



# Holy Ghost Catholic School

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Walking in the Foot-  
steps of Jesus

## First Communion

First Communion Mass for our children is this Saturday at 10:00 am. Do you remember your First Communion? Do you remember the church, the priest, what you wore, how much you prepared, and how you felt? Receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion is a remarkable day for every Catholic. We probably didn't fully realize the meaning of that special day, but we did feel important and special. We knew something great was happening. Jesus came to us to strengthen us, to give us joy and grace to become the people He made us to be.

We shared the Last Supper with our family, community, and with the communion of saints, transcending time and space, as is done in every Mass for over 200 years all over the world. What if we could rekindle that special feeling each time we receive Christ at Mass? What if we could realize that when we gather at Mass, Jesus is truly with us and in us, giving us life and loving us to heaven?

"Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life within you." John 6:53



## Things To Do:

- ♦ *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 18

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

### Tuesday, April 19

- ♦ *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 20

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

### Thursday, April 21

- ♦ 2:45 Guitar Club
- ♦ 2:45 Strings II
- ♦ 3:30 Magic Club
- ♦ 3:30-5:00 Track practice
- ♦ 3:45 Jr. Guitar Club
- ♦ 3:45 Strings II

### Friday, April 22

- ♦ Mid-quarter
- ♦ 8:00-3:00 Open House
- ♦ 8:00 Mass
- ♦ 3:00 Saxophone Ensemble
- ♦ 3:45 Track Meet @ Moriarity HS
- ♦ 4:00-9:00 3rd Annual All Catholic Schools Art Show @ SPX
- ♦ 6:30 Honor Choir Performance @ SPX

### Saturday, April 23

- ♦ 10:00 First Communion Mass
- ♦ 4:00-9:00 3rd Annual All Catholic Schools Art Show @ SPX

### Monday, April 25

- ♦ 3:00 Band
- ♦ 3:30 Chess Club
- ♦ 3:30 Track practice
- ♦ 3:30 Running Club

## **“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.



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!

## **Balance Due**

Please note that all financial obligations for the school year must be paid in full by May 15th. This includes tuition, fundraising obligations, Woody Young daycare, lunches, athletic fees, music fees, and any other miscellaneous charges that your family may have incurred. Please check your Sycamore account for any outstanding charges. If you have any questions, contact Wanda Abeyta in the office at 256-1563.

## **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.

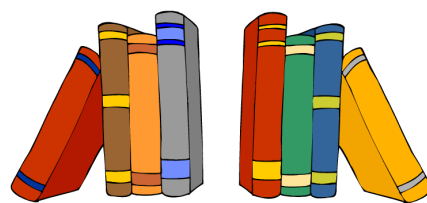
## **Zoo Volunteers**

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.



## **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.

## Upcoming Music Happenings

This 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. At Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Admission is free; however, nonperishable food items will be accepted for

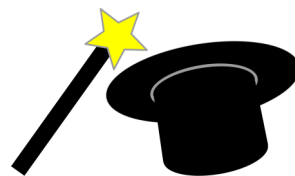
St. Vincent DePaul Society. This is a very special performance of our musicians, which will provide food for your soul.

Anyone who takes private lessons (piano, voice, guitar, violin, etc...) and is working on a solo for their teacher, may perform at the school's Spring Concert. Those who want to participate should PAN Mrs. Albers so she can send home the details and the signup form. On the signup form, please include not only the title of the piece but also whatever is needed to credit the composer/arranger/lyricist, unless it is a traditional folksong or something without a composer to credit.



## Magic Show

After a year of learning their trade and

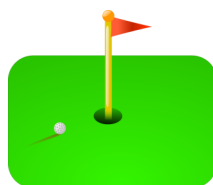


practicing, The HGCS Magic Club, the St. John Bosco Jesters, have two performances coming up. All are welcome to come to HG on Thursday, April 21 at 4:00 for a dress rehearsal for our end of year show. This is the only performance at school. On Thursday, May 5, the St. John Bosco Jesters will perform their show at the Encino Gardens Senior Center for all the residents' pleasure.

Magicians need to remember to bring all their equipment to school on both of those days!

## 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.



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

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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*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 exceed 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 27
- ⇒ 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 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.

## 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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