

# Important for the Weeks of May 27 and June 3, 2024

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

## ***A blessed Memorial Day.***

Memorial Day is a time to honor and remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces. It is a day to pause and reflect on their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we hold dear. As a community rooted in faith and service, it is important for us to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices made by these courageous individuals and their families. Their legacy of courage, sacrifice, and commitment to duty serves as an inspiration to us all. In observance of Memorial Day, let us take a moment to offer our prayers for all those who have lost their lives in service to our nation. May we also extend our gratitude to the veterans and active-duty service members who continue to protect and defend our freedom each day.

## ***Sports Banquet 2024***

Please click and browse through the [link](#) of our Friday sports event provided by our PTO Board Member Lilian Arias. Thank you, Mrs. Arias! Heartfelt congratulations to our outstanding student-athletes, coaches, and dedicated parents on the success of our recent Sports Recognition Award Ceremony. It was wonderful to see our athletes recognized for their hard work and achievements throughout the year. Sending our deepest gratitude to our **Athletic Director Teresa Nelson**, coaches, and parent volunteers for their continued support and commitment to our sports programs. Your tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure that our student-athletes have the opportunity to thrive both on and off the field. To our **student-athletes**, great job for your dedication, passion, and sportsmanship. Your commitment to representing our school with integrity and pride is truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. With last Friday's celebration, let us continue to uphold the values of teamwork, perseverance, and excellence that are the hallmarks of Holy Family Grade School's athletics program. Once again, **congratulations** to all of our award recipients and participants on a successful Sports Recognition Award Ceremony.

## ***Tuesday 5/28/24 - Leadership Ceremony***

As we gather in our church tomorrow morning, we shall come together to witness a momentous occasion in the life of our school community: the **passing on of the leadership torch from our esteemed 8th graders to our eager 7th graders**. Sending our congratulations to our graduating **8th graders** for their exemplary leadership, dedication, and service to our school community throughout their time at Holy Family Grade School! We are immensely grateful for their contributions. To our **7th graders**, our administration, faculty, and staff commend you for your readiness to accept the responsibilities of leadership and for your commitment to upholding the values and traditions of our school. As you step into your new roles, remember the example set by our outgoing 8th graders and strive to lead with integrity, compassion, and humility. Right after our school Tuesday Mass will be a brief event that marks not only a transition in leadership but also a moment of continuity and renewal. **As our 8th graders pass on the torch of leadership to our 7th graders, they also pass on the values, traditions, and spirit of excellence that define our grade school community.**

We shall come together in prayer as we entrust our graduating 8th graders to God's care and guidance as they embark on the next chapter of their academic journey. May our 7th graders be inspired by the legacy of leadership and service that they inherit tomorrow and may they continue to shine brightly as beacons of light in our community. **Fr. Anthony Garcias** will celebrate our school Mass and the 8th graders will come in their cap and gown. Thanks in advance to Fr. Anthony and to our 7th and grade Homeroom advisers **Mrs. Ashley Liberda, Dr. Krikor Kiladjian and our beloved school parents and families.**

## ***8th Grade Wednesday Banquet and Friday Graduation***

As we approach the culmination of another academic year, let's express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Joanna Samija and our incredible team of 7th Grade parent volunteers for their dedication and efforts in organizing the memorable Wednesday 8th Grade Banquet. We eagerly anticipate celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating 8th graders at our Church on Friday, May 31st at 6:45 p.m. We wish them well on their journey ahead. Congratulations, 8th graders.

## ***End-of-the Year Classroom Potluck, Last School Day Recognition & Awarding Schedule for TK/Kindergarten - 7th Grade***

**Wednesday, 6/12/24** 11:30 a.m. - Classroom Potluck

**Thursday, 6/13** - Last Day & Awarding, GS Auditorium

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - TK/ Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 4th through 7th Grade

11:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - Distribution of Report Cards, Individual Classrooms

12:00 noon - Dismissal. Happy Summer!

**Note:** We will begin by presenting awards to our younger group of students, followed by the older group. After the TK/Kinder through 3rd grade classes have exited and returned to their classrooms, our 4th through 7th grade classes will proceed. This arrangement ensures that there will be ample seating for families who wish to attend this final student assembly for the school year 2023-2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ***Yearbook School Year 2023-2024***

As we approach the end of another school year, we highlight the importance of our school yearbook and the care it deserves. The yearbook serves as a cherished keepsake, capturing the memories and milestones of our students' academic journey. From classroom activities to special events, sports competitions to extracurricular achievements, the yearbook preserves these moments for years to come. It is important that we treat our yearbooks with the utmost care and respect. Each page represents countless hours of hard work by our yearbook committee, dedicated staff members, and students who contributed photos, stories, and designs. By handling our yearbooks with care, we ensure that future generations can enjoy and appreciate the memories they hold. To help preserve the integrity of our yearbooks:

1. Handle the yearbook with clean hands to prevent smudges and stains.
2. Keep the yearbook away from food, beverages, and other liquids that could cause damage.
3. Store the yearbook in a safe and dry place to prevent bending, tearing, or other forms of damage.
4. Avoid writing or drawing on the pages unless designated for signatures or messages.

