



Holy Name School
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Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I hope that you enjoyed our long Columbus Day Weekend and had some time to catch up with family, friends, and rest!

We will schedule Parent/Teacher conferences this year remotely via ZOOM on October 22, 2020. Detailed information on schedule and format will be sent out on Thursday, October 15th.

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)

Please note that all children in Massachusetts are required to have the Flu vaccine. Hopefully, this will help to limit the numbers of flu cases that our school will experience this year.

STREET CLOSURE:

Stetson Street will be closed for gas utility work for most of the day tomorrow, October 14, 2020. Please use the Read Street side and Pearce Street for arrival and dismissal.

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. Your cooperation is appreciated as we try to keep our children safe during arrival and dismissal.

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.

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!

REMINDER : Lifetouch Pictures held school photos on Thursday, October 8th. If your child missed their photo, information about retakes will be forwarded as soon as it is available. **Students are allowed to dress-down for their pictures. Please see the guidelines in the Student Handbook which is available on our website.**

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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 still coded Yellow and the rate of infection was decreasing.***

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, our 1st and 2nd grades celebrated 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](#)

Payment for Agendas/Masks: Thank you to all who have made the payments through our online payment system for the planners and 5 masks provided to students. Please make this payment at your earliest convenience, if you have not yet had a chance. Thank you for your cooperation!

[Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Agenda](#) [Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Face Masks](#)

FACTS

If you have not signed up for FACTS yet, you will receive an email from Mrs. Chippendale (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.***

Please see all attachments for announcements for this week.

Weekly Reflection:

There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.

--St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Stay well and God Bless,

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