

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents and guardians,

What a wonderful opening week we had here at Holy Name School! After all of these months of a vacant building, it was great to have the students back in full swing! It was also very encouraging to see all of the remote learners concentrating and participating in their classes from their homes. Overall, it was a very good week as the students were getting used to the new protocols for safety, new lunch schedules, and learning to keep each other safe. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support as we begin the school year in these challenging times.

If you would like to share your back to school photos with us and our community, please email them to jmchenry@hnsfr.org. Dr. McHenry will be putting them up on Facebook to share with everyone.

We are fortunate that we will have a full-time nurse here at school this year and are happy to welcome Kiana Jeronimo, RN to our community! Her email is: nurse@hnsfr.org

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Mary Schwarz has joined our faculty for this year teaching Middle School ELA. Mrs. Schwarz is an experienced teacher who has taught at various public and Catholic schools in the Diocese and we are happy she has joined us! Her email is: mschwarz@hnsfr.org

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:

This week, our Middle School classes (6-8) 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. Krauzik (mkrauzik@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. Krauzik 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. Krauzik.

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, as soon as possible. The link is on the website.

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

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:

Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts, but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.” Pope St John Paul II

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan

Principal