

Important for the Weeks of April 15 and 22, 2024

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

PTO General Assembly scheduled this Wednesday evening, 4/17/24 at 7:00 p.m.

The final PTO General Assembly is scheduled for this coming Wednesday evening. We anticipate full attendance from both our parents and faculty. As this marks the culmination of parent general assemblies of the academic year, we will take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the trust and commitment of our Class of 2024 students and parents over the past decade. Additionally, we will welcome incoming PTO board members, express gratitude to outgoing members, share special announcements for the upcoming school year, and hold a 50/50 raffle. Exciting prizes donated by our generous school parents await lucky winners as well. The assembly promises to be a joyous celebration of tradition, gratitude, unity, and surprises. Save the date and time - **Wednesday, 4/17 at 7:00 p.m., Grade School Auditorium.**

Spanish Cultural Exhibit: A celebration of diversity

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of experiencing the Spanish Program and Exhibit, spanning two days, centered on the theme of celebrating diversity. A heartfelt thank you goes to Miss Vania Chileno for her exceptional guidance and leadership throughout this endeavor. The creativity of our children has blossomed, supported by the unwavering encouragement of our faculty and parents. While every class dance and song brought joy, **Autumn Braden and Camila Tagorda, 7th Grade**, skillfully navigated the program as wonderful masters of ceremonies. Congratulations on achieving such an impressive outcome. Please take a moment to browse through the [link](#) provided to enjoy snapshots of our 2024 Spanish program, skillfully captured by one of our alumni and esteemed parent board members, **Mrs. Lilian Arias.**

Class of 2024

Our 8th Grade Class recently embarked on their **spiritual retreat** last Friday, April 12th, at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Center in Sierra Madre. Please join me in extending heartfelt gratitude to **Miss Alma Stone** (facilitator), as well as **Rachelle Pangilinan and Isabella Lopez** (alumni and co-facilitators), **Mrs. Ashley Liberda** (HR Teacher), and **Fr. Anthony Garcias** (Mass celebrant), for their warm and amazing management of our 8th-grade retreat. Their thoughtful planning and the spiritual depth of the activities organized for our Class of 2024 undoubtedly left a positive impact and nourished their hearts. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

First Holy Communion of 2nd Grade - Congratulations.

This past Saturday marked the First Holy Communion of our 2nd Grade students - Congratulations. Our dedicated pastor, **Fr. Anthony**, along with his **brother priests, Fr. John, Fr. Vincent, and Fr. Luis**, con-celebrated a beautiful [First Holy Communion](#) Mass for our 2nd graders. The event was witnessed by families, faculty, friends, and guests.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Holy Family priests, **our 2nd grade families, Mrs. Soliman (FHC Coordinator), Mrs. Nelson, Miss Stone, Mr. Makiling, Mr. Gutierrez, our faculty, staff, the Concert Chorus** ministry for their musical contributions, **Altar Servers**, and all others involved who deeply touched everyone present. **Each supporter's presence was incredibly inspiring, reaffirming the profound value we place on the sacraments in our Catholic identity. Thank you.**

Spring Dedication Book 2024

Join us in creating lasting memories by participating in our attached form: [HFGS-Spring-Dedication-Form-2024.pdf](#). This invitation offers you the opportunity to share a special message and your chosen photo digitally, providing a warm gesture for students, families, school friends, classmates, athletes, sports enthusiasts, and more. Please click the link to access the form, print it, and forward it to our school office.

Duck Splash from Glendale Kiwanis & HFGS Builders Club

Adopt a Duck to join another worthy cause for our community. \$5 per duck or \$25 per pack. Click on Team Holy Family Grade School Builders Club following the link: [Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash: teams](#)

Summer Break Celebration - Our Church Benefit Event in June

Our Grade School, as a significant ministry of the Church, is encouraged to participate in our Church's upcoming benefit event called SBC, Summer Break Celebration in June. We have 150 books of raffle tickets available for sale, priced at \$10 each or \$100 for a full book, with the added bonus of receiving an 11th ticket free with each book purchase. The proceeds from our school's participation will directly benefit our Grade School, as we aim to purchase a new storable outdoor stage for various events such as PCF, sports banquets, jog-a-thons, and other school activities requiring a stage. The estimated cost of the stage is approximately \$13,000. By selling the assigned raffle tickets and aiming to sell 50 seats and 5 tables to the event, we not only contribute to our community's goodwill but also help achieve our collective goal.

Let's strive to sell 50 seats as a gesture of honor to three deserving awardees: **Mr. Tom Makiling, Marc and Patty Geraci, and The Ascencia**. Mr. Makiling has contributed significantly to HFGS and our Catholic community, and it's our turn to support this worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Save the Dates:

* PTO General Assembly, GS Auditorium - **Wed. 4/17 at 7:00 p.m.**

*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 - **continue...**

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

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Mon. 4/15

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Tolerance

Note: Student Council applications are due.

Tues. 4/16

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

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 4/17

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Talent Show Dress Rehearsals

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - PTO General Assembly, GS Auditorium

Thurs. 4/18 - Jeans for Jesus

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Talent Show Dress Rehearsals

Fri. 4/19

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Talent Show

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - VIRTUS Keeping The Promise Alive 1.5 Hours for Recertification, GS Auditorium

Sat. 4/20 - SHARP Cheer and Hip Hop Competition, Sierra Vista High School, 3600 Frazier St. Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Mon. 4/22 - Happy Earth Day.

9:30 a.m. - 4th Grade Field Trip: Warner Bros.

12:30 p.m. - Deanery 6 Principals' Meeting

Tues. 4/23

8:00 a.m. - School Mass

3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 4/24 - 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student of the Month Assembly / Short Fiction and Illustration Contest Awardees' Recognition

Thurs. 4/25 & Fri. 4/26 - Scheduled individual teacher meeting

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, you alone can satisfy the deepest longing and hunger in our hearts. May I always hunger for the imperishable bread, that I may be satisfied in you alone as the *True Bread of Heaven*. Nourish and strengthen me that I may serve you with great joy, generosity, and zeal all the days of my life

Psalm 119:23-30

23 Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

24 Your testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors.

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; revive me according to your word!

26 When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes!

27 Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!

29 Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law!

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness, I set your ordinances before me.

Thank you for reading our weekly heads up, messages of gratitude, and other information made available for you.

Have a blessed 3rd Week of Easter,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary