

## **Important for the Weeks of February 5 and 12, 2024**

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

### **Thank you, Parents as Career Day Resource**

A heartfelt thank you to our Career Day Parent-Resource Speakers! We're truly grateful for the seven amazing parents who generously shared their professional insights on Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about various careers, thanks to the engaging visuals, props, slides, and presentations provided by our dedicated parents. Witnessing the enthusiasm and curiosity sparked in our young learners encourages us to believe that these experiences are planting seeds of inspiration. Your contributions are helping our students envision and aspire to meaningful careers in the future. Thank you to our remarkable Career Day guests among our parents.

- \* **Mr. Richard Caceres**, Director of Facilities, National Football League
- \* **Mr. Ray Leoncio**, Senior Creative Director - Toys and Hardiness Consumer Products
- \* **Mrs. Michelle Ramirez**, Hospital Manager  
Los Angeles Zoo Veterinary Hospital: Animal Healthcare Careers
- \* **Retired Officer Ben Jarasa**, Police Officer III, LAPD
- \* **Mr. Tommy Hodges**, Sculptor
- \* **Mr. Bob Ladewig** - Actor
- \* **Dr. Steevens Alconcel** – EH&S Manager, Amgen Laboratories

### **Concluding a memorable Catholic Schools Week**

What a wonderful celebration of Catholic Schools Week this year. Heartfelt gratitude to our priests, faculty, staff, parents, student leaders, children, friends, and guests. Throughout the week, our students showcased their faith in the Lord through various expressions: art, band, music, writing, class pairing, science and social studies projects, sports events, and parents actively serving. We welcomed guests who witnessed our commitment to prayer life, studies, and service. Only the volleyball game between the Student Council vs. our Grade School Faculty was postponed due to the wet grounds caused by the rains the day before. The new schedule will be announced. Overall and more importantly, a special commendation to everyone who contributed to making our Catholic Schools Week a resounding success.

### **Celebrating February as Black History Month**

At HFGS, our faculty is tailoring age-appropriate and meaningful activities for our Black History Month celebration, fostering an inclusive and respectful learning environment. Some of these activities include:

- Exploring the lives and achievements of significant historical figures, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, through methods like reading biographies, watching educational videos, and engaging in classroom discussions.
- Encouraging students to unleash their creativity with art projects related to Black History Month, creating posters, drawings, and collages that spotlight important events and individuals.
- Learning about various genres of music, historical dances, and the impact of Black musicians on diverse music styles.

- Engaging students in interactive activities like quizzes, games, or role-playing scenarios to teach them about historical events, civil rights movements, and cultural practices associated with Black History Month.
- Encouraging students to contribute ideas and time to initiatives that promote equality and justice in our community.

### **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.

### **Creating our fundraising March Madness calendar**

As our PTO board members work through the completion of our March Madness calendar, get ready for another exciting month for our children and families. A fantastic opportunity awaits as we prepare our March Madness with a new donation – a free Southwest flight, generously sponsored. If you're aware of any company interested in contributing items to enhance our March Madness calendar, our PTO Board and office team would greatly appreciate and happily accept those donations to amplify the excitement of our upcoming events. Thank you in advance.

### **Winter Dinner Dance**

You're invited to join our Winter Dinner Dance, embracing the theme of "Happy Days Are Back Again." The event will take place on Saturday, February 10th, starting with a 6:30 p.m. reception followed by a delightful dinner at 7:15 p.m. Secure your spot with a \$50 event ticket, and please note that only 4,000 tickets will be available for this exclusive experience. Engage in the excitement of our 50/50 Raffle where each ticket is \$5, or seize a free ticket by purchasing 5 tickets for \$20. Dance the night away in the company of friends and fellow parishioners, savoring delicious food and capturing moments at our Photo Booth. Don't miss the chance to win cash in our 50/50 Raffle while making a meaningful difference. Tickets are conveniently available at the Grade School front office. We look forward to your presence! Thank you!

### **SAVE THE DATES and help circulate the information:**

**Sat. 2/10** - Winter Dinner Dance, GSA by HFCC, GSA

**Wed. 2/14** - Ash Wednesday Mass

**Wed. 2/21** - Grand Play Day

### **Important for the Weeks of February 5 and 12, 2024**

**Mon. 2/5** - Recycling Day

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Field Trip to the Battleship USS Iowa Museum

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Kinder through 3rd Grade Book reading and discussion with author Elizabeth Godley

**Tues. 2/6** - STAR Testing Window 2 ends.

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

12:00 noon - Early dismissal

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Student Recruitment

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

**Wed. 2/7**

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

**Note:** The student assembly will be led by each Vice-Principal. The awards are for the month of January, 2024 and certificates recognizing those who excelled in our Social Studies Contest.

**Thurs. 2/8**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Kinder and 1st Grade field trip to the Glendale Fire Station #22

**Fri. 2/9** - Loaves and Fishes

**Sat. 2/10** - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - HFCC's Winter Dinner Dance

**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.

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**

Kiwanis Builders' Club meeting with the Kiwanis Club at Elks Lodge

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

**A prayerful meditation to begin the week**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service.

**Psalm 147:1-6**

1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The LORD lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground.

Thank you and God bless.

Dr. Suelto

**Attachments:**

\* Reasons Families Choose Holy Family Grade School [Short Video](#)

**References:**

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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