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*Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message  
through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.*

August 26, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a great first week! How awesome it was to begin our school year celebrating the feast day of an apostle! Our All School Mass was a beautiful beginning, reminding us of what binds us together here...Jesus. St. Bartholomew, one of the twelve apostles, is a terrific example of how to live our life like Jesus. Jesus always is there to remind us that we CAN be saints! We hope many of you will continue to join us every week and celebrate.

Today was such a wonderful beginning to our school day! We had over 100 students and parents join us for the Wellness Committee's "Welcome Back to School" 1 mile run! It was a great finish to an amazing week! It's so much fun to be a part of a happy and healthy start to our day! It was very special to be able to come back together for these kinds of events! Watch for another event later this fall!



Our 8th Grade early morning runners!

We've enjoyed being led this week in faith (our Mass this week - readers, servers, cantor & choir), academics and health and fitness! What an amazing year this is going to be!

We truly appreciate everyone doing their best to make drop off and pick up procedures run as smoothly as possible. Our number one priority is to keep your children safe. Thank you for working with us regarding the 7:25am drop off and 2:56pm pick up times. As stated in the Parent/Student Handbook and in our text message, students are not able to be supervised outside until 7:25am. If this time does not work, we do have Extended Care that opens at 6am to better service you. If you cannot pick up your child by 3:05pm, we will escort them to Extended Care. Please register online if you need this service before or after school.

Next week, our 3 and 4 year old preschoolers will be coming to school. This will add to the congestion at both the upper parking lot and the St. Joseph parking lot. Your patience is much appreciated as everyone learns the routine. We have the least amount of students riding the buses than ever before. This has added to the congestion. The St. Joseph Parking lot will open at 2:30pm each day. We have students out on the playground until then every day. The gate on Orchard Street will open as quickly as we can, ensuring the safety of all. If you want to visit with other children/parents, please come to the sidewalk so that we are able to move the traffic along. It's so good to see this happening again! We are confident as the year progresses, so too, will these procedures. Please check the school calendar for dates GB buses are not running. We will also send out a text reminder. If you are not receiving these messages, via text or email, please contact Mrs. Campbell at [ccampbell@hfsgb.org](mailto:ccampbell@hfsgb.org), and she will get you connected!

We had our first Fire Drill this week. It was as if the students had never left! We evacuated the building in 59 seconds! (Our goal is 1 minute or less.) This drill along with all other safety drills are required. When we have Lockdown drills, we will send a message on the days those occur. All of our drills are posted within 30 days of occurrence on our website as required.

## THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

Positivity shirts were distributed today to all new students K-8. These shirts are to be worn every Monday with uniform bottoms.

This week's virtue/characteristic: Friendship

Goal: Make a new friend this week.

## BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Please visit our website, [www.hfsgb.org](http://www.hfsgb.org), and complete all the required "Back to School" forms.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to volunteer to help in our cafeteria, or Technology classes or Art classes, please go to our website, click on the "Parent Involvement" tab, and then VIRTUS tab. All volunteers must take the VIRTUS online training, and sign a Code of Conduct Form and a Background Release Form. Please email Mrs. Cindy Jones at [cjones@hfsgb.org](mailto:cjones@hfsgb.org) and let her know where you can help. With our volunteers we are able to offer and do so much more!

## ART TEACHER

We are continuing our search for an art teacher. Please direct all inquiries to [tpurcell@hfsgb.org](mailto:tpurcell@hfsgb.org). Next week, we will have a substitute teacher directing the classes.

## NEWS from Mrs. McAvoy, RN, BSN - HFS School Nurse

The GCHD has released an updated Covid toolkit for schools. There are very few changes from the guidance used at the end of last school year.

- If you are sick please stay home.
- It is recommended that if you are exposed to Covid by someone in your home you mask for 10 days and take a Covid test on day 5 after exposure.
- If you test positive for Covid you must stay home for 5 days.
- It is required upon return to school the student or staff will wear a mask for days 6-10.
- Holy Family is required to notify GCHD of a Covid positive student or staff member.

## Hot Lunch Menu

Monday - Mini corn dogs, potato triangles, salad bar

Tuesday - Taco, corn muffin, salad bar

Wednesday - Chicken sandwich, smiley fries, salad bar

Thursday - Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad bar

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Good luck, Crim runners/walkers!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

## AUGUST

26, Friday - 7:00am Wellness Committee Dash Back to School Run! (Meet @ SJC;

Run Jewitt Trail - on sidewalk. Healthy snacks in SJC before school bell.)

**NO GB BUSES**

27, Saturday - CRIM race

29, Monday - POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

1st day for Preschool 4's

30, Tuesday - 1st day for Preschool 3's

31, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am - Please join us!

## SEPTEMBER

2, Friday - NO SCHOOL

5, Monday - NO SCHOOL

7, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

8, Thursday - HFS Curriculum Night for Parents - 6pm in the church

9, Friday - SPIRIT DAY

12, Monday - NJHS Mtg. 3pm

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

13, Tuesday - Athletic Boosters Mtg. @ 8pm

School Pictures for PS3, KP-8 and staff SJC

14, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (4th/5th Grades only)

15, Thursday - Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (6th-8th Grades only)

16, Friday - Constitution Day (actual day is Sept. 17th, Saturday) - wear

red/white/blue tops with uniform bottoms

19, Monday - POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

All Catholic Schools Mass @ St. Mary's Cathedral, Lansing (5th Grade)

21, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

PTO @ 6:30pm

Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (4th/5th Grades only)

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting (for all 8th Grade and their

parents). You are invited to celebrate Mass at 6pm. The

meeting will follow in the church.





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