



# Tuesday Update

April 11 th , 2023

Easter greetings to all our Holy Name families!

Our celebration of Easter continues this weekend at our 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Name Church at which several of our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. It would be wonderful to have a good turnout from our school community to show our support – especially from their classmates.

After the Mass, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the Church lawn. It should be a joyful day, and I encourage you to come and celebrate with us! Also, please keep in your prayers the following students who will be receiving Baptism:

Ava Burke  
Farrah Desmarais  
Maliha Desmarais  
Xander Landry  
Kyle Paradise  
Levi Scruggs  
Simon Scruggs  
Victoria Thomas

Holy Name Church has a new website! Please update your bookmarks:

<https://www.holynametailriver.org/>

Morning tardiness remains an issue. The handbook states that Students who arrive at school after 8:05 a.m. are considered tardy. We ask that all parents have their children to school on time to minimize classroom disruption caused by students arriving late. After April break, students will be held accountable for being tardy.

When leaving school for the day, please check with your child that they have everything they need to go home. Once the day is over and teachers have left the building, no one can get things your child may have left behind.

Please remember that other than Mass or any "extra" event, we do not allow anyone in the building. Your child's safety is our priority.

- Tomorrow, April 12th, at 5:30 p.m., the **uniform committee** for HNS will meet to discuss possible vendors for our school uniforms.
- Next week, April 16-22 is **April Vacation**; the school will be closed. Have a restful and safe week.
- **Walk-a-Thon**: The last planning meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss specifics before the walk. If all volunteers for that day could come and make every effort to attend, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for finding sponsors for your children – our School Life Committee has been putting in a lot of effort to make this event a success, but that depends on the participation of every family.
- **Oktoberfest**: Speaking of social events, we will have a kickoff meeting for Oktoberfest on Thursday, April 27th, at 6 p.m., also at the school. I realize that this is shortly after the Walk-a-Thon meeting (which takes priority), but I wanted to get at least the ball rolling on planning. If you would like to be involved but cannot make the meeting, please let the school office know, and you'll be included on a contact list for future meetings.
- On April 27,28,29th, the students of Bishop Stang HS will be performing "**Cinderella.**" **The shows** are at 7:00 p.m. Please see the attached flier.
- April 29th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Bishop Stang will be hoisting "**Bibbidy, Bobbidy, Bishop Stang,**" where you can interact with the students dressed as the cast of Cinderella. Please see the attached flier.
- Starting Monday, May 1st, **Summer Uniform** begins. Please see the attached information about uniforms.
- Each year the **Bishop celebrates a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral with 8th graders** from all the schools in the diocese. Please note that the date for this Mass was just changed from May 18th to May 19th
- **The Father-Daughter Dance** for HNS will take place on May 19th. Save the date!
- **Field Day 2023** will occur here at HNS on Monday, June 12th. More info to follow.
- **The last day of school** for the academic year 2022-2023 is Friday, June 16th.

Finally, a note on a more serious topic – especially for parents of middle schoolers. It is each parent's decision whether to give their students phones and access to the internet. However, recently abuses of technology have impacted the life of our school, with students sending inappropriate messages to each other. Even something meant as a joke must be taken seriously if the content is serious. Please be vigilant of your child's use of the internet, especially social media including Discord. It's a big and sometimes dangerous world out there, and we're finding again and again that unmonitored or poorly monitored internet/phone usage is setting our students up for trouble or even putting them in danger through interactions online with people whose intentions might be bad. I have shared with them how, at my last school, I had a situation with 8th graders that ultimately involved the police because of some joking that had taken place over the weekend. I have told our students here time and again to think before they text/message, and feel that reinforcement of this messaging – and monitoring of social media/internet usage from home – is important to make sure that good habits are formed. This is important for our school community, and even more, for the wellbeing and safety of our students. Thank you for your collaboration in this matter. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Pt. 1:3 )

Fr. Riley Williams  
Pastor