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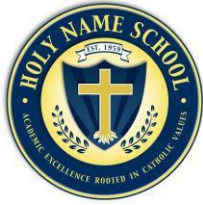
Dear Holy Name School families,

We've had a great start to March here at Holy Name School, and Spring is slowly making its presence felt! Along with this come the spiritual practices of Lent, the season when we renew our faith in Jesus Christ in preparation for Easter. This past week we welcomed six new students to our school community, and have also been busy with visits of prospective students for next year. We have received several expressions of interest in the principal position, and a committee of teachers, parents, and others is reviewing the candidates.

- Looking ahead, please note that we DO have school on Easter Monday, April 10th. It is listed as a day off on one version of the school calendar which carried over to the website, but that is incorrect. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.
- FACE Applications for financial aid are now being accepted. **March 24th** is the last day for applications. We highly encourage any family with need to fill out an application. It is attached to this letter. Please contact the school with any questions.
- Every year parishioners go on a medical mission trip to Tanzania in partnership with Missions for Humanity (<https://missionsforhumanity.org>). Starting **Feb. 26th**, the Holy Name School family will be working with Faith Formation and the parishioners of Holy Name Church to collect supplies to be brought to Tanzania on the mission trip, which will take place in July. Please see the attached flier for more information.
- Every Sunday at Holy Name Church we offer a special experience for younger children at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. On the first Sunday of the month there is a children's homily, and on other Sundays we offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word, during which the children are brought to the sacristy to have the readings presented to them in a comprehensible way. Please join us!!
- I am very grateful to our School Life Committee for organizing a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser to support the needs of our school! The next planning meeting will be at 6 p.m. on **March 28th** at the school. Please consider coming to help organize what will be a great event! The Walk-a-Thon will take place on May 6th at Bishop Connolly High School.
- You will receive a weekly lunch menu from Mrs. Krauzyk on Tue. Morning. If you have an issue with the email, you can always order lunch through our website. Just remember that **NO orders will be accepted after Noon on Thursday.** <https://www.hnsfr.org/Lunch-Menus>

Holy Name School provides a Catholic education within an atmosphere of academic excellence. While providing Catholic values, students are challenged to do their best, to nurture their gifts and talents, and to develop curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

Holy Name School strives to produce confident, competent, and caring individuals who can work cooperatively, show respect for one another, and who demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Catholic values.



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- **For First Communion families**, please see the following message from Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco, director of Faith Formation at Holy Name Church:

Good Morning First Communion Families,

I hope you are well!

While it may seem crazy to think about, your child's First Communion is only 73 days away. In order to prepare for this very special day, each year we have a group class for both students and parents/guardians to learn about and prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, as well as receive all the logistics and details regarding First Communion and the May Crowning. You may remember us doing this same thing prior to First Reconciliation.

Recognizing that everyone comes with very busy schedules, we have decided to have this year's group class take the place of the First Communion retreat originally advertised.

This year's group class is going to take place on Sunday, **March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the school. This is a mandatory class for all students planning to receive First Communion at Holy Name and at least one parent/guardian.**

Below please find IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES related to First Communion:

- **GROUP CLASS:** Sunday, **March 12** at 9:30 a.m. at the school (all students & at least one parent/guardian must attend)
- **REHEARSAL:** Thursday, **May 11** at 6:00 p.m. at the church (all students & at least one parent/guardian must attend). This is NOT a dress rehearsal.
- **FIRST COMMUNION:** Saturday, **May 13** at 11:00 a.m. at the church
- **MAY CROWNING:** Sunday, **May 14** at 10:30 a.m. at the church

We boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom. 5:2,5)

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