

Important for the Weeks of February 12 and 20, 2024

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

We are profoundly thankful that the days of flash floods, triggered by heavy rains in the previous week have come to an end. It's a relief knowing that our school families, faculty, and staff were able to navigate through the challenging time and successfully conclude the past week. We are thankful for the hard work of emergency responders, volunteers, and everyone who came together to support each other during such challenging time. Let us continue to look out for one another and rebuild stronger than before. To make up for the instructional time lost, we will conduct **a full day of instruction on Tuesday, March 5th (first Tuesday of the month)**, instead of the initially scheduled half day. For the adjustments made and planned, we thank everyone for your resilience, understanding, and support.

40 Days of Lent

On Wednesday, February 14th, universally celebrated as St. Valentine's Day is the day when Lent begins for Catholics and Christians. Lent holds significance for Catholics as a dedicated period of preparation and reflection leading up to Easter. Spanning 40 days, it mirrors the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert, emphasizing spiritual growth, repentance, and a closer communion with God. Practices like fasting, abstinence, and acts of charity during Lent serve as pathways for self-reflection, identifying areas for personal betterment, and fortifying the bond with God. This season is embraced as a time for self-discipline, introspection, and a rejuvenation of faith, reaching its culmination in the joyous celebration of Easter, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Azusa Pacific University Awards HFGS The Keeping History Alive and Bringing STEM to Life Grant

On behalf of the Helen and Will Webster Foundation, Azusa Pacific University awards the Keeping History Alive and Bringing STEM to Life grants to public, charter, and private schools on an annual basis. Teachers can apply for funding for various needs, such as classroom materials/resources and field trips. To celebrate the awarding, APU held a ceremony on Saturday, February 3rd. Dr. Krikor Kiladjian, HFGS STEM Director, received an award for HFGS and was the keynote speaker for the Bringing STEM to Life grant ceremony. He discussed his aspirations as an educator, how these related to the application process, and he explained how our teachers made use of the funding. Dr. Kiladjian was honored to not only be asked to deliver the keynote message, but to represent Holy Family Grade School.

Keeping Black History Alive

We continue our commitment to keep Black History Month alive by incorporating the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion into our daily lives and practices. One very important lesson learned this month is that with a more inclusive society comes a sense of unity and solidarity among people, regardless of their differences. It fosters mutual respect, cooperation, and collaboration leading to stronger and more resilient communities that can address social challenges and overcome adversity together.

SAVE THE DATES and help circulate the information:

Wed. 2/14 - Ash Wednesday Mass

Wed. 2/21 - Grand Play Day

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Mon. 2/12 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. HFCC Staff meeting

Tues. 2/13 - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Online Collaboration on STAR Testing Window 2 results & Differentiated Instruction strategies

Wed. 2/14 - Happy St. Valentine's Day. / Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass (40 Days of lent begins Wednesday, 2/14 - Thursday, 3/28)

Thurs. 2/15 - Jeans for Jesus / Math Quiz Bowl

Fri. 2/16

1:00 p.m. - Kiwanis Builders' Club meeting with the Kiwanis Club at Elk's Lodge

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Parish Fellowship Friday Meatless Dinner

Mon. 2/19 - President's Day - No School

Tues. 2/20 - Happy Birthday, Mrs. Bautista.

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

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Church Meeting

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

Wed. 2/21

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Grand Play Day for TK through 3rd Grade

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - SFPR, San Fernando Pastoral Regional Meeting for Pastors, Principals, & Superintendents at Bishop Alemany High School

7:00 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting (via Zoom & tentative)

Thurs. 2/22

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - California Junior Scholarship Federation - CJSF Applications for 7th and 8th Grade students only, 8th Grade Classroom

Fri. 2/23 - Happy Birthday, Dr. Kiladjian.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student of the Month Assembly

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Parish Fellowship Friday Meatless Dinner

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, may I always recognize your saving presence in my life and never forget your promises when I encounter trials and difficulties. Give me a faith that never wavers, a hope that never fades, and a love that never grows cold.

Psalm 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

Thank you and God bless.

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary