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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well! Summer has certainly been a mixture of great days and very wet days! Hopefully you have all had a chance to catch up with family and friends as the pandemic starts to subside, mostly. For our community, we continue to stress the need for vaccinations for all of those eligible as we approach the opening of school again. *As the health experts have stated over and over, the vaccine is our only hope of eradicating the virus.*

We have concluded our summer school program and staff is working diligently to have the building reassembled into its former state. It will be wonderful to be able to use all of our spaces again! As usual, Mr. Sears has the rooms shining and is working hard to make our school look new again!

Mask Requirements:

We have not heard from the state department of education yet as to what the status of mask wearing will be for September, however Governor Baker announced last week that he has no plans to require masks in schools for September, which is great news, so far!

Medical Paperwork:

Please be sure to send in your child's most current medical paperwork. It can be uploaded when you do your back to school forms. Every student will need to do this. Thank you for your cooperation

First Week of School Schedule:

Our first day of school for academic year 2021-2022 will be Wednesday, **Sept. 1st**. We will have school Wednesday and Thursday (full days 8:00-2:20) and then we will have **Friday Sept. 3rd off** to begin Labor Day Weekend. September and October calendars are enclosed.

Specials:

As planning for the upcoming school year continues, we will be adding back into the week both art and music specials, as well as physical education and computers. Gym will be on Wednesday for the Middle School (grades 6-8) and on Friday for lower school (grades PK-5).

Arrival and Dismissal:

We will continue the same "traffic pattern" for arrival and dismissal that we followed last year. It has relieved congestion on our side streets and parking lot and assures an orderly start and end to the day. Thank you to all for your cooperation and, as always, the safety of our families during arrival and dismissal is our primary concern. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:20 p.m. Arrival time after 8:05 a.m. will be considered tardy.

ID Cards:

You will be receiving this year's ID cards in the mail this coming week. These cards should be given to whoever will be picking up your child at any point. No one is allowed into the building or access to your child in any way without one. In your back to school forms you will see a place to list who you gave the cards to. Please be sure to fill this out completely. We have chosen to not laminate the cards this year. However, if that is something you wish to do on your own, that is perfectly acceptable. Also, should you need more cards, please let Ms. Chippendale know. Please do not be concerned if your child's ID number has changed. We are utilizing a new system and some changes were needed.

CORI:

With the way the pandemic is progressing, we are hoping to allow volunteers back into the school this year. Due to the year off of volunteering, everyone who would like to be considered will need to do a new CORI packet as all have expired. Please do not turn in any forms that are not 100% completed. (they will just be returned) There is a checklist enclosed for your reference.

Lunch Ordering:

Unfortunately, due to COVID, Roger's had to increase our lunch prices. The new prices will be reflected on the menu.

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](#)

Fr. Jay's Retirement Party:

Fr. Jay Maddock's retirement party will be held at White's of Westport on Sunday, Aug. 15th at 12:30 p.m. following his final Mass at Holy Name Church as pastor. Mass is at 10:30 a.m. We would love to see you all there. The invitation is attached. **PLEASE** RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

60th Anniversary:

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

Talk us up:

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.

Summer reflection:

A Hymn of Praise

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
You, Lord God, made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
You made their glowing colors,
You made their tiny wings.
The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.
The changing of the seasons,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
You made them every one.
The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.
You gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
(A hymn by Cecil F. Alexander)

We look forward welcoming our new Pastor, Fr. Riley Williams, in August, and the great gifts that he will bring to our school community.

I hope that you all enjoy the coming month of summer break and have some time for rest, relaxation, and prayer.

Stay Well and God Bless,
David J. Flanagan
Principal