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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this message finds all of you well!

We celebrated a wonderful Catholic Schools Week last week here at Holy Name School! The students did some great art projects and explored the various themes each day. Thank you to all for your help with their costumes for each day. There were some great character costumes for their favorite characters from books!

It is truly a blessing to be able to celebrate the unique abilities we have to explore the loving message of Christ in everything that we do. It is testament to the devotion of our families and our faculty and staff that Christ truly is the center of our school!

#### **Snow Days and School Cancellations:**

I apologize that there was some confusion over the decision to schedule school on Monday after the snowstorm on Sunday. Although the reference in our School Handbook states that we follow the City of Fall River schedule, we have traditionally used our discretion to call for a cancellation of school here at Holy Name School. The safety of our students and staff is always of paramount concern. As I write this today, I am looking out at another snowstorm! We work as a team—Fr. Jay, faculty and staff, and myself, to make the best decision using the information we have at the time regarding road conditions, timing, etc. Recognizing the disruption that school cancellations can cause for families due to work schedules, pick up and drop off, etc., we balance all of these considerations and hopefully make the correct call. Sometimes it might not work out, but hopefully it does! Particularly in this year due to the pandemic, we are following school schedules that are substantially different from both the public schools, as well as other area Catholic schools. Having the discretion to make decisions that are in the best interest of the Holy Name School community is important to providing the best and safest experience for students and staff. We will continue to post any cancellations on the local TV stations as well as using the School Messenger tool and social media. **We will not routinely send a message if we are not canceling school.** If you feel that in the interest and safety of your family that you would rather keep your child home because of weather, we will always respect this decision. Please feel free to let the school know that your child will be remote on that day and we will make sure that the classroom teachers engage them through remote learning. If you have any questions, please send me a message directly: [dflanagan@hnsfr.org](mailto:dflanagan@hnsfr.org) Thank you for all of your continued support and cooperation!

A special word of thanks to all families that have re-registered for next year. Please register your children as soon as possible to assure their spot in next year's class.

***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.***

Please remember that if you are applying for a FACE scholarship, there is a strict deadline of **March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**CALENDAR REMINDER: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 IS A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR FACULTY AND STAFF. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

#### **MASS Update:**

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, with Fr. Jay Maddock for grades 6, 7, and 8. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we still cannot have families and friends attend the in-school Mass.

#### **Lunch Ordering:**

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk ([mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org](mailto: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:**

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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](#)

**REMOTE LEARNING:** If you decide that you would like to choose the remote option for your child, please let Mr. Flanagan know as soon as possible. Please note that there is no option of partially remote learning currently at Holy Name School. Due to the importance of tracking student absences for Contact Tracing purposes by the Department of Health in the event of a positive case, we need to know as soon as possible in the morning if your child will be absent due to sickness. Please contact Ms. Chippendale to inform her of the symptoms your child is experiencing.

**COVID Testing Reminder:** If you have a family member that has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID, and they are waiting for test results, please keep your child home until the test result is received. If your family member tests positive, your child will have to be quarantined according to health department rules for 14 days, regardless of a negative test result for the child. Please let the office or the nurse know if this happens in your household in order for us to maintain accurate records for contact tracing purposes. Thank you for continued cooperation!

**Please remember that if you traveled out of state, your child MUST quarantine for 14 days upon return. Please see all requirements at:**

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>

**Note: If your child is under 10, they may return to school as long as their parent has tested negative. Students must wait for parent's test result before returning to school. The only 2 states that are considered low risk are Hawaii and Vermont.**

**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!**

Now more than ever it is so important not to send your child to school if they aren't feeling well. Any symptoms that are typically associated with a cold could also be COVID. PLEASE do not give meds and send them in. We are seeing a surge in allergy type sinus issues that are COVID related. It is very important to remain diligent as we fight this pandemic together.

**Please remember that jackets, hats and gloves are a must since we will be getting the students out into the fresh air as much as possible.**

**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](#)

**Weekly Reflection:**

For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth,'  
likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour.  
He seals up the hand of every man,  
that all men whom he made may know it.  
Then the beasts go into their lairs,  
and remain in their dens.

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From its chamber comes the whirlwind,  
and cold from the scattering winds.  
By the breath of God ice is given,  
and the broad waters are frozen fast.

Job 37 6-10

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan  
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