



PANTHER PRESS



Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message, to achieve academic excellence and to make a difference in the world.

August 28, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been a full week of training, blessings and high energy! We were so happy to have our Panther Family together on Wednesday! The staff also had another visitor - Bishop Vincke was in town and wanted me to extend to all of our families that you are in his prayers. He misses you too!

Monday, August 31st marks “GAME DAY” for all K-8 students and we couldn’t be MORE EXCITED! We are also exhausted from overthinking every second of the days ahead and we need your help.

Please remind your child:

- To wear a mask/face covering before exiting the car upon arrival. ALL students must wear a mask to enter the building.
- To be a better listener than he/she has ever been before. We will be in masks. It will be different, but we’ve got this!
- To follow all of the new protocols the first time he/she is asked. We are doing our very best to keep our schools open and these protocols matter.
- To be compassionate to classmates. A lot of time has passed since we were last together and everyone has dealt with this differently. Your kindness will build our classroom communities more quickly.
- To pack extra patience each day. There will be downtime and there will be glitches. Please help your child think of ways to constructively stay busy in his/her seat (read a book, color a picture, write a note) while we figure out our timing.
- To bring his/her “A” game in terms of behavior each and every day. Yes, we love your child(ren) and their shenanigans. However, we have spent months on a plan to make this work and will need his/her help to make it work smoothly.
- To be grace-filled because we have been praying for this day, for your child(ren), for our families, and for our teachers and staff. We aren’t perfect and we need grace too.

Matthew 28:20 says “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” We know God is with us. We know He will reign supreme. Help us share the JOY that comes from this amazing opportunity, simply by talking with your precious child(ren). We are so excited to partner with you. You are essential in our classrooms too.

God bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

FAQ's

Where do I drop my child(ren) off in the morning?

Below you will find a list of family names and our 3 parking lots. Please find your name and drop off ALL of your children, curbside, in the specified lot. This will make it easier for us to assist your child(ren) to his/her classroom(s). Parents are to remain in the car. Students are to put on face masks BEFORE departing the car.

Drop Off

List: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p3N36CanvuCbi2YjRLdW46ij3Y3t_a0s/view?usp=sharing

Drop Off Maps: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10_76qxb4RwgErSw9xXbPjFIld5mt3lp-/view?usp=sharing

Where do I pick up my child(ren) after school?

For the FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ONLY due to the delay of construction on the upper parking lot, please note the TIME and LOCATION to pick up your child(ren). Parents will pick up ALL children at the TIME and LOCATION of your youngest child. Parents of students in grades 3-8 must park and stay near the car. If you choose to wait outside of your car, please be sure a mask is worn. Parents of students in grades K-2, we ask that you park your car, put on your mask, practice social distancing, and make eye contact with your child and child's teacher. Your child will walk towards you.

Time			Upper Lot
Monday times are indicated in red.	Lower Lot	St. Joseph Lot	*must enter and exit on Orchard St. (Saginaw St. entrance will be closed at this time.)
T-Th=black			
11:15am/2:35pm	K	2	6 & 7
11:25am/2:45pm	1	3	8
11:35am/2:55pm	5	4	

Please do not arrive earlier than the time noted. The size of the parking spaces is limited and dismissal times take into account the number of families we have to accommodate at that time. Please be sure to have extra patience during these times and be extra vigilant of students walking to their car.

For the SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL: TBD based on completion of upper lot. A note will go home on Thursday, September 3 with more information.

What must ALL parents complete for Monday, August 31st?

ALL parents need to go to our HFS website, www.hfsgb.org, print and complete ALL of the "Back to School" forms located in the "Current Families" tab. If you do not see these forms, you MUST clear your Browsing History from your computer and try again.

What should my child wear to school?

Every Monday is a “Positivity Project (P2)” Day. Students may wear P2 shirts with uniform bottoms. (ALL new students, PS - Grade 8 will be receiving a shirt as soon as the order comes in.) If your child has Physical Education class on Mondays, he/she may wear any HFS spirit wear top and uniform bottoms.

Students in Grades K-8 are required to wear a uniform. The uniform tops are to be purchased ONLY from Tommy Hilfiger and must have a school logo. The website is www.globalschoolwear.com. Uniform bottoms may be purchased through any vendor, however, must be free of logos. Uniform bottoms must be navy blue or khaki dress slacks. (Please see examples of approved style on the website noted above.) The only approved jumper is plaid and must be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger. Plaid skirts are also approved only through Tommy Hilfiger.

During the pandemic, ALL students may wear spirit wear tops with uniform bottoms on their designated Physical Education day(s). Students are also allowed to wear HFS sweatshirts/hoodies in their classrooms any day of the week. HFS uniform shirts must be worn under sweatshirt/hoodie. (Spirit wear tops may be worn under sweatshirt/hoodie on gym day(s).)

First Friday of every month: SPIRIT DAYS

Students may wear cargo pants or jeans. Pants are to be of appropriate length and fit. They are not to be camouflaged, low rise, frayed, ripped or torn. During shorts season, students may wear cargo, jean, plaid or striped shorts or capris of appropriate length and fit.

What should I do if my child is sick?

Keep your child home. Fill out the “Student Absence Reporting” found on the HFS school website, www.hfsgb.org, under the “Current Families” tab.

***NEW protocol from Genesee County Health Department: IF you have multiple children in your family and one child has new or worsening symptoms (defined as “any symptom different from your child’s health baseline”), ALL children must stay home until cleared by your doctor.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher should you have any further questions.