



Holy Name School
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Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Happy Halloween! I know that this celebration that the children look forward to each year will be very different this year, but we will still try and make it somewhat special with wearing costumes (if they want to!) on Friday. As we move through this somewhat trying year, anything that we can do to bring a smile to our students is important!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Parent/Teacher Conferences last Thursday went very well via the Zoom format. If you have any further questions for your child's teachers, please get in touch with them for a follow-up or if you were unable to attend, please touch base with any questions.

Halloween Dress Up Day

On Friday, October 30th Students may wear Halloween costumes to school. We encourage you to be creative, dress up with friends, and have fun with the spirit of the holiday. Please remember to use your best judgement and to follow the school dress down day requirements! No scary or costumes with weapons will be allowed. No MASKS other than Covid protection masks.

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)

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.*

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.

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 you the entrance gate when entering after school hours. 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** or 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!

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 slightly 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.

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 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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](#)

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:

It is essential, therefore, that the instruction given to our young people be complete and continuous, and imparted in such a way that moral goodness and the cultivation of religious values may keep pace with scientific knowledge and continually advancing technical progress.

St. Pope John XXIII—Pacem In Terris

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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