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Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Happy Veteran's Day! A special word of thanks to all in our families and in our Holy Name School Community that have served in the various branches of our armed services. Your sacrifice and devotion to our nation are deeply appreciated!

#### **PICTURE RETAKES**

***If your child missed their photo or is going to have a retake, Lifetouch will return to the school next Thursday, November 19, 2020.***

Although we were able to temporarily go back to our warm weather uniform for this week, as the temperature has dropped significantly during the last week, **please send your children to school with winter coats, hats, and gloves.** It is very important for the students to spend time outside in the fresh air as we continue to make our best efforts at limiting chances for infection with COVID-19. Additionally, per the new regulations, students will need to wear their masks outside and maintain social distancing in an effort to stop the large increase in new cases in the state and in the City of Fall River. Thank you for your continued efforts and support with regard to these regulations.

We are starting to see an increase in cold and flu symptoms, which is normal for this time of year. As you know, these symptoms are very similar to COVID indications. Please keep your children home if they are exhibiting two or more of the symptoms or if they have a fever. Kindly consult your pediatrician and if you have any questions, please contact the nurse's office here at school. ([nurse@hnsfr.org](mailto:nurse@hnsfr.org))

*"The Massachusetts Department of Health is now requiring that students must be vaccinated against the influenza virus and must present a certificate of such vaccination to the school before December 31, 2020. Please contact your child's pediatrician if you need to obtain certification that vaccination endangers your child's health."*

#### **Winter Uniforms**

Effective next week, please be sure that your children are in the required Winter uniform. (Due to the requirement of leaving windows open in the classroom, students are allowed to wear extra sweaters/sweatshirts or jackets to ensure they are warm enough.)

***REMOTE LEARNING: If you decide that you would like to choose the remote option for your child, please let Mr. Flanagan know as soon as possible. Please note that there is no option of partially remote learning currently at Holy Name School. Due to the importance of tracking student absences for Contact Tracing purposes by the Department of Health in the event of a positive case, we need to know as soon as possible in the morning if your child will be absent due to sickness. Please contact Mrs. Chippendale to inform her of the symptoms your child is experiencing.***

**Parking lot safety:** Parents are reminded not to open the gate to the Read street side of the building during dismissal. When all students have been safely escorted to their vehicles, the faculty or staff member assigned to the parking lot will open the gate. Also, please use the entrance gate when entering after school hours. Your cooperation is appreciated as we try to keep our children safe during arrival and dismissal.

**Additionally, the Stetson Street gate will be closed at 2:05PM to assure that the children remain safe in the parking lot during pick up in the afternoons. Vehicles should never attempt to exit via the Stetson Street gate.**

**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!

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#### **COVID-19 Updates:**

We will always provide an update concerning local levels of infection and any updated guidance from the Massachusetts health department and the Massachusetts department of education and the Catholic School Office, if it impacts our school and the procedures we follow. ***As of last Wednesday, Fall River was coded RED and the rate of infection was increasing.*** Since the Fall River Diocesan and Parish schools are not experiencing an issue with infections, the decision to remain open in our current formats was made by the Catholic School Office. The Superintendent of the Fall River Schools intends on reevaluating the City's education model after 4 weeks. We will keep you apprised of any changes that might mean for our school.

We still have families who have not sent in updated nursing/physical/vaccination information. **It is imperative that we receive this information from all families.** If you have a reason why this cannot be done, please contact Mr. Flanagan immediately.

***Please remember to regularly wash the colored Holy Name School masks.***

***All families must follow the state mandates for vaccinations and immunizations or they will not be allowed to attend Holy Name School.***

#### **MASS Update:**

**Due to the Veteran's Day Holiday, we will not be celebrating Mass in school this week.**

#### **Lunch Ordering:**

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk ([mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org](mailto:mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org)) on Tuesday of each week that provides a link for your lunch order and payment. All lunch orders and payment are completed online. Please complete your order by 12:00PM on Thursday.

Lunch Forms are also available on our website [www.hnsfr.org/Lunch-Menus](http://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](#)

#### **FACTS**

If you have not signed up for FACTS yet, you will receive an email from Mrs. Chippendale ([jchippendale@hnsfr.org](mailto:jchippendale@hnsfr.org)) that asks you to sign up as soon as possible. The email will include instructions as well. **It is imperative that every student has an up to date FACTS account.**

#### **Weekly Reflection:**

***It is not the soul alone that should be healthy; if the mind is healthy in a healthy body, all will be healthy and much better prepared to give God greater service.***

***--Saint Ignatius***

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan  
Principal

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