



# Holy Ghost Catholic School

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*Walking in the Foot-  
steps of Jesus*

### The Challenge of Easter

On March 26, 2016, a thought-provoking article was published in the Wall Street Journal by Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest. Here is a taste; for more read the essay at

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-challenge-of-easter-1458916153>

“If you don’t believe in the Resurrection, you can go on living your life while perhaps admiring Jesus the man, appreciating his example and even putting into practice some of his teachings. At the same time, you can set aside those teachings that you disagree with or that make you uncomfortable... If you believe that Jesus rose from the dead, however, everything changes. In that case, you cannot set aside any of his teachings. Because a person who rises from the grave, who demonstrates his power over death and who has definitively proven his divine authority needs to be listened to. What that person says demands a response.... The message of Easter is, all at once, easy to understand, radical, subversive and life-changing. Easter means that nothing is impossible with God. Moreover, that life triumphs over death. Love triumphs over hatred. Hope triumphs over despair. And that suffering is not the last word...”

### Things To Do:

- ◆ Apply for financial aid by Friday 4/15
- ◆ Donate food for SVdP on Tuesdays
- ◆ Order a yearbook
- ◆ Volunteer for Young Authors’ Day
- ◆ Register for HGCS Golf Tournament
- ◆ Buy car wash tickets from 8th grade
- ◆ Send in pictures for yearbook to Gretta Valenzuela
- ◆ Volunteer to help organize or coordinate Field Day to Kylene Molley by PAN
- ◆ Register for next school year at \$400/student
- ◆ Attend “The Abuse Awareness Training for Adults” or submit certificate to office before zoo trip, if you intend to go.

### Calendar of the Week

#### Monday, April 11

- ◆ 3:00 Band
- ◆ 3:30 Chess Club
- ◆ 3:30 Track practice
- ◆ 3:30-4:30 Running Club

#### Tuesday, April 12

- ◆ Send in nonperishable food for SVdP
- ◆ 7:10am Faith Bowl practice
- ◆ 2:45-3:45 Strings II
- ◆ 3:30-4:30 Math Club Tutorial
- ◆ 3:30-5:00 Track practice
- ◆ 3:45-4:30 Strings I

#### Wednesday, April 13

- ◆ 3:30 Band
- ◆ 3:30-5:00 Track practice
- ◆ 3:30-4:30 Running Club

#### Thursday, April 14

- ◆ 2:45 Guitar Club
- ◆ 2:45 Strings II
- ◆ 3:30 Lego Club
- ◆ 3:45 Jr. Guitar Club
- ◆ 3:45 Strings II
- ◆ 4:00 Track meet at Sandia Prep

#### Friday, April 15

- ◆ Absolute deadline for applying for financial aid
- ◆ 8:00-3:00 Open House
- ◆ 8:00 Mass
- ◆ 3:00 Saxophone Ensemble

#### Saturday, April 16

- ◆ 9:00-Noon Parent/Child Retreat (3rd grade 1st Communion participants)
- ◆ Noon Golf Tournament @ Arroyo del Oso (\$20)

#### Monday, April 18

- ◆ 3:00 Band
- ◆ 3:30 Chess Club
- ◆ 3:30 Track practice
- ◆ 3:30 Running Club
- ◆ 6:00pm 1st Communion Practice



## **“WASH ME!”— Car Wash Tickets Available and Other News**

Through the month of April, the 8th grade students will be selling car wash tickets from Mister Car Wash (formerly Octopus Car Wash). Each student has 10 tickets available at \$10 per ticket. The tickets do not expire, and can be used for a full service wash or for any ungraded service. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to purchase a gift for the school from the Class of 2016. If you want a ticket or two, contact an 8th grade student.

Speaking of 8th grade fundraisers, the class extends a BIG thank you for supporting the coffee sales. We sold over 60 bags of coffee. A big success!!! They hope you enjoyed the Java Joe brews!

Coming up soon will be the annual Teacher/staff vs. 8th grade Volleyball game. Save the date—Wednesday April 27 @ 4pm. The kids are practicing at school and getting excited for this annual tradition at HGCS! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.



