m. - Student of the Month Assembly

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Christmas Potluck in the classrooms for Primary and Elementary school levels**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - A Student Assembly Performance from Mrs. Claus, GS Auditorium (Thanks to Mrs. Ann Daniels for the sponsorship of this incredible show for our kids!) Parents are invited to come and watch.

Thurs. 12/14

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **General Rehearsal** for the Concert at The UCCG, United Community Church of Glendale.

Fri. 12/15

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Christmas Potluck in the classrooms for the Middle School**

3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - After School Care

7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - **Christmas Concert 2023 at The UCCG** - United Community Church of Glendale, 333 E. Colorado St. Glendale, CA 91205. There will be two (2) parking lots for all our families and guests - HFCC and UCCG. Winter Dedication Book will be received and mailed today.

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

A Prayerful Meditation to begin another week**Psalm 80:2-3, 15-19**

2 Stir up your might, and come to save us!

3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

15 the stock which your right hand planted.

16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance!

17 But let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name!

19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you come again.

Thank you and have a blessed First Sunday of Advent,
Dr. Suelto

References:

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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