



## Holy Name School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this message finds all of you well! I hope that you were able to enjoy some of today's sunshine and beautiful weather. The chance for the children to be outside and not cold is finally here! As we progress through the closing days of Lent, let us continue to be mindful of the sacrifice of Christ and the many wonders that are provided to us each day, including beautiful days!

**Next week is Holy Week and we will have a half day on Thursday (pick up at 11:30 a.m.) and are off on Good Friday. Additionally, please note that Easter Monday is a Professional Day for staff here at Holy Name School and there will be no school. Classes will resume on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

*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.*

In the last week, 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!

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.***

### Yearbook Survey

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. As we plan for ordering, we are trying to gauge how many families would like to purchase a yearbook this year. 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.

If you have not already responded kindly indicate [by clicking here to access survey](#) if you think that you will purchase a yearbook this year. The cost will be around \$30.00

**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](mailto:jmchenry@hnsfr.org)**

### MASS Update:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 24th with Fr. Dan. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we still cannot have families and friends attend the in-school Mass. Grades 1 and 2 will be celebrating with Father.

**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:**

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. We will need a copy of the parent's negative test result.***

***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:**

***The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.***

***---John 8:29***

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan  
Principal