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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have had a safe and sane week after the rush of the holidays has now passed! We are back in full swing at school this week and have begun the winter round of MAP testing that will continue through the last week of January. We began with Middle School and will progress in order down through the elementary grades until January 29th.

As we prepare for the remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr next Monday, it is more important than ever considering the disaster which occurred last Wednesday in Washington DC, that we all join in emphasizing the unity that Jesus' message of love provides for us, during a time of destruction and divisiveness. Always choosing the path that leads to truth and doing what is right and not self-serving was Dr. King's enduring message for the world:

"Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience ask the question, is it right? And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right." Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please remember that if you traveled out of state for Christmas, your child MUST quarantine for 14 days upon return. Please see all requirements at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order

(Note: If your child is under 10, they may return to school as long as their parent has tested negative. Students must wait for parent's test result before returning to school. The only 2 states that are considered low risk are Hawaii and Vermont.

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 Ms. Chippendale to inform her of the symptoms your child is experiencing.

Please note that the deadline for flu vaccines in Massachusetts is now Feb. 28, 2021. Please email a copy of your child's vaccination or exemption letter to Ms. Chippendale before Feb. 28th.

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!

Please remember, now more than ever it is so important not to send your child to school if they aren't feeling well. Any symptoms that are typically associated with a cold could also be COVID. PLEASE do not give meds and send them in. We are seeing a surge in allergy type sinus issues that are COVID related. It is very important to remain diligent as we fight this pandemic together.

School Masks: Please remember to regularly wash the colored Holy Name School masks.

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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We do have some mask sets left to be purchased if anyone is interested. We know that by now many of the masks are stained, misplaced or just not in great shape. If you would like to purchase a new set of masks, please use the attached link. Once we receive your payment, we will send your masks home. Also, if you have yet to pay for your first set of masks, please use this link to do so at this time. Click Here to Pay Holy Name School Face Masks

MASS Update:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 13th, with Fr. Jay Maddock. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we still cannot have families and friends attend the in-school Mass.

Lunch Ordering:

Reminder: Please look for an email from Mrs. Krauzyk (<u>mkrauzyk@hnsfr.org</u>) on Tuesday of each week that provides a link for your lunch order and payment.

Lunch Forms are also available on our website https://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

Please remember that jackets, hats and gloves are a must since we will be getting the students out into the fresh air as much as possible.

Weekly Reflection:

Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. ---Hebrews 13:18

Stay well and God Bless,

David J. Flanagan Principal