



July 14th, 2023

Dear Families,

As I take on the role of principal of Holy Name School, I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from you and your children over the past few months. I also have had the chance to meet with the faculty and staff. They are deeply committed to their students and I am honored to be a part of the important work they do everyday. I am looking forward to continuing to get to know the community in the coming months.

I am pleased to share exciting news about our administration and faculty. Mr. Bob Deschenes has recently been appointed to the position of Vice Principal. Mr. Deschenes will continue to serve as a teacher in the middle school while assisting me on matters of academics and student life. As an alumnus, parent, and teacher, Mr. Deschenes has shown great commitment to serving his students and I am happy to be working with him as we continue to build a strong future for Holy Name School.

We will also have new faculty members joining our community this fall. Ms. Sarah Silva, who began with us this spring, will join our faculty as the permanent fifth grade teacher. Ms. Mary St. Laurent will be joining our team as the new second grade teacher. Both Ms. Silva and Ms. St. Laurent bring great energy and enthusiasm to their classrooms. I am also excited to share that Mrs. Paula Boissonneau and Ms. Eugenia Tiscar will join our middle school faculty. Mrs. Boissonneau will be our new 6th grade homeroom and middle school science teacher. Mrs. Boissonneau is an experienced science teacher who specializes in project-based learning and lab experiences for students. Ms. Tiscar will serve as our new middle school math teacher. With a background in engineering, she joins our community with experience in STEM education. Both Mrs. Boissonneau and Ms. Tiscar will help us build a strong STEM program that will provide our students the necessary skills to be successful students in the 21st century.

Thanks to the help of a parent committee, we have partnered with Global School Wear who will be providing our school community with uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger. Any uniforms previously purchased through Donnelly's will continue to be acceptable. Moving forward, all uniforms must be

purchased through Global School Wear. You will notice that the polo shirts are yellow and the Oxford shirts are white. Yellow Oxford shirts purchased before this year can continue to be worn, but will not be an option to purchase moving forward. A flier with instructions on how to order uniforms is attached to this email. There will be a 10% discount on uniforms purchased from July 24th-30th. Please see the attached document for further details.

Our school calendar is now finalized and attached to this email. Due to the changes in our administration, NEASC has granted Holy Name School an extension for the re-accreditation process. This means that our school will be completing a self-study this year. In order to give our faculty and staff time to prepare for the accreditation team's visit in October 2024, the Catholic Schools Office allows for additional half-days for professional development for our faculty and staff to complete this process. Please make note of these additional half days on the calendar.

Our summer staff is currently very busy preparing the school building for our students' return on August 29th. The halls and offices are getting a fresh coat of paint and Mr. Sears is hard at work clearing the classrooms. The School Life Committee is planning a day to help with a school wide cleaning on August 12th. Please keep an eye out for further information closer to the date.

Attached you will also find the art supply list for Pre-K through grade 8.

We are also excited about the debut of our new school seal as seen at the top of this letter. The IHS in the center of the seal is an acronym for the Latin, *Iesus Hominum Salvator*, meaning Jesus Savior of Mankind. Our new motto on the seal, *In nomine Jesu omne genuflectatur*, is inscribed above the doors of Holy Name Church. This motto translates to "at the name of Jesus every knee must bend", and reminds us of the necessity of Christ for our salvation. As a school, we honor our Savior's name not only when we gather to pray but in everything we do as a community.

I hope that you and your families are having a restful summer. We are looking forward to having our students return to school in August.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Megan dos Santos
Principal