## **Young Authors' Day**

Mrs. Grajeda is recruiting volunteers to help. About 30 volunteers are needed to escort groups of children between authors, lead small groups of students during sharing time, and assist the authors and Mrs. Grajeda. If you are interested in helping out during Young Author's Day, please fill out the volunteer form, which is available on Sycamore document/weekly memo.

In case you missed it, Young Authors' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 8:00-11:00am. This is the day that our students meet and learn from published authors, and get a chance to share their writings with the school and parents.

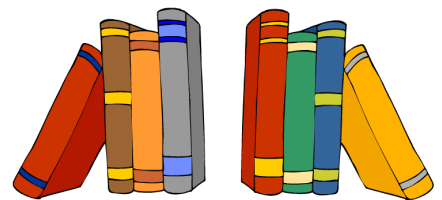
## **Zoo Volunteers**

On May 2, the K, K-1, 1st, and 2nd grade classes will be going to the zoo. This is a popular field trip, in which many parents take the day to be with their kids. Please be aware that the only adults who can chaperone or join the HGCS trip are those who have taken the "Abuse Awareness Training for Adults" and the HGCS volunteer training. The HGCS volunteer training will be conducted by Dr. Copeland on the morning of May 2. For the archdiocese training, register online at <http://www.archdiocesasantafe.org> or call Annette or Rose at 505-831-8144.

## **Yearbook Orders**

As the school year gets closer to the end, we all get a little nostalgic and start thinking about saving memories. Fortunately, the yearbook master, Ms. Valenzuela, and her crew of picture takers, have been thinking of saving memories all year. They could use some more input from the HGCS families. If you have any pictures of events or students from this school year, please contact Ms. Valenzuela by PAN.

Also, you can now order your yearbook. Order forms were sent home with students, and more forms are available in the office. The yearbooks are \$25 after Mar 31.



## **Running Students**

The Running Club will begin this week. It will be on Monday and Wednesdays during the month of April, except Monday and Tuesday of the week of April 25th. Anyone in Pre-K thru 4th grade is invited. It will last from 3:30- 4:30pm. The fee is \$50. If you already paid for the zoo run, the running club fee will be adjusted. If you have questions, Mr. Jenkins is the man to PAN.

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## Music in the Air

Perhaps it is the spring weather, but life feels more musical now. Oh, I know what it is—it's the HGCS musicians filling the air with their melodious sounds.

On Friday, April 22, our 6th & 7th graders will represent our school at the All Catholic Schools Honor Choir performance at St. Pius X HS. That concert begins at 6:30PM and is part of the Fine Arts Festival put on by the art and music departments of all schools in our archdiocese. All are welcomed to come and view art by students all over the diocese, and hear the Honor Choir perform.

On Saturday, April 23, the choir is also preparing to sing for the First Holy Eucharist Mass at 10AM. All mid-schoolers who like to sing and want service hours are welcomed to join the choir that day. Since both of these singing Masses will have live music, mid-schoolers could use either performance for their live music report.

The Spring Concert is coming Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm. This is a very special performance of our musicians. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.

## Prize-Winning Essayists in our Midst

Not just one, not just two—but three of our HGCS students are being recognized for their writing. **Jordan Caintic**, 1st grade, **Logan Peterson**, 2nd grade, and **Harmony Jenkins**, 5th grade, are winners in the "Senior I Know Essay" Contest that is sponsored by the Senior Affairs Office of the City of Albuquerque. These students and their seniors will be honored at a special reception in May. Congratulations to all students in grades 1-5 who wrote beautiful essays about their seniors.

## Field Day

Soon and very soon, the school year will end for the summer. On the last full day of the year, Holy Ghost treats all the students with a day of fun, friendship, laughter, food, crafts, games, and friendly competition. The HGCS Field Day will be Thursday, May 26, 2016. Many volunteers are needed as cooks, servers, guides, entertainment directors, referees—in other words, all the typical parental roles but at school for a day. Save the date to volunteer, and stay tuned for more information. Meanwhile, if you would like to help organize the event, if you have any ideas for activities, if you have any comments about past Field Days, or **if you want to take over coordinating the event next year**, please contact Kylene Molley by PAN.



