

**Important for the Weeks of January 16 and 22, 2024
CSW - Catholic Schools Week 2024 Activities at HFGS**

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

I trust you had a joyous and meaningful reflection and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. As we continue in our pursuit of spiritual, academic, and social development goals for our students, and work towards welcoming new members to share the unique experiences offered at HFGS, I invite you to explore our news bulletin. Additionally, prepare for upcoming events, including the First Holy Communion Orientation for 2nd Grade families, Academic League events, our Catholic Schools Week celebration, and two days of Open House.

Breaking News from our Athletics Department - Hawaii Competitions

Grand Champions at the World Finals in Hawaii's SHARP International Cheer Competitions - Heartfelt congratulations to our Cheer and HipHop Dance Teams, Coaches Teri Nelson, Alexa Isaac Soliman, Alma Stone, Jared Singzon, and our Cheer/Dance Families! Winning numerous awards from Hawaii is fantastic news. Please find the list of awards and titles below. Wishing safe travels to our returning families to the mainland. Congratulations once again, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's incredible support!

Athletic Director Teri Nelson summarizes the following recognition received by teams and individual students:

SHARP Hawaii World Finals 2024

HFGS - Grand Champions, School Division

First Place - Puppy Cheer

First Place - Mascot Cheer

First Place - "B" Team Cheer

First Place - Varsity Cheer

Second Place - Pom

First Place - Hip Hop

Individual Competition Winners

Emma Aguilar - 2nd place leaps

Emma Aguilar - 2nd place kicks

Emma Aguilar - 2nd place toe touch

Lean Eira Tomines- 1st place leaps

Lean Eira Tomines- 3rd place kicks

Stunt Down (Best Stunts)

Victoria Saavedra Guillen, Elizabeth Leff, Michelle Murillo, and Santiago Varela - 1st place

Ben Osorio, Penny Osorio, and Harlow Gutierrez- 3rd place

Best Toe Touch Mascot Division mascot:

Bobbi Anne Rocas - 3rd place

Best Toe Touch Middle School:

Peighton Clavio - 4th place

Science Contest 2024

Exciting news! Our upcoming Science Contest offers every student and grade level a chance to participate. Some classes have already received guidelines, which are due by Friday, January 19. Here are the engaging topics our students will explore. Enjoy the journey of learning Science and uncovering fascinating facts and processes!

Science Contest Guidelines - led by our Science teachers, Dr. Kiladjian, and Mrs. Soliman

TK - Four Seasons of the Year

Kindergarten: Diorama of Animal Habitat

1st Grade: Comparing Seasons with a plant or animal

2nd Grade: Plant Research Project

3rd Grade: Scientific Process with a visual representation of an experiment.

4th Grade: Individual Science Experiment or Investigation using the Scientific Method. Findings will be displayed visually.

5th Grade: Cells Unit test covering cell structure and organelles, DNA, plant and animal cells, prokaryotes and eukaryotes, homeostasis, cell division, mitosis, and meiosis.

6th Grade: Construct a rain cycle demonstrating condensation, precipitation, evaporation, and collection, making salt water safe to drink.

7th Grade: DNA model

8th Grade: Design a vessel that stays afloat.

Projects are due a week before the end of the second quarter.

Academic League & Ambassadors Recognition & Culminating Activities

The members of our ALA (Academic League and Ambassadors Program) in the Middle School are set to conclude their study training program on Thursday, January 18. The event includes hour-and-a-half presentations, discussions on major tasks, and recognition of students' work and accomplishments in the GS Auditorium, starting at 9:00 a.m. ALA's parents are warmly invited to witness this memorable event.

To cap off the program, the students will embark on a field trip to Universal Studios with our ALA Main Coach, Ofelia Ruta, Assistant Coach Marie Antoinette Romillo, and a few parents. Final details regarding transportation and admission fees for Universal Studios will be communicated by the Coach on Tuesday, 1/16/24. Those with annual passes will only need to cover transportation costs. The final parent consent form outlines specifics such as attire, departure, and return times to and from school. Thank you!

Wednesday, January 17 PTO General Assembly

Due to many of our school families recently returning from the Cheer and Dance World Final Competition in Hawaii, the PTO General Assembly scheduled for January 17 is **canceled**. Surveys and information on upcoming events and service hour opportunities will be sent through email, Track it Forward school app, and grade level teacher's bulletins. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Schools Week & Open House

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It commences on the last Sunday in January and continues throughout the week, running from January 28 to February 3 in 2024. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." During this week, schools traditionally engage in various activities such as Masses, open houses, and other events for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these activities, schools emphasize the value of Catholic education for young people and its significant contributions to the church, communities, and the nation.

Special thanks to Fr. Anthony Garcias, the Student Council moderated by Mrs. Ashley Liberda, volunteer parents, members of the clergy, friends of HFGS, and families who are participating in Monday's "Bring a Friend Day." We extend our gratitude to our dedicated faculty, staff, and beloved parents for their efforts in preparing and attending our two days of Open House, participating in Masses, and witnessing the remarkable work of our students. Please refer to the attached CSW 2024 Program for details prepared for our HFGS families.

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Tues. 1/16 - Happy Birthday, Miss Alana Sacop!

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

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

Thurs. 1/18 - Jeans for Jesus

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors' Recognition Day, GS Auditorium

Fri. 1/19

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - ALA, Academic League and Ambassadors to Universal Studios

Note: WCEA Accreditation Report to the Director of Data Assessments and Accreditation

Mon. 1/22 - Happy Birthday, Mr. Jose Luis Hernandez

12:00 noon - Deanery 6 Principals' Meeting

Tues. 1/23

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

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

Wed. 1/24

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 2nd Grade FHC - First Holy Communion Parent Orientation

Thurs. 1/25 - 2nd Quarter ends.

Fri. 1/26 - 3rd Quarter begins. (1/26 - 4/10/24)

Sat. 1/27 - Open House #1

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Open House 2024. We welcome both new and current families.

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, may I give you fitting honor in the way I live my life and in the way I treat my neighbor. May I honor the Lord's Day as a day holy to you. And may I always treat others with the same mercy and kindness which you have shown to me. Free me from a critical and intolerant spirit that I may always seek the good of my neighbor.

Psalm 111:1-2,5-6,9-10c

1 Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name!

10 His praise endures forever!

Thank you for trusting your child in our care,

Dr. Suelto

Attachment: CSW 2024 - Catholic Schools Week Activities at HFGS

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary