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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well! Governor Baker announced that today children are allowed outside without their masks for recess and Phys Ed, without maintaining social distancing! With the wonderful weather this week, it is great to see the children playing in a much more normal fashion. We will continue to wear masks and maintain distancing while inside the school building. The overriding reason for the shift and the decline in cases is the vaccination program. I encourage all members of our community to schedule vaccinations, if eligible, as soon as possible, in order for us to get closer to the herd immunity status that will allow us to resume school and other activities in a more normal fashion.

There is an attachment enclosed that contains a phone number you can call if you still need to schedule a vaccine. There are various sites available for your convenience.

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.

# REMINDER: Friday, May 21, 2021 is a Professional Day for faculty and there will be no school for students.

A reminder that daily dismissal is at 2:20PM.

Please remind your child to be sure that they have enough water to get through the day, ( for most students, this will be multiple bottles) especially now that we are headed outside more and have reintroduced Physical Education.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Donnelly's will be holding a virtual sizing/ordering event for our school. There are 2 fliers enclosed with information from them. If you'd like to order online, you can do so using this link. <a href="http://www.donnellysclothing.com/">http://www.donnellysclothing.com/</a>

MAP testing continues this week in the Lower grades. We will continue testing through Friday, May 28th.

#### MASS Update:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Jay.

### **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 <a href="https://www.hnsfr.org/Lunch-Menus">https://www.hnsfr.org/Lunch-Menus</a>

## **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

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, <u>imchenry@hnsfr.org</u>

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.

There is some information enclosed on a takeout dinner fund raiser for the Batista family. The oldest daughter Mackenzie has been a student here since kindergarten. This year, Mackenzie is in sixth grade and due to their circumstances, she was homeschooled. None the less, the Batista's are still part of our Holy Name School family and we would like to support them any way we can. Mr. Batista was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in Sept/Oct of last year. He has undergone any and all treatments offered to him with little or no success. The family has 4 children aged 11 and under, both parents are not working and they have no health insurance. Please remember them in your prayers. You can read more about the family and the fundraiser in the attached forms. This fundraiser is coming up this weekend. If you want tickets, please do so ASAP.

#### Daily reflection:

"Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me."

----John 17:1-11

Stay well and God Bless, David J. Flanagan Principal