

Important for the Weeks of May 13 and 20, 2024

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

Mother's Day Wishes / Moms and Muffins Monday

We extend our warmest wishes to all mothers as they celebrate Mother's Day today. May this day be filled with joy, strength, and heartfelt gratitude for the love and sacrifices they generously give each day. As we honor mothers everywhere, may the endless devotion of Mary, the mother of Jesus, serve as a guiding light, inspiring them in their Christian vocation of motherhood. May they find solace and strength in challenging times, and may their deep faith lead them through life's journey. Happy Mother's Day!

Join us in celebrating our school mothers tomorrow, Monday, May 13, in the Grade School auditorium for a special event: **Moms and Muffins**. Local bakeries and talented bakers from our community will be providing delightful treats as an expression of our ongoing appreciation. We invite you to drop by and celebrate with us during the first 30 to 40 minutes of our first day of this week, from **7:50 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**, accompanied by your child(ren). Let's make this a memorable celebration together.

A Successful Jog-a-Thon, Zumba, and Wellness Rally

Kudos to everyone involved in making our Friday event a resounding success! It truly took a collaborative effort from leaders, volunteers, and supporters to orchestrate such an engaging **Jog-a-Thon, Zumba session, and Wellness Rally**. The energy and enthusiasm of our school community were palpable as we came together to celebrate fitness through warm-up exercises, Zumba routines, games, and various physical activities.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Coach Karl Johnson**, Tony Makhoul, Jerome Aguilar, AD Teri Nelson, Mrs. Liberda, members of the PTO Board, Sunrise Foods & The Kodo Family, the Class of 2024, our dedicated homeroom teachers, Ann Daniels, Zumba Instructor Ana Meg, DJ Simon, our kitchen team, Fabi Martinez, Elsbeth Fulgencio, Lilian Arias, Cindy Bulaon, Ana Samuy, Pauline Pitpit, Addie Licup, The Varela's, Maria Polo, more parent board and class rep volunteers, homeroom parent representatives, office staff, Ashley Hurjak, **supportive parents and grandparents**, and all those who contributed to making this event a memorable one.

Seeing our students from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade enthusiastically participating in the activities **reaffirmed the importance of promoting physical well-being**. The event was not only enjoyable but also served as a testament to our commitment to nurturing our students' overall growth and development. Thank you once again for making the day truly special and unforgettable!

Teacher Appreciation Week 2024 and Sending Our Sincerest Gratitude

The Teacher Appreciation celebration last week was truly heartwarming and memorable. Led by dedicated parents such as Fabi Martinez, Elsbeth Fulgencio, Lilian Arias, Pauline Pitpit, Stephanie Manabo, Angela Allen, and other parent volunteers, the event was a testament to their thoughtfulness and generosity. From the beautifully crafted banners to the thoughtful daily treats, every gesture of gratitude was deeply appreciated by our faculty, staff, and administration. We extend **our heartfelt thanks to all those involved for their endless support and for making our educators feel truly valued and appreciated**.

Tuesday, 5/14 May Crowning of Mary

With 8th Grade leading our school Mass this coming Tuesday, we shall honor the Blessed Virgin Mary

with the Crowning Ceremony. In crowning Mary, we not only acknowledge her role as the Mother of our Savior but also recognize her as a model of faith for all believers. As we offer this crown of flowers in her honor, let it symbolize our love and reverence for the Queen of Heaven. See you all to celebrate our Tuesday Crowning of Mother Mary. In advance, thank you for the flowers you will send through your child.

Thursday, 5/16 Rehearsals at UCCG / Friday, 5/17 Spring Concert

Get ready to embrace the transition from spring to summer with an evening filled with song and dance! Our students from TK/Kindergarten through 8th Grade are eagerly preparing to showcase their talents in front of our school families this Friday evening.

To ensure that everything runs smoothly, we will be holding general rehearsals at the United Community Church of Glendale on Thursday, just across the block from our school. Parents, please remember to send in your written permission forms for your child to participate in these rehearsals.

