

Important for the Weeks of March 11 and 18, 2024

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

Today's Coffee and Donuts event at the Church patio

Parent and staff volunteering was truly delightful this morning as it was an offering a precious opportunity to connect face-to-face with fellow parishioners. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our dedicated staff and parent volunteers who helped make this event possible starting from Mrs. Fulgencio and Mrs. Martinez's posting of needed volunteers through Track It Forward. Special appreciation goes to them, Mrs. Bautista, Mr. Makhoul, Mrs. Samiley, Mrs. Balynsky, Mrs. Simkani, Mrs. Alberto, Mrs. Licup, and Mrs. Clavio for their hard work and commitment. Your efforts in serving donuts, along with the addition of soup and congee to the menu, made the gathering even more enjoyable. Also, it was wonderful to see both our current and potential families coming together. Your support and participation are truly valued and appreciated. We hope to see more volunteers when the GS parents are offered another event like this through Track It Forward.

One Day School Accreditation Completed.

Last Wednesday marked a significant milestone as we successfully completed our school accreditation, reaffirming our commitment to Improved Student Learning. Through meticulous review, individual and group interviews, and collaborative reporting, we revisited our goals, focusing on differentiated instruction, safety measures, and facility development. Special thanks to Mr. Ryan Halverson (Principal of Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School, West Hills) and Ms. Melina Ramirez (Principal of St. Pancratius, Lakewood) for their leadership as chairperson and co-chair. Gratitude also extends to our pastor, clergy members, faculty, staff, students, and parent representatives for their dedication and engagement throughout the process. We are equally grateful to Dr. Rachel Rufus, Director of WCEA (Western Catholic Educators' Association) for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Well done, everyone!

Academic League and Ambassadors (ALA) – Catholic Math League 3rd Testing Outcomes

We are thrilled to announce the results of the third test for the Catholic Math League, showcasing our ALA's remarkable competitive spirit and the ranking per division among participating Catholic schools nationwide. Thank you to our ALA students, Coaches Mrs. Ruta and Miss Romillo. Congratulations to all!

As of Friday, 3/8/24, CML test results were filtered to display school and student scores from Catholic schools nationwide.

Division: Math 7

HFGS places 3rd out of 50 schools.

Top 7% Scores out of 928 students: #6 Joaquin Lopez, #10 Camille Gammad, #16 Calix Salunga, #19 Gavin Miguels, #24 Autumn Braden, #34 Jacob Nagano, #46 Christopher Caceres, #63 Camila Tagorda

Division: Math 8

HFGS places 9th out of 73 schools.

Top 15% Scores out of 1,003 students: #46 Cailey Villanueva, #47 Shanessa Dias, #89 Alexis Gonzalez, #105 Noah Samuy, #131 Emma Aguilar, #138 Kaseidy Kochoa

Division: Math 6 - 34th place out of 86 schools

Top 20% Scores out of 1,255 students: #131 Bethany Samuy, #139 Aiden Valdez, #197 Emily Baradas, #198 Daniel Reyes, #266 Zoe Klebes

Good luck on the last and final round. Thank you.

Lenten Parish Mission Nights

Join us for a series of mini-retreats themed "Eucharistic Revival" on March 11th, 12th, and 13th at 7:00 pm in our Church. These evenings promise to ***deepen our faith and understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith***, as well as enrich our spiritual lives through prayer and reflection, inviting guests from our community and beyond to join us in this Lenten journey. **Fr. Anthony Garcias (Pastor), Fr. John Schiavone (Retired Priest/Composer) and Luis Ugaz (RCIA Catechist)** will be this year's featured speakers. Child Care will be available.

Stations of the Cross

As we observe the Lenten season, our Friday Stations of the Cross devotion is led by Mr. Clarence Clark, faculty members, Student Council, and Mr. Tom Makiling. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of them for their dedication and leadership.

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Mon. 3/11

9:00 a.m. - 2nd Grade Retreat, GS Auditorium

9:30 a.m. - 3rd Graders receive their dictionaries from Dr. Pati and Guest from The Elk's

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #1 HFCC Theme: Eucharistic Revival

Note: Child Care will be available in the GSA. Please use the main blue door on Louise St. for check-in.

Tues. 3/12 - Talent Show auditions begin.

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

10:45 a.m. - Grades 7 and 8 Passion Play Rehearsal, GS Auditorium

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

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #2 HFCC Theme: Eucharistic Revival

Note: Child Care will be available in the GSA. Please use the main blue door on Louise St. for check-in.

Wed. 3/13

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month Assembly

8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 2nd and 3rd Grade Field Trip to The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

10:45 a.m. - Grades 7 and 8 Passion Play Rehearsal, GS Auditorium

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Parish Mission Night #3 HFCC Theme: Eucharistic Revival

Note: Child Care will be available in the GSA. Please use the main blue door on Louise St. for check-in.

Thurs. 3/14

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Field Trip: Physics Day at Knott's Berry Farm

9:00 a.m. - GUSD Informational Meeting for Non-Profit Private School officials

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - St. Patrick's Dance for HFGS, GS Auditorium. Students who are participating are kindly asked to wear green attire.

Fri. 3/15

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross, GSA

10:45 a.m. - Grades 7 and 8 Passion Play Rehearsal, GS Auditorium

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and a Parish Fellowship Friday Meatless Dinner, HFCC and GSA

Sun. 3/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mon. 3/18

8:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. - Lent Confessions for 3rd through 8th Grade

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Deanery 6 Principals' Meeting

Tues. 3/19

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

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Middle School's Retreat by NET Ministries at the BVM Faith Formation

Center Auditorium & Library

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

Wed. 3/20

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Spring Photos (Come in pastel colors; non-uniform day)

10:45 a.m. / 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 7th & 8th Grade Passion Play Rehearsal, GSA

Thurs. 3/21

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - TK, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Field Trip to Discovery Cube

Fri. 3/22

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Author book reading for TK-3rd Grade, GSA

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Stations of the Cross

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 7th & 8th Grade Passion Play Rehearsal, GSA

3:30 p.m. - Safeguarding the Children Committee Meeting, HFCC

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and a Parish Fellowship Friday Meatless Dinner, HFCC and GSA

Sun. 3/24 - Palm Sunday

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, your love never fails and your mercy is unceasing. Give me the courage to surrender my stubborn pride, fear and doubts to your surpassing love, wisdom and knowledge. Make me strong in faith, persevering in hope, and constant in love.

Psalm 30:2-5,11-12

2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

12 that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary