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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families have a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful Easter! We seem to be getting ever closer to being able to attend Mass in a relatively "Normal" fashion. Hopefully your families can enjoy each other's company in a safe way this weekend. Our classes have been doing many special lessons and activities celebrating the Easter season. It is a gift that we can celebrate each day the affirming nature of Christ's salvation and the essential message of God's love that Easter represents.

We will have a half day on Thursday (pick up at 11:30 a.m.) and we 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 on April 5th. Classes will resume on April 6th.

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.

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

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

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!

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.

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!

MASS Update:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 31st with Fr. Jay. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we still cannot have families and friends attend the in-school Mass. Grades 6, 7, and 8 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

Weekly Reflection:

And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am^[a] honored in the eyes of the LORD
AND MY GOD HAS BEEN MY STRENGTH—
6 he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
Isaiah 49:5-6
Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan Principal