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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Easter. As is often heard, "Hope Springs eternal" and I believe it has never been more true for most of us until this year. It seems that we have a chance to return to some degree of normalcy in the near future. As vaccinations are on the rise, and as we continue to practice safe interactions with masks and distance, we get closer to finally emerging from this long winter.

I came across this in an article in America magazine today and I thought it was perfect!

There has been for the last year, among many people, feelings of rootlessness, hopelessness and even despair. Fear too. Sadness. It is similar to what the disciples felt on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil leads us into these feelings.

Yet we know that this is never the last word. Fall and winter always give way to spring and summer, as those of us in the northern hemisphere are now experiencing. And suffering is never the end, in the Christian worldview and, more importantly, the Christian experience.

So what is the message of this strange spring, this long-awaited Easter? It's a message that's both old and new: Love is stronger than hate. Hope is stronger than despair. Life is stronger than death. And nothing is impossible with God.

---Fr. James Martin, SJ

A special word of thanks to the 5th grade class who along with their teacher, Mrs. Morrison, collected spare change during Lent in order to make a donation to the Fall River Food Bank. They raised almost \$110.00! Nice job!

We have decided to extend the Dr. Wardell Scholarship essay contest an extra week. Giving that the prize is \$250.00 towards tuition for next year for a rising middle school students, and everyone could use the financial help of the prize money, we thought we would add an extra week. We know everyone is very busy, so with the help of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Morrison, the students will be allotted time in class to work on this. Dr. Wardell was such an asset to Holy Name School and her legacy is very important. We want every student in middle school to have ample time to enter this contest.

As we continue to practice safe and socially distanced interactions, it is imperative that we not let our guards down until we have the pandemic fully under control. We instituted at the beginning of school procedures for entering and exiting school that are designed to assure as safe an environment as possible. We have had great success and that is testament to the great efforts of the students, staff, and parents and I cannot thank you all enough for these efforts! As the weather is improving, however, we still need to clear the school yard as quickly and safely as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have the necessary supervision for the children to remain and play after school. Please plan on picking your children up and exiting the campus as soon as you can. Additionally, in the morning, please continue to use the designated doors for your child's grade

level, unless they are arriving late. Together, we will continue to keep everyone as safe as we can as we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you for your continued cooperation.

REMINDER: In the interest of keeping everyone safe, it is imperative that all parents or guardians wear masks any time that they are on campus, particularly at dismissal when there is a sizeable number of people congregating to pick up their children. Please be conscious of social distancing requirements and keep separated by six feet. Together, we can make a difference in stopping the spread!

In the last weeks, teachers and school staff have been able to schedule vaccinations, which is a fantastic development for our community. All these steps toward normality are combining to make for a much better final trimester at Holy Name School!

We are exploring a safe way to add Physical Education back into our school week! Stay tuned for more information!

If you have an opportunity to talk to friends and relatives about the great things that are happening here at Holy Name School, you become our best ambassadors in the community if you encourage them to explore sending their children to Holy Name. Please have them contact myself or Ms. Chippendale with any questions.

Holy Name School is celebrating 60 years! We are forming a 60th Anniversary Committee to assist in the planning for this special milestone. If you are interested in participating, please email Jana McHenry, Director of Advancement/Alumni, jmchenry@hnsfr.org

MASS Update:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 with Fr. Jay. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we still cannot have families and friends attend the in-school Mass. Grades 3,4, and 5 will be celebrating with Father.

Yearbooks:

Order your Holy Name School 2020-2021 Yearbook today!

Due to the pandemic there have been few events here at school that we could take photos of, and therefore the annual yearbook will be somewhat more condensed. It is likely that we will concentrate on the 8th grade this year for some of the content, since this is their last year at Holy Name School. All orders are due by Wednesday, April 28th. Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the school year.

The cost of the yearbook will be \$30.

(The 8th grade students will all receive a complimentary copy so you do not have to order for them)

If you would like to order a yearbook **[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)**

Any questions please contact Mrs. Krauzyk @ mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org

Lunch Ordering:

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk (mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org) on Tuesday of each week that provides a link for your lunch order and payment.

Lunch Forms are also available on our website <https://www.hnsfr.org/Lunch-Menus>

Extended Care:

Reminder: Please email Mrs.Krauzyk or call the office in the morning if you will be using Extended Care. This will allow us to make the necessary safety preparations for all students. Of course, if you need to use Extended Care at the last minute, it is always available.

[Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Extended Care](#)

School Masks: *Please remember to regularly wash the colored Holy Name School masks.*

We do have some mask sets left to be purchased if anyone is interested. We know that by now many of the masks are stained, misplaced or just not in great shape. If you would like to purchase a new set of masks, please use the attached link. Once we receive your payment, we will send your masks home. Also, if you have yet to pay for your first set of masks, please use this link to do so at this time. [Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Face Masks](#)

Daily reflection:

We are waiting for Yahweh; he is our help and our shield,
Yahweh, let your faithful love rest on us, as our hope has rested in you.

--Psalms 33:20-22

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan
Principal