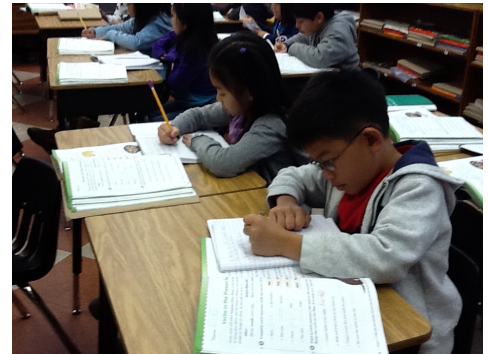




HFGS Newsletter

January 10, 2012



Kinder Admission Testing and Interviews:
January, 2012 and will be on-going.

Please call up:
Mrs. Sue Ganse, the school Office Secretary for an appointment.

Great News: Holy Family Grade School has been certified to be eligible for Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Program by the Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Elementary Schools!

STAR Test Math & Reading Results Available.

2nd Quarter Grades - Important Dates to Remember

- ***Jan. 10** - Progress reports go home in family envelopes.
- ***Jan. 26** - 2nd Quarter Comments and Attendance
- ***Jan. 27** - Feb. 13 Parents will be closed out of Gradelink while teachers complete the encoding of grades.
- ***Feb. 7** - Grades will be concluded.
- ***Feb. 13** - Report cards are distributed.
- ***Feb. 14** - Gradelink is made available again to parents.

Holy Family Grade School for Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Program!

HFGS has been certified by the Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles - Dr. Kevin Baxter to be eligible for the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Program! Our application was submitted to CAPE - Council for American Private Education. I would like to thank Fr. Jim, our pastor, the BVMs, clergy, all the faculty, staff, parents, clergy and the students (of course!) for doing a wonderful job. Many great things were already established in our school and new programs have been created for the benefit of all our students. There will only be 50 private schools that will be selected and nominated nationwide. This is our first time to submit an application and let us find out where this is going to take us all! As for now, each one is doing an awesome job!

14 of Our Teachers Enrolled at University of Dayton for CATECHIST Certification

In our desire to bring all things up & in assuring all our school families that our faculty members are trained to teach the Faith with wisdom and knowledge, we are furthering our education and dedicate ourselves to a program that provides faithful and systematic teachings of Catholic doctrine, Sacred Scripture, Catholic morality and appropriate Catholic principles and methods. We are enrolled in a Virtual Learning course at University of Dayton. We are now on the 2nd phase of the process to become Certified Catechists. Such distance learning format gives us the flexibility to study at a time and place that best fits our needs and we are faithfully in compliance with the requirements of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to become certified Catechists and Religion teachers. We are glad to become certified and hopefully advance later on in the service of our families.

January 9-15 Vocations' Awareness Week

Fr. Mike Perucho gave us information of seminarians/novices and candidates for religious life to post in the classrooms and wherever visible. Mrs. Massa & Fr. Mike worked closely together to come up with wonderful posters from our young ones to drum up encouragement and prayers for more vocations. For more specific activities, we have:

- Kinder -2nd grade classrooms will be visited by seminarians sometime between 8:30 - 10 am for 30 minutes.
- 5th through 8th grade will have an assembly from 10:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m. on Thursday, 1/12/2012 at the auditorium. In the afternoon, Kinder through 8th grade will have a Liturgy Prayer Service from 1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
- Daily Prayer for Vocations

Positions Open at HFGS & Other Related Information

For our bookkeeping, we have MM&Murphy Accountants & Sherry Siy working part time for the GS. We continue to screen applications and interview candidates for the position. We appreciate any questions and inquiries you may have about your accounts or invoices. All payments are received by the front desk staff. With SMART Tuition Collection Management System, the greater bulk of our income receivables is handled systematically and on time!

We are looking for a new PE Teacher and Athletic Director. Candidates have started to e-mail their applications and we have started with the interviews. Coach Chris Salabaj for family & personal reasons, has communicated to us that he will soon leave HFGS. We thank him for the services that he has rendered our school. Mr. Salabaj started to work with us last August, 2011 and we wish him good luck!

Profile of our Student's STAR Tests in Reading and Math / 2nd Quarter Progress Report

You are receiving individual results of your child's STAR Tests in Reading and Math. It is a Diagnostic Report taken by our students during the first week of November, 2011 and we envision progress when we take the Achievement Test in May, 2012. Please read it carefully. As you look at each report, you will see the Grade Equivalent (GE) score and a listing of suggestions for optimal reading and math practice growth.

The end of the 2nd quarter is on January 26. Before we reach that day, we would like to send you a Progress Report generated from GRADELINK. There are still 2 more weeks to turn in projects, complete pending work and increase the current grades.

ZERO MATH Period for 7th & 8th Grade & HFHS Announcements

Our students in 7th & 8th grade students attending the 7:00 a.m. Math classes at our high school will re-enroll on Tuesday, Jan. 17th. The HS is giving a complementary High School Placement Test for our 8th grade boys and girls on Saturday, January 14th. Take advantage of this opportunity to find out how ready our 8th graders are in taking the exams for 9th grade in the high schools of your choice. On the 21st is the actual HSPT for our 8th grade girls at Holy Family.

Holy Family GS & HS Principals with Mr. Matthew Ho (Junior High Math Teacher) and Mr. Danny Hamm (HS Math Teacher) articulated Math strategies & curriculum alignment. Details of discussions, action plans and test results for 7th and 8th grade classes will be given during the Thursday Meeting with parents and Junior High teachers in the new building.

Thurs., Jan. 12th - Evening Meetings with Grades 7 / 8 Parents

6:00 p.m. 7th Grade Parents' Meeting with Principal, Miss Walden, Mr. Kiladjian & Mr. Ho

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parents' Meeting with Principal, Miss Walden, Mr. Kiladjian & Mr. Ho

AGENDA:

1. STAR Math & Reading Test Results
2. Graduation Dinner hosted by 7th Grade
3. 8th Grade Graduation Requirements
4. Teacher Recommendations for HS
5. 8th Grade Transcripts generated from Gradelink

Enclosures:

- PTO Assembly Flyer
- Kinder through 8th Graders' Progress Reports
- 1st through 8th Graders' STAR Test Results in Reading & Math
- 7th & 8th Graders' Re-Enrollment Form for Zero Math Period
- Partners in Faith - January 2012

Finally, a child's education can be greatly enhanced by parents' involvement in the classroom and at home. You can do so by maintaining an open line of communication and continuously supporting your child's school.

Happy celebration of Vocations' Awareness Week!

- *Miss Fidela Suelto*, Principal



Family Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from you.

You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so we can share with others.

Generous and loving people are needed for service and leadership in our Church.

Help us know how to encourage and support each other so that we can respond generously to this need.

We know that you will be with us, invite us to become the kind of people you desire us to be.

Help us to trust in you and in each other.

Amen.