

Important for the Weeks of May 6 and 13, 2024

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

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week.

As we commemorate Teacher Appreciation Week, it's an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work of our teachers and staff. Their tireless efforts, both within and beyond the classroom, have a profound impact on the lives of our students each and every day. They are the backbone of our school community, inspiring and empowering our students to strive for excellence and realize their full potential.

Your commitment to education is deeply valued and appreciated, not only during this special week but every single day of the year. Thank you for your continuous dedication to making our school a place of learning and growth, where students thrive and flourish. As we extend our appreciation, I would like to express my sincere thanks in advance to Mrs. Fabi Martinez and Mrs. Elsbeth Fulgencio, as well as our grade level parent representatives, for their thoughtfulness and leadership in organizing activities to honor our faculty and staff.

Happy Cinco de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo is a vibrant celebration that honors the rich cultural heritage and resilience of the Mexican community. It's a time not only for festivity and delicious cuisine but also for embracing and appreciating the profound history and culture of Mexico. As we commemorate this day, let us reflect on the importance of diversity, mutual respect, and understanding within our school community. We extend our heartfelt wishes for a joyful Cinco de Mayo celebration to all. May this day be filled with laughter, happiness, and opportunities for cultural enrichment for everyone. ***¡Feliz Cinco de Mayo!***

Student Council SY 2024 - 2025 Campaign and Voting Results

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all our students, faculty, and Mrs. Ashley Liberda for their dedication and hard work throughout the entire process of leadership selection. From leading, campaigning with posters, extending personal invitations, delivering speeches, to the final voting and meticulous counting of results, each individual's efforts have been truly commendable. Here are the names of those who will be serving next school year.

8th grade Class President: Joaquin Lopez

Lower Grade Representative: Ellie Fernandez

Upper Grade Representative: Rhys Leoncio

Assistant Commissioner of Safety and Ecology: Bethany Samuy

Commissioners of Safety and Ecology: Addison Miguel and Calix Salunga

Commissioner of Communications: Angela Leynes

Commissioner of Boys Athletics: Ace Aguilar

Commissioner of Girls Athletics: Peighton Clavio

Commissioner of Religious and Apostolic Affairs: Adam Villa

Commissioner of Public Relations and Elections: Autumn Braden

Assistant Commissioner General: Jacob Nagaño

Commissioner General: Gavin Miguels

Track Meet Results Report from Coach Karl Johnson

Congratulations to all the participants who took part in this past weekend's prelims in the track and field event! This was joined by 32 schools. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable. A

special shoutout to all the HFGS participants and our supportive families for their encouragement and enthusiasm.

A Girls 100 Meters: Autumn Braden 18th 15.57

A Girls 200 Meters: Autumn Braden 20th 31.74 and Giselle Reyes 27th 37.90

B Girls 100 Meters: Ellie Fernandez 11th 15.53 and Emma Tan 24th 16.13

B Girls 4 X 400 Relay 11th 65.07: Kamila Cervantes, Emma Baradas, Emma Tan, and Ellie Fernandez

A Boys 200 Meters: Chris Caceres 24th 29.31

A Boys 400 Meters: Rhys Leoncio 24th 1.24.51

B Boys 100 Meters: Zachary Abel 29th 15.81

B Boys 400 Meters: Carson Alcantara 30th 1.30.26

Congratulations Bulldogs!

The Ascension of Jesus Thursday, 5/9/24

As we approach the solemn occasion of the Ascension of Jesus this Thursday, let us pause to reflect deeply on the profound significance of this event in our Christian faith. The Ascension represents the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry, marking his triumphant return to the right hand of the Father in heaven. On this sacred day, let us set aside time to contemplate the teachings of Jesus and the enduring message of hope, redemption, and love that he bestowed upon us. As disciples of Christ, we are called to mirror his example of selflessness, compassion, and service to others. May this Ascension on Thursday serve as a beacon of inspiration and guidance as we navigate our own spiritual journeys, drawing strength and wisdom from the life and teachings of Jesus.

Jog-a-Thon, Fitness, & Zumba on Friday 5/10/24

Are we all set for this Friday's Jog-a-Thon? Our dedicated team of leaders, including the **PTO Board members assisting with Sports and Athletics, Coach Karl Johnson, Mrs. Ann Daniels, Mrs. Liberda, Class of 2024, faculty, and staff**, have been diligently working and preparing for this year's fitness event. After a recent board meeting, the committee has decided to introduce a fresh twist to our lunch offering after many years of serving the same familiar sandwich. We're excited to announce a new and delicious lunch for all students to enjoy after their exercises. Please note that dismissal will be at 12:00 noon on that day.

Before Friday arrives, our students and those who have opted to wear the same student shirt will receive their individual shirts. Our office personnel have ensured that everything is in order, including the design and color choice for the Class of 2024's T-shirt, aligning perfectly with our guest speaker alumna's message on **raising Cancer awareness**. We are immensely grateful for the promotional and educational initiative inspired and led by **Ashley Hurjak**, a proud member of the HFGS Class of 2020 and now representing the Class of 2024 at FSHA, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada. Let's make this Jog-a-Thon & Fitness Day a memorable and impactful event for our entire school community.

Spring Dedication Book

Join us in creating lasting memories by participating in our Spring Dedication Book. 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 access the form, print it, and forward it to our school office. Last day to forward submissions will be on Monday, May 13th.

Duck Splash from Glendale Kiwanis & HFGS Builders Club

Adopt a Duck to join another worthy cause for our community. 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

Thanks to our parent volunteers who were promoting at Church this weekend.

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. 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.

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Mon. 5/6 - Recycling Day / Teacher Appreciation week begins.

Tues. 5/7

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

12:00 noon - Dismissal

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

Wed. 5/8

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

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 a.m. - Student Council Luncheon with Fr. Anthony, Rectory

Thurs. 5/9 - Jeans for Jesus / Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

Fri. 5/10 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Jog-a-Thon, Fitness, & Zumba Day

Note: CJSF hours are due for 8th grade students.

Sun. 5/12 - Happy Mother's Day!

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 the 8th Grade & HFGS 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

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

O merciful God, fill our hearts, we pray, with the graces of your Holy Spirit; with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. Teach us to love those who hate us; to pray for those who spitefully use us; that we may be the children of your love, our Father, who makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. In adversity, grant us grace to be patient; in prosperity, keep us humble; may we guard the

door of our lips; may we lightly esteem the pleasures of this world, and thirst after heavenly things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 149:1-6a,9b

1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful!

2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King!

3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

5 Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

6a Let the high praises of God be in their throats.

9b This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Thank you and have a blessed week ahead.

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary