Important for the Weeks of June 10 and 24, 2024 / Summer School

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

Join us this week for our New Families' Orientation.

Date: Tuesday, June 11th **Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Location: Grade School Auditorium

Get a head start on the upcoming academic year 2024 - 2025 by attending our in-person New Families' Orientation. This event provides an opportunity to ask questions, familiarize yourselves with our school community, and prepare for the exciting journey ahead. We encourage you to bring your child(ren) along, allowing them to experience the warmth and welcoming atmosphere of their new school firsthand. Relatives and friends who may be interested are also welcome to join us. Light refreshments will be provided, and informational packets will be available for your convenience.

We eagerly anticipate your presence as we embark on this journey together. See you on Tuesday, June 11th.

4th and 5th graders' stage play performances last Thursday

Great job on your outstanding performances in the skits, commercials, and stage acting. Your dedication to rehearsals, attention to detail, and teamwork truly shone through in every scene. It was a joy to witness your growth as performers and to see the confidence and passion you displayed on stage. Whether you were delivering lines, singing, dancing, or embodying a character, your commitment to excellence and your love for the arts were evident to all. You have made us proud and have left a lasting impression on everyone who had the pleasure of watching your performances.

Ms. Huntley - Thanks so much in helping our children continue to pursue their passions, embrace new challenges, and believe in the power of their own imagination. Well done, **4th and 5th graders!** You are all stars in our eyes.

SBC, Summer Break Celebration 2024

Congratulations to our SBC honorees: **Mr. Tom Makiling, Mark & Patty Geraci, and The Ascencia**. Once again, we are grateful for your outstanding service. A heartfelt thank you to **Deacon Ron, the Concert Chorus Families, Our Church's Filipino Choir, Mrs. Ann Daniels, and all Parent Volunteers** for their invaluable support and participation. Your efforts helped create a memorable evening filled with powerful renditions of songs from **Broadway Under the Stars**, showcasing the talent and spirit of our priests, **Fr. John Schiavone and Fr. Anthony Garcias**, alongside our choirs.

It was heartwarming to see both current students and alumni return to the stage, a true testament to their love for our community and the impact of their experiences at our school. Special appreciation goes to **Isabella Lopez, Rachel, and Lucas Pangilinan** for their exceptional performances. **Mr. Makiling,** your direction of the event entertainment was outstanding, and we congratulate you on your well-deserved award. Thank you to everyone including those who helped sell and purchased raffle tickets to the last minute and who played a part in making this event a success.

<u>Congratulations, farewell, and thank you to our School Counselor Mrs. Susanna</u> "Shoshie" Boyer

Dear Holy Family Community,

As we come to the end of the school year, I wanted to offer some reflections and updates.

It has been such a meaningful and enriching experience to get to know Holy Family Grade School, its staff, students, and community over this year. It has been wonderful to see the care and dedication invested by this community in its children. I am so thankful to have had the pleasure of interacting directly with both staff and parents as you work together to support the dear students at the school. Most of all, I have been inspired by the courage and individual divine spark of each student I encountered.

My time at Holy Family has contributed to my hours of experience needed to become licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist. I am excited to announce that I have completed these hours with all of your help. This means that in the near future I will be submitting my hours for approval by the State of California, which is the next step towards my licensure. This also means that I will be finishing my time as a counselor at Holy Family at the end of this school year. It is a bittersweet transition for me, but I am comforted knowing that this community will be in the good hands of the Holy Family faculty and staff. Additionally, there will be a new counselor at Holy Family next year, who will be glad to assist.

Meanwhile, I will be continuing to practice at Westminster Center, the community counseling center where I currently work when not at Holy Family. I currently provide therapy to individuals, couples, and families. I am excited to continue and expand my work with therapeutic tabletop roleplaying games, for which I completed my certification over the last year. This has proven to be an engaging and fun modality of therapy, as I have practiced it this year with some of the students. You are welcome to contact me at the following phone number: (626) 209-9333.

Should you desire additional support over the summer, the following organizations may be good options:

- * Westminster Center (626) 798-0915 https://westminstercenter.org/867 Atchison Street, Pasadena, CA 91104
- * The Center for Connection (626) 385-6121 https://www.thecenterforconnection.org/3030 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107
- * Sandbox Family Services (626) 206-3139 https://www.sandboxfamilyservices.com/595 E. Colorado Blvd. Suite 433 Pasadena, CA 91101

I am so thankful to have been a part of this community and for the trust you have put in me as a counselor over this last year. I look forward to future interactions and wish each of you a wonderful summer!

Warm regards, Susanna Boyer Susanna Pfann (Boyer), M.A., AMFT 109395 Registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Supervised by Kathleen Fitzgerald, PsyD, LMFT 29963

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

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.

Sending our gratitude as we close another school year

As we bring another school year to a close, I send you my deepest gratitude. Please know that your dedication and commitment to our school partnership have been the cornerstone of our success throughout this academic year. We have navigated through challenges, celebrated achievements, and witnessed the growth and development of our students. Your belief in our school community, commitment to your child's education, daily sacrifices, involvement in school events, volunteer efforts, and ongoing communication have been our inspiration to continue to lead and grow. As we pause to reflect on the memories and milestones of this past year, **let us also look ahead with optimism and excitement for the opportunities that the future holds.** Let us continue together to strive for excellence in education and foster a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. May you and your families enjoy a restful and rejuvenating summer break after this final school week.

Summer School 2024

Last week, we distributed a paper through the Family envelopes outlining a required Summer School morning academic program for students. This document includes a summary of absences, tardies, and the STAR GE (Grade Equivalent) scores. If you received one, it's important to consider the following criteria when assessing the need for enrollment:

- 1. High Number of Missed School Days / Absences
- 2. High Number of Tardiness
- 3. The need to improve standardized test results indicated as GE or Grade Equivalent To gain a clearer understanding of your child's academic needs and whether enrollment in the program is necessary, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child's **Homeroom Teacher and Mrs. Teresa Nelson**. They can provide valuable insights and guidance to help inform your decision regarding remediation or advancement in the academic program. We greatly appreciate parents taking advantage of the summer school program as it offers valuable opportunities for academic growth and success. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education.

Please confirm your child's attendance by checking one or all of the three programs and returning the slip. We look forward to having your child join us! To register your child for our summer program and camp today, visit <a href="https://docs.ncbi.nlm.nc

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.

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Mon. 6/10 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - HFCC Staff Meeting

Tues. 6/11 - Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

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

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Online Faculty Collaboration

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - New Families' In-Person Orientation, GS Auditorium

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting

Wed. 6/12 - 11:30 a.m. - End of the Year Classroom Potluck: School lunch will not be served.

Thurs. 6/13 - Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church / Last Day & Awarding, GS Auditorium

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

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

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12:00 noon - Dismissal. Happy Summer!

12:30 p.m. - Faculty & PTO Board Luncheon

Fri. 6/14 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty reporting for cumfiles, classroom re-organization, cleaning, and submission of required reports.

Sat. 6/15 - Happy Birthday, Mr. Clarence Clark. / Summer break begins.

Mon. 6/24 - Week #1 of Summer School begins.

A prayerful meditation to begin the week

Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.

Psalm 34:2-9

- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him.

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