

Hello Holy Name Families!

I wanted to reach out by letter this week instead of my weekly video message to bring you some information about our year end plans!

Believe it or not, we've completed 8 weeks of remote learning, and we have been staying at home for 9 weeks! It has been a challenging time, but I feel we are doing better than we could have imagined back on March 13th when it was announced that the schools would be shut down temporarily. As the virus raged on and spread, it soon became apparent that the temporary closing would probably not be enough. But, we have done such a good job in our communities with staying home and social distancing and hand washing and all of the other precautions, that now it looks like we have made some progress in slowing the virus down, and as we move forward cautiously, hopefully things will continue to get better!

We have 3 weeks of classes ahead! We will conclude our classes on Friday, June 5th. The following week will be used to tie up any work that students need to complete and turn in, and give the teachers a chance to finish up grading work, tying up year-end issues, and finish putting together summer packets.

I will publish a schedule in the next several days about when students can come to the school to drop off textbooks and retrieve any personal items that were left behind in March. We will have summer packets available for pick up on the same days that students are scheduled to come to Holy Name.

We will begin to get some guidance from Governor Baker and a working group that he has assembled to begin planning for the next school year. He has announced that he will be making some kind of statement tomorrow. As things develop in the coming weeks, I will keep you posted about what plans we will be making in the Diocese and for our school.

I am sure that the next three weeks will go by quickly! Students, please keep up the fantastic effort that you have all been making and it will be summer before you know it!

I send my thoughts and prayers each day to all of your families that we stay safe and healthy as we work to defeat this virus!

Thank you again for your support and God Bless,

David J Flanagan