



Tuesday Update

May 2, 2023

Dear Holy Name Families,

Our walk-a-thon is almost here! The forecast for Saturday, **May 6th** is for a beautiful day, and we are all looking forward to a day of community building that will also help us to further our mission.

- For the **Walk-a-thon**, please fill out the permission slip (attached), which the diocesan insurance office has informed us needs to be filled out for all participants. (**students and parents**). Thank you for getting these back to us in a timely manner. If you are not attending with your child, and another parent is going to be in charge of your child, please send in a note/ email letting us know who it is. Every student needs an adult in charge of them since teachers are not. Ty for understanding.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**: A couple of weeks ago, an email was sent to each grade by the School Life Committee about the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week. The SLC is working very hard to make it special and would greatly appreciate your help and participation in showing our teachers and support staff that they are valued and appreciated. We ask that you refer to the email you received on April 11th. Please contact Sandra Donnelly at SandraCDonnely@gmail.com with any questions.
- **The Ties and Tiaras Dance** is getting closer everyday. We are looking forward to a great evening for father/father figures and daughters on **May 19th**. Please use this link to purchase your tickets: [Ties and Tiaras](#)
- **Free School Lunch Program**: Thanks to one of our parents we have been working to access the free school lunch program available to schools in our area. The Massachusetts Private School Coalition, MA CAPE, is advocating for the continued inclusion of nonpublic school students in the state's universal free lunch program. The state is now considering the possibility of permanently extending the universal school lunch program and we need to advocate to get private schools included in this support. Please respond to the action alert below. It should take no more than 1 minute of your time, but we ask that you take an additional moment to personalize the letter if you are able to do so. Here is the link: [School Lunch Program](#)
We encourage you to signal your support for this measure!
- We had a great kickoff meeting for our **Oktoberfest** celebrations this Fall! Our discussion resulted in deciding to plan for three events:
 1. An appetizer kick off event on **Oct. 7th**
 2. Harvest Festival on **Oct. 21st**
 3. Oktoberfest Dinner on **Nov. 4th**

The more participation we get from our school community, the better the celebration will be! Please see this form to indicate your interest in volunteering:

[Oktoberfest Volunteering](#)

The next Oktoberfest planning meeting is on **May 25th at 6:00 p.m.**

- **Holy Name Parish Centennial** : The Centennial Celebration will take place on June 10th starting with 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Name Church followed by a gala dinner at White's of Westport beginning at 5:30 p.m. including cocktails, dinner, and live entertainment. Please help us spread the word! Dinner tickets may be reserved by calling the Parish Office at 508-679-6732 or by completing this link: [Centennial Celebration](#)
- **Call for Photographs**: We need your help in creating centerpieces for the Centennial Gala! Do you have old photographs of Holy Name Church or School? Please consider sharing them with the Parish Community Life Committee. In order to ensure safe keeping of your photos, we ask that you please scan and send an electronic copy to community@holynamfr.com. If you are unable to send an electronic copy of your photos or if you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco at 401-556-9729 or faithformation@holynamfr.com. The due date for all photo submissions will be **May 15th**.
- **HOLY NAME COMMUNITY YARD SALE**: Holy Name Parish & School will be hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, **June 24th from 7AM to 2PM** in Holy Name School parking lot. All are welcome to buy and sell goods! There will be breakfast and lunch items available for purchase as well.

Do you have items to sell at the yard sale? Purchase a table for \$25. After purchasing a table, bring your items to sell and keep the profit from your sales. To purchase a table, please contact Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco, community@holynamefr.com or 401-556-9729.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.
(Jn. 14:1-3)

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