Additionally, please remind your child of the importance of respecting others' yearbooks and refraining from writing or drawing anything inappropriate. By working together to care for our yearbooks, we can ensure that they remain cherished mementos of our school community for years to come. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and thank you to **Mrs. Alexa Soliman, our yearbook committee, and talented young adolescent and adult volunteers** for their hard work in creating this invaluable keepsake. Our yearbooks will be **sent home through the Wednesday family envelopes**.

### ***Summer School Program 2024***

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for our HFGS Summer Academic Program and Camp! Our summer program offers **a unique blend of academic enrichment and fun-filled activities designed to keep students engaged and inspired throughout some four to six summer weeks**. Whether your child is looking to brush up on academic skills, explore new interests, or simply make lasting memories with friends, our summer program has something for everyone.

**Key highlights** of our summer program include:

1. Engaging academic classes taught by our dedicated faculty to help students maintain and enhance their skills in core subjects.
2. Enrichment activities, including arts and crafts, STEM projects, music, and more, to ignite creativity and curiosity during the afternoon camp.
3. Outdoor adventures, sports, water play, walk to the movie house, and games to promote physical activity and teamwork.
4. Other special events to keep the excitement going.

We invite you to register your child for our summer program and camp today! Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot early. To register or learn more about our summer program offerings, please visit [hfgsglendale.org](http://hfgsglendale.org) or contact Mrs. Teresa Nelson OR Mrs. Leonora Bautista OR our school office assists at 818.243.9239 x110 and x120. We look forward to welcoming your child to a summer of learning, laughter, and fun at Holy Family Grade School - Glendale.

### ***EDGE & Confirmation Classes***

Please follow and click this [link](#). Thank you.

### ***Fr. Anthony's Altar Serving Training for 4th through 8th Grade***

SAVE THE DATES: **August 5-9, 2024**

As we continue to foster a spirit of service and devotion within our school community, we extend a special invitation to families with students in grades 4th through 8th. Our Altar Server Ministry plays a vital role in our school's spiritual life and worship experience. Altar servers have the privilege of assisting our priests during Mass, carrying out important liturgical duties, and serving as a visible symbol of reverence and dedication to our faith. Becoming an altar server is a meaningful way for students to deepen their connection to the Catholic faith, grow in their

understanding of the Mass, and develop important leadership and teamwork skills. It is also a wonderful opportunity for families to participate together in the life of our parish community.

We are currently seeking new altar servers to join our ministry, and we encourage families with students in grades 4th through 8th to consider this rewarding opportunity. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server or if you would like more information about this ministry, please contact **Deacon Ron Baker, HFCC**. We would be delighted to welcome your family into this special ministry of service and devotion.

### ***SBC Raffle / Dinner Tickets and Table Sponsorships***

Our **Summer Break Celebration** (SBC) is quickly approaching! Join us on Saturday, June 8th, for an enchanting evening themed 'Broadway Under the Stars.' There are three fantastic ways to support our Church event: **purchasing dinner tickets, participating in our raffle, or sponsoring a table.** For more details, please click this [link](#). **Save the date and make plans to join us on Saturday, June 8th, for a memorable evening of celebration and camaraderie.** More raffle and dinner tickets await you and your generous support of our Church benefit event. Please pass by the school office for orders or purchase of tickets that will possibly make you the lucky winner of \$10K. Here is the [link](#) to follow and thank you for your kind support!

### **Important for the Weeks of May 27 and June 3, 2024**

**Mon. 5/27** - No School. Memorial Day

**Tues. 5/28**

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - School Mass with 8th Graders in cap and gown passing on the leadership position to 7th Grade

12:00 p.m. - Noon dismissal for the Class of 2024

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

**Wed. 5/29** - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 8th Grade Banquet, GS Auditorium

**Fri. 5/31** - 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation, HF Catholic Church

**Sat. 6/1** - Capital Projects fee of \$400 due through FACTS.

**Sun. 6/2** - Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ashley Liberda.

**Mon. 6/3** - Recycling Day

**Tues. 6/4** - Happy Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination, Fr. Anthony.

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

12:00 p.m. - Noon dismissal.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

**Wed. 6/5** - CJSF Hours for 7th graders are due.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student of the Month Assembly, GSA

**Thurs. 6/6**

12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 4th Grade skits, commercials, musical acts, and 5th Grade Play

**Fri. 6/7** - Faculty Professional Development Day. No School. / SBC - HFCC's Summer Break Celebration preparations begin.

**Sat. 6/8** - 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - "Broadway Under The Stars" - SBC 2024, GS Yard

### ***A prayerful meditation to begin the week***

Lord Jesus, I want to follow you as your disciple and to love you wholeheartedly with all that I have. Fill my heart with faith, hope, and love that I may always find peace and joy in your presence.

### **Psalm 98:1-4**

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

2 The LORD has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Thank you and God bless.

Dr. Suelto

### ***References:***

[Fr. Anthony's Message](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)