The main event will take place on Friday at 7:00 p.m., and it promises to be a memorable evening for all in attendance. Admission tickets are available for purchase from the school office, so be sure to reserve yours soon. As a special treat, all HFGS students will receive free admission.

Join us as we celebrate the joy of music and dance, and support our talented students as they shine on stage. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms Katy Huntley's News on Greek & Latin Quiz Bowl, 5/23

Students are explicitly taught Greek and Latin in the 4th grade. It is estimated that up to 75% of the English language is derived from Greek and Latin roots. They truly are the "building blocks" of English and present teachers with an extremely powerful framework to nurture students' vocabulary development.

The Greek & Latin Quiz Bowl is open to 4th-8th grade students, and takes place in the GSA, Thursday, May 23rd, from 12:30 P.M-1:30 P.M. Bona Fortuna!

Athletic Director Teresa Nelson's Sports Report

HFGS Spring season sports of track, boys' volleyball, cheer, hip hop, and soccer have now come to an end. Our athletes have experienced a season of competition, trying new sports of track and soccer, all while exhibiting Holy Family Grade School sportsmanship and school spirit.

We look forward to our end of the year Sports Recognition Banquet on May 23rd from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, when all HFGS student athletes are celebrated for their participation and many accolades in their various sports. Go Bulldogs!

Mr. Tom Makiling's Music and Concert Chorus Update

The Holy Family Children's Concert Chorus, comprising students from 4th to 8th grade and alumni, is affiliated with the American and International Federation of Pueri Cantores, the Student Choral Organization of the Catholic Church. Within this international Catholic choral organization, our choir members, regardless of background, delve into various styles of liturgical music within the Catholic tradition, aiming to enrich young singers' lives in a nurturing environment. Students of all faiths enrolled in our Grade School are welcome to join.

The choir has performed at prestigious venues such as the Basilica of St. Peter and Carnegie Hall, captivating audiences across the United States and Europe, enriching experiences for both members and listeners. They lead worship during Tuesday School Masses and schoolwide concerts, recently

participating in the 44th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome and concluding a performance with the Los Angeles Opera.

Next year, they will represent Holy Family Grade School and the City of Glendale at the 45th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Munich, Germany, further showcasing their talent and dedication to musical excellence.

Spring Dedication Book

Please access the form and forward it to our school office. Last day to forward submissions will be on Monday, May 13th.

Summer Break Celebration - Our Church Benefit Event 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. 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 HFCS and our Catholic community, and it's our turn to support this worthy cause.

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Mon. 5/13 - Moms & Muffins Day

7:50 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Moms & Muffins on a Monday, GS Auditorium

10:00 a.m. - HFCC Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Church rehearsal for May Crowning

Tues. 5/14

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - School Mass & May Crowning of Mary sponsored by 8th Grade & HFCS families

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation meeting with Mrs. Liberda, GS Auditorium

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

Wed. 5.15

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation rehearsals, GS Auditorium

Note: Last day for Algebra 1 class

Thurs. 5/16

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 8th Grade Graduation rehearsals, HFCC

11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Rehearsals for Spring Concert at The UCCG, United Community Church of Glendale

Note: 8th Grade clearances are due.

Fri. 5/17 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **Spring Concert 2024**, The UCCG, United Community Church of Glendale

Mon. 5/20

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

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation rehearsals, HFCC

Tues. 5/21

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - School Mass

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation rehearsals, HFCC

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

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - New Families' Orientation through Zoom ID No. 840 6002 4005 Passcode: 9K9WPB

Wed. 5/22 - Disneyland for our Class of 2024

Thurs. 5/23

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Graduation rehearsals, HFCC

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Greek and Latin Quiz Bowl

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Sports Recognition, GS Yard

Fri. 5/24 - No School, Professional Development Day

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, help me to trust in your unwavering love and saving help, especially when I meet adversities, trials, and temptations. Give me your peace when I am troubled and let me know the joy of your victory over sin and death.

Psalm 68:2-6a

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God!

3 But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds; his name is the LORD, exult before him!

5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

6 God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

With appreciation and yours in service,
Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary