

## **Important for the Weeks of January 22 & 29, 2024**

### **CSW - Catholic Schools Week 2024 Activities at HFGS**

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

#### ***Academic League and Ambassadors Program Update***

Our ALA continues to excel among the nation's Catholic schools in the Catholic Math League. As of today, here's the current status of our three levels' remarkable performance in their two tests, with the results of the third test pending:

- 7th Grade Math: Ranked **1st Place** out of 58 schools
- 8th Grade Pre-Algebra: Ranked **3rd Place** out of 71 schools
- 6th Grade Math: Ranked **31st Place** out of 81 schools

Their culminating programs kicked off last Thursday with presentations and awards, covering various subjects. On Friday, they enjoyed a visit to Universal Studios. A big thank you to all ALA parents, student ambassadors, coaches Ofie Ruta, Marie Antoinette Romillo, and our MS faculty for their contributions. **Congratulations** to ALL!

#### ***Catholic Schools Week 2024 & Student Fun Activities***

##### **SAVE these dates:**

Saturday, 1/27 - Open House #1 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, 1/29 - Bring A Friend or a Sibling Day

Tuesday, 1/30 - Open House #2 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2/1 - Career Day with Parents as Guest Speakers 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. / 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 2/21 - Grand Play Day 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for TK/Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade

#### ***First Holy Communion Parent Orientation***

In a few months after Easter, our lovely 2nd graders will receive the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** for the first time. To ensure the success of this spiritual celebration, we are holding an evening orientation for our 2nd-grade families this Wednesday, January 24th.

Special thanks to Mrs. Pauline Pitpit, Martha Gunter, Mrs. Zadhira Cuellar, and Mrs. Jenny Recinos for their leadership in preparing the FHC Dinner and Orientation core committee. We shall expect our 2nd graders and their parents to be ready to enter the hall by 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24th, as the program led by Mrs. Alexandra Soliman will commence at 6:00 p.m.

Hoping to see our second-grade families on Wednesday and expressing gratitude to the core group and our 1st-grade parents assigned to sponsor this year's orientation.

#### ***The Feast of Santo Nino***

The Feast of the Santo Niño, also known as the Sinulog Festival and celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in January is a religious and cultural celebration in the Philippines. It honors Santo Niño, the Holy Child Jesus.

Celebrated mainly in Cebu City, this festival involves colorful processions, street dancing, and various events. Pilgrims and devotees participate in lively festivities, expressing their devotion and gratitude to the Santo Niño through prayer, dance, and vibrant celebrations. The festival typically takes place in

January and is one of the country's most significant religious and cultural events. Happy Feast of the Santo Nino this Sunday, January 21st!

### ***What to do before the end of the 2nd academic quarter***

Before the end of the second academic quarter, both parents and teachers can collaborate to ensure a productive and positive learning environment for students. Here are some effective actions:

1. **Communication:** Regular communication between parents and teachers is crucial. Discuss students' progress, address concerns, and celebrate achievements.
2. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Schedule and attend even brief parent-teacher conferences to discuss the academic and behavioral progress of students. This provides always an opportunity to set goals for improvement.
3. **Review and Reinforce Learning:** Parents can review class materials and reinforce learning at home. Teachers can provide resources or suggestions for additional practice.
4. **Support for Struggling Students:** Identify students who may be struggling academically or emotionally and collaborate on strategies to provide extra support or resources.
5. **Assessment and Grading:** Teachers should ensure timely and accurate grading. Parents can review their child's grades, understand areas of improvement, and work with teachers to address concerns.
6. **Prepare for the Next Quarter:** Discuss any necessary adjustments or improvements for the upcoming quarter, including study habits, time management, and educational goals.
7. **Celebrate Achievements:** Acknowledge and celebrate students' achievements, both academic and non-academic, to boost their confidence and motivation.
8. **Set Expectations:** Clarify expectations for behavior, attendance, and academic performance to maintain a positive and focused learning environment.

By fostering open communication and collaboration, parents and teachers can work together to support students' overall development and success.

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**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

**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 Academic 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.

**Sun. 1/28** - CSW #1 Celebrating Our Parish

**Mon. 1/29** - CSW #2 Celebrating Our Community / Bring a Friend Day

**Tues. 1/30** - CSW #3 Celebrating Our Students  
8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. - School Mass

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Open House & Art Exhibit for ALL

**Wed. 1/31** - CSW #4 Celebrating the Nation

**Thurs. 2/1** - CSW #5 Celebrating Vocations / Career Day

**Fri. 2/2** - CSW #6 Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

**Sat. 2/3** - CSW #7 Celebrating Families / Happy Feast Day of St. Blaise (Blessing of the Throat)

***A prayerful meditation to begin the week***

Lord Jesus, you are my hope and salvation. Be the ruler of my heart and the master of my home. May there be nothing in my life that is not under your lordship.

**Psalm 89:19-21,24-25**

19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

**Thank you sincerely,**

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