

Important for the Weeks of March 18 and 25, 2024

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to our wonderful school families and esteemed faculty! Let's celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with joy, laughter, and a touch of green. Wishing you all a day filled with blessings and good fortune.

The Catholic St. Patrick's Day Prayer:

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours on this day and for evermore. Amen.

Confessions for 3rd through 8th Grade

We're excited to share that our 3rd grade through 8th grade students are gearing up for a special sacramental moment – Confession tomorrow, Monday! This spiritual journey is a wonderful opportunity for our students to reflect, seek forgiveness, and renew their connection with God. As they prepare for this sacred experience, let's continue to offer our support, encouragement, and prayers. Together, let's embrace the spirit of forgiveness and renewal, guiding our children on their faith-filled path. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing our students' spiritual growth.

Middle School Retreat facilitated by The NET Ministries

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our Middle School students. They will be participating in a special retreat facilitated by the NET Ministries. This retreat promises to be a transformative experience, providing our middle school students with valuable insights, spiritual growth, and opportunities for deepening their faith. Through engaging activities, heartfelt discussions, and meaningful reflections, our students will have the chance to strengthen their relationship with God and each other.

We are grateful to the NET Ministries team for guiding our students on this journey of faith and self-discovery. Let's join together in prayer, supporting our students as they embark on this enriching retreat experience. To all, we are grateful to you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing the spiritual development of our students, particularly our 6th through 8th grade students for their Tuesday retreat in the BVM Faith Formation Center.

Schedule for Grades 6, 7, and 8 on Tuesday, 3/19/24:

8:00 am - 8:50 am - School Mass, Church

8:50 am - 2:50 pm - Retreat

Note: Lunch will be provided for our MS students, faculty, and facilitators.

2:50 pm - Wrap up

2:55 pm - Return to GS Campus

3:00 pm - Dismissal

TreeMachine by Mrs. Nelson

In order to continue promoting our vision of Green School, HFGS is partnering with USAgain by hosting a TreeMachine for the collection of clothes and shoes.

USAgain is a clothes collection company whose idea and purpose is to do good for PEOPLE AND PLANET. USAgain collects material from people in areas of surplus to whom the material has little value and transform it into great value for people in parts of the world where the need is abundant. By partnering with schools and businesses, USAgain influences, educates and build ties

with Generation C, the Climate Generation, who will shoulder the enormous task of guiding humanity through global warming and climate change.

For every filled TreeMachine collection box, a tree is planted, water is saved, and CO2 emissions prevented in addition to earning funds for our school.

The TreeMachine box is located on the small playground and ready for your donations. Please consider helping our school fill the box many times when you are “spring cleaning”.

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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

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Scheduled Teacher meetings (performance appraisals and improved student learning)

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, HFCC

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

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - A Limo Ride & a Lunch at Chuck-e-Cheese with Mrs. Nelson

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

Mon. 3/25 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Scheduled Teacher meetings (performance appraisals and improved student learning)

Tues. 3/26

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

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Passion Play, GS Auditorium

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 3/27 - Full day of instruction / GSA Altar of Repose for Holy Week

Thurs. 3/28 - Holy Thursday. No school.

Fri. 3/19 - Good Friday

Sun. 3/31 - Happy Easter

Mon. 4/1 through Sun. 4/7 - Easter break.

Mon. 4/8 - Classes resume.

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to

forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Prayer of Saint Augustine)

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup
overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD for ever.

Thank you for reading and **Happy St. Patrick's Day.**
Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

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