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November 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you are all having a safe week as we see COVID cases taking a sharp increase throughout out state and the nation. It is imperative that we continue to practice our safety protocols in school and out of school. Although there is promising news on the vaccine front, it will be many months before the vaccines are generally available. ***Please let us know if your child or anyone in your home has been exposed to COVID in order for us to maintain control over the safety of our school community.***

The first trimester will close on Friday. Please make sure that your children's work is up to date by utilizing [Gradelink](#). If you have any questions about their status please contact their teachers.

Reminder that next week is Thanksgiving and Wednesday will be a half day of school.

**THANK YOU!** The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success. This week 300 turkeys and 300 food baskets filled with non-perishables and gift cards were delivered to Citizens for Citizens for distribution. This all thanks to the generosity of so many. Thank you so much for your support. It is because of each person's kindness and support that we were able to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal to our community members in need. Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving! With Gratitude, Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco

#### **PICTURE RETAKES**

*If your child missed their photo or is going to have a retake, Lifetouch will be here at Holy Name School on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Your child may dress down to have their picture taken, or you may have it done in their uniform. We do need you to go to [Lifetouch.com](http://Lifetouch.com) to pre-order your pictures, as no cash can be exchanged at school. Please use the following information to do this.*

**School Name: Holy Name School**  
**Picture Day Date: Thursday, November 19**  
**Picture Day ID: EVTBJTWK**

*If your pictures are a retake, please send the original package with your child. This will act as payment for the new pictures.*

We have changed our November Birthday Dress Down day from this Friday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, to Wednesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. It is with much sadness that we let you know of the passing of Mrs. Maria Fernanda Ferreira, the mother of our Grade 8 student Charlize. The Ferreira family has been part of our Holy Name family since Charlize began in Kindergarten. We would like to show them our support and ask that you consider participating in our dress down day on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation but know that the family will be eternally grateful with whatever amount you can contribute. Please use the following link to donate. [Click here to Donate In Memory of Maria Ferreira](#)

Due to the Ferreira Fundraiser, we have moved our November birthday dress down to Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please have all students with November birthdates dress down on Thanksgiving Wednesday.

**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."***

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#### **Winter Uniforms:**

Winter Uniforms are in effect. 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.) If you have any questions please refer to the uniform policy in the HNS handbook on our website [hnsfr.org](http://hnsfr.org).

**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 Ms. 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.

We have also noticed some issues with heavy traffic and people parking haphazardly at drop off. **PLEASE** follow the drop off instructions by utilizing the drop off area and the crossing guard. It is important that we do not block the flow of traffic, neighbor's driveways, or park in the business parking lot across the street. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**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!*

#### **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.

#### **School Masks:**

We do have some mask sets left to be purchased if anyone is interested. We know that by now many of the masks are stained, misplaced or just not in great shape. If you would like to purchase a new set of masks, please use the attached link. Once we receive your payment, we will send your masks home. Also, if you have yet to pay for your first set of masks, please use this link to do so at this time. [Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Face Masks](#)

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

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**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.**

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

**MASS Update:**

This week Fr. Jay will be celebrating Mass with our grades 6,7, and 8. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are not allowed to have outside visitors attend Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

**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. Today, you received 2 weeks' worth of lunch forms due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Please be sure to order for both weeks by Thursday Nov. 19th at noon.**

Lunch Forms are also available on our website <https://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](#)

***Weekly Reflection:***

**If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.**

**--James 1:5**

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan  
Principal

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