

September 1, 2020

Dear Parents and guardians,

Welcome to our new year at Holy Name School! hope that you all have had a somewhat restful summer in this challenging time! We must put our future in God's hands, understanding that our Faith will ultimately lead us through this pandemic. As the health and safety of our children and staff here at Holy Name School is our paramount concern, we are devoting a great deal of time this week to introduce the students to new requirements for cleaning and sanitizing; moving through the hallways; safe recess outside; and new lunch plans.

Today, we have also kicked off our Remote Learning Program for students at home. Students are active and participating in the classes and the first day is proceeding well. As with any new program, adjustments will be made as we become more familiar with any challenges that pop up and we refine methods that will allow smoother use of the technology to bring the curriculum to the remote learners.

**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.

We still have numerous 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:**

Our Weekly Mass schedule will be updated soon. Due to COVID regulations, we are unable to hold our traditional weekly Mass on Wednesday mornings. Fr. Jay is putting together an alternative schedule that will allow small groups of students to celebrate Mass on a rotating schedule. We will provide more information as soon as we can.

**Lunch Ordering:**

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk ([mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org](mailto:mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org)) 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.

**Extended Care:**

Reminder: Please email Mrs.Krauzyk in the morning or provide us with a regular weekly schedule 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. Please call the office and let us know or email Mrs. Krauzyk.

**Back to School Forms:**

Please do not return the forms to school. They are yours for informational purposes. Please complete them online and upload your medical records as well. The link is on the website.

**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.

**Monthly calendars:**

We are sending home School Calendars for the year, however, please keep in mind that they are constantly changing. The new month calendar will be sent home the last Tuesday of the month prior, and will include any changes and updates.

*Please see all attachments for announcements for this week.*

**Weekly Reflection:*****In this time of pandemic:***

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan

Principal