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## HGCS Golf Tournament—Fun for You, Funds for HGCS

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The HGCS annual golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2016 at Arroyo del Oso. This 4-person scramble begins at 8am (shotgun start). For the entry fee of only \$100/person or \$300/team of 4, you can play golf, ride in a cart (no carrying bags for our golfers!), practice with some range balls, and have a delicious lunch. Single players are welcome and will be grouped in teams. Sponsorships are also being accepted, from hole sponsors for \$100 to Diamond Sponsors at \$1500. More details can be found on the registration form, which can be downloaded from Sycamore or picked up at the office. Deadline to register or to become a sponsor is Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Tournament is limited to 128 players. For more information, visit [holyghost-golftournament.shutterfly.com](http://holyghost-golftournament.shutterfly.com) or contact Art Archibeque at (505) 850-7617. Come enjoy a spring day on the greens and help support Holy Ghost Catholic School!

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## Financial Aid is Available



Feeling pinched? We all know that our school is a amazing value, priceless in the long run, but sometimes difficult to finance in the short run. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe offers limited financial aid to families with children in its Catholic schools, including Holy Ghost Catholic School. Aid is awarded based on financial need. To apply for financial aid for next school year, apply through FACTS. There are two ways for parents to access the FACTS website.

1. Go online to the FACTS website at, [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) and complete a FACTS Grant and Aid Application **no later than April 15, 2016.**
2. Families that currently use FACTS Tuition Management can access the FACTS application through their HGCS Sycamore account:
  - a. Go to “Featured” on the right side of the home screen
  - b. Click on “Links”
  - c. Click on the FACTS registration link. This link will prompt you to apply for Financial Aid.
    - If you have an existing FACTS account, please enter your existing username and password and click “Sign In”.
    - If you are a New FACTS User, please select “Create username & password”.
  - d. Click on Apply for Financial Aid link.
  - e. Fill out and submit your online application.
  - f. Submit all required supporting documents by uploading online or faxing to 866-315-9264. Customer Care Representatives are available to assist you at 866-441-4637.

Families who apply for school tuition assistance through FACTS will **automatically** be entered as applicants for the Maloof Scholarship. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the HGCS office at 256-1563.

**The deadline for applying for financial aid is April 15, 2016.**

## The Art Show of Art Shows

On April 22-23, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is hosting the 3rd Annual All-Schools Art Show at St. Pius X High School. Art will be exhibited and music performed from

all the elementary, mid-school, and high schools of the archdiocese. Many of our HGCS students’ works of art will be on display. Check out the flyer on Sycamore and come see the beautiful expressions of our Catholic students.



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*The Holy Ghost Catholic School community provides students in Pre-K through 8th grade with opportunities for academic success and the demonstration of Christian values through service to others. Holy Ghost is accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the State of New Mexico Public Education Department. The curriculum is approved by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and meets or exceeds the standards and benchmarks of the state of New Mexico and the Core Standards. The US Department of Education awarded Holy Ghost Catholic School the Blue Ribbon for Excellence in Education in 2009. Holy Ghost is the first Catholic school in New Mexico to receive this award.*

## Registration for 2016-2017 School Year

Enrollment is ongoing for the next school year. All forms and registration fees are due to the office. After February 11, registration was opened to all new families. After March 1, the registration fee increased to \$400/student.

## Save the Date

- ⇒ 1st Communion Mass—Apr 23
- ⇒ 8th grade vs. teachers volleyball game—Apr 24
- ⇒ Take your child to work day, No school—Thurs, Apr 28
- ⇒ Run for the Zoo—May 1
- ⇒ Zoo field trip—May 2
- ⇒ Spring Concert—May 4
- ⇒ HGCS Golf Tournament—May 6
- ⇒ Young Authors Day—May 11
- ⇒ 8th grade graduation—May 20
- ⇒ Field Day—May 26
- ⇒ Last Day of School—May 27

## Local Events of Note

- ◆ The Family Life Office is offering “Loving for a Lifetime”—a special free presentation on spiritual self-awareness for single and married Catholics on Friday, April 22 at 7 pm at the Catholic Center.
- ◆ The Annual Children’s Seed Festival is happening at the Botanic Garden on Saturday, April 23 to celebrate Earth Day.
- ◆ The National Public Gardens Day will be celebrated on Friday, May 6 at the Botanic Garden.
- ◆ See flyers on Sycamore for more information on these events.



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