

September 22, 2020

Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope you are all well as we enter our 4th week of classes! It's hard to believe how fast we are getting through September after such a long absence from the school!

Our Virtual Open House, went very well and was well-attended across all grades. Thank you to all of you for your participation as it gave us an opportunity to "meet" for the first time as a school community in our new year. Please reach out via email to your children's teachers if you should need any additional information or if you have any concerns.

We began MAP testing this week and it will continue for the next two weeks.

We will be doing Lifetouch School Pictures on Thursday, October 8th. Due to COVID-19, no one other than faculty/staff and students are allowed in the building. Therefore, in order to do this, the pictures will be taken in the school yard. The instructions for ordering on line are enclosed. Again, due to COVID-19 we are not able to have the orders come through school.

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 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.**

Allergies

Please let Mrs. Chippendale as soon as possible if your child has any food or insect allergies in order for us to alert classroom teachers, since lunch is now served in the classrooms

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. Fr. Jay will celebrate Mass on a rotating basis with two or three classes at a time, on Wednesday mornings.

Lunch Ordering:

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk (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.

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:

"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

--St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan

Principal