

Important for the Weeks of March 25 and April 8, 2024

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

Journeying through Holy Week

How can we help Catholic school families make the most of Holy Week and deepen their spiritual journey during this sacred time? Here are a few ideas:

1. Please find some resources like daily reflection guides or devotionals specific to Holy Week. These can include scripture readings, reflections, and prayers to help families engage more deeply with the significance of each day.
2. Attend live prayer services or Masses actively that families can participate in throughout Holy Week.
3. Utilize some thought of family activities that can help immerse in the spirit of Holy Week, such as creating a prayer corner at home, making palm crosses, or discussing the significance of each day with their children.
4. Find ways to serve others during Holy Week, even if it's something simple like writing letters to elderly members of the community or donating to a local charity.
5. Discover or relive the importance of taking time for personal reflection and prayer during Holy Week, whether it's through writing journals, meditation, or simply spending quiet time in contemplation.

Manner of Going Home / After School Care Program / After School Activities

There are students, particularly in the Middle School, whose parents permit them to walk home after signing the appropriate form in the office files. If your child is among them, please remind them to proceed directly home without stopping at convenience stores along Glendale Avenue or elsewhere. This reminder is essential for your child's safety. Utilizing a phone app to track your child's whereabouts after leaving school at 3:00 p.m. can provide added peace of mind.

Additionally, please note that students waiting to be picked up on Elk Avenue should do so between 3:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. After 3:15 p.m., students who haven't been picked up will be transferred to our After School Care program, offering a safer and more secure environment than waiting outside.

If your child remains on campus past 3:15 p.m., it indicates their being dropped off in our after care or their participation in an extra-curricular activity you've enrolled them in. The moderator of the activity or club will be present at the conclusion of the session to ensure their safe dismissal.

Reminder on School Uniforms

Each child looks particularly sharp when dressed in the school uniform. As we approach the Easter break, if you plan to purchase new school shoes, please ensure they are plain black athletic shoes. We would like to inform you that starting next school year, this will be a requirement for full implementation. **Plain black athletic shoes**, available at the Dennis Uniform Company on San Fernando Road, maintain a clean and uniform appearance for all students, avoiding the issue of soiled or dirty white stripes. **Girls' skirts** should be knee-length, while **boys' shirts** should be tucked in with a belt. **Sweatshirts and sweaters** should bear the HFGS logo /mascot and adhere to the school colors. For further details, please refer to our **Parent Handbook** posted online. Thank you.

Save the Dates:

*First Holy Communion - **Saturday, 4/13**

*Orientation Days for New Families - **Tues. 4/23 & Tues. 5/21 3:30 p.m.** - Zoom with all faculty and **Tues. 6/11 5:00 p.m.** - In-person, GSA

*Spring Dedication Book Sponsorship submissions - **April 8 start**

*VIRTUS Training - Recertification of 1.5 Hour Training on **Friday, 4/19, GSA 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Keeping The Promise Alive)**

Creating and selling Palm Sunday crosses

Thank you to all the parents and Cheer and Concert Chorus families who contributed to the success of our palm cross sale. Parent volunteers dedicated their time and effort throughout the past week to create the beautiful palm crosses, and this weekend, more volunteers generously sold them to our parishioners. Special thanks to all of you and the key volunteers including Mrs. Bautista, Mrs. Fabiola Martinez, and Mrs. Elsbeth Fulgencio for their leadership, as well as Mrs. Cecile Nough for providing the palms. We also appreciate the support of Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Makiling, and many others who contributed to this endeavor.

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 transforms 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 builds 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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Mon. 3/25

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Grades 7 & 8 Passion Play general Rehearsal, GS Auditorium

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

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

Fri. 3/19 - Good Friday. No School.

Sun. 3/31 - Happy Easter.

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

Mon. 4/8 - Classes resume and welcome back. Recycling Day. STAR Testing Window 3 begins.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Church Staff Meeting

Tues. 4/9

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

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade FHC Individual Photos, GS Auditorium

12:00 p.m. - Noon dismissal
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

Wed. 4/10

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student Assembly & Short Fiction and Illustration Recognition

Thurs. 4/11 - 4th Quarter begins.

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Spanish Exhibit and Opening Day #1

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Welcome to our Spanish Exhibit Day and Program: A Celebration of Diversity - Spanish Prayers, Verses, Songs, and Dances, GS Auditorium

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Meeting for all 6th and 7th graders who wish to run for the Student Council, 8th Grade classroom

Fri. 4/12 - Loaves and Fishes / 8th Grade Retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Spanish Exhibit Day #2

Sat. 4/13 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade FHC, First Holy Communion, HFCC

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, your tender compassion towards me. The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labor for: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 27:1-3,13-14

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD!

Thank you for reading and a blessed Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion.

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary