

Holy Name School
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Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Happy Election Day! As we move through this very important day and the days that will follow, hopefully we will carry forward as a nation to heal the divisiveness and strife we have been experiencing during this election cycle and the extraordinary health challenges of the pandemic.

Last Friday was a wonderful day celebrating with costumes and great Halloween classroom activities! The kids looked great and I wanted to thank all of you for your support in getting your children ready for the day!

This Friday, we will be having a dress down day to support the Pineault Family. Mr. Pineault was called home to be with our Lord yesterday after an almost three week long battle after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Pineault family at this most difficult time. If you have not donated and would like to please see the attached link.

[Please click here to make your donation](#)

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.)

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.

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.**

MASS Update:

This week, our 1st and 2nd grades will celebrate Mass with Fr. Jay on Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, we cannot have any outside visitors join us due to COVID regulations.

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. 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

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/PARISH THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Holy Name School/Holy Name parish is hosting the **2nd Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Thanksgiving food baskets complete with a turkey will be distributed through Citizens for Citizens to families in need. A flyer detailing the drive can be found attached to the bulletin. We are in need of **non-perishable** food items as well as **turkey sponsorships, monetary donations and/or gift cards to HOLY NAME FAITH FORMATION, ATTN: THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE, 709 HANOVER STREET, FALL RIVER, MA 02720**. Donations can also be sent via Venmo (@HolyName-FaithFormation). Items **can be dropped off at the FRONT ENTRANCE OF HOLY NAME CHURCH on SUNDAY, OCT. 25 AND SUNDAY, NOV. 8** from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. A table will be located outside of the front door of the church those days and times for financial donations and/or non-perishable food donations (see Flier for specific items). Please contact Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco, Director of Faith

Formation/Youth Ministry, at 401-556-9729 of faithformation@holynamfr.com with any questions OR to arrange an alternate date and time to drop off donations. **YOUR support, prayers and generosity** will ensure a fruitful Thanksgiving for many.

Health and Nursing Information:

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)

"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."

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.

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.

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

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.

Weekly Reflection:

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for "God is Charity" (1 John 4:8)

St. Albertus Magnus, Dominican

Stay well and God Bless,

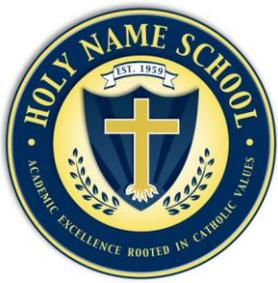
David J. Flanagan
Principal

Holy Name School provides a Catholic education within an atmosphere of academic excellence. While providing Catholic values, students are challenged to do their best, to nurture their gifts and talents, and to develop curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

Holy Name School strives to produce confident, competent, and caring individuals who can work cooperatively, show respect for one another, and who demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Catholic values.

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