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*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.*

September 3, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week was full of emotion! We celebrated our All School Mass IN THE CHURCH this week! With the construction and pandemic, it's been over three years since we've been in the church building celebrating together. Fr. Joe spent some time explaining some items in the church and reminded us that our faith has been built on the foundation set before us from the saints and the Word of God recorded in the Bible. It was great to be home again! If you plan to join us for our Mass, there is seating available on the left wing of the church, behind the acolytes and in the first five pews on the left side facing the altar. In keeping with our guidelines, parents who are unmasked may sit with their child(ren) in these areas. Parents who are masked may sit with their child(ren) and the class.

As many of you were made aware yesterday, the Genesee County Health Department has extended the mask mandate to all Preschool - Grade 12 students. This mandate is effective on Tuesday, September 7. I will send an update as I am made aware of further details.

Our sports teams are up and running! The 7th/8th Grade football team has grown this year! With over 40 GCCS athletes, we are anxious to see them in action and won't have to wait too much longer! Their first game is on Wednesday, September 8th! Our cheerleading, flag football and girls' basketball teams are underway as well. We are looking forward to some great competition and talent! Go, Panthers! (Please watch for an email from our Athletic Director regarding next week's practices for girls' basketball, cheer and flag football. Once the game schedule is finalized, which should be next week, all practices will be finalized for each season as well.)

There have been some changes to our school calendar due to bus transportation and the many activities around our parish getting back into action. Please check dates at the bottom of this newsletter. Our Curriculum Night for Parents is VIRTUAL on Thursday, September 9. Please see below for the flyer with the links. We will send the flyer out again on Thursday morning.

The morning drop off/pick up is definitely busy and a bit more crowded with one less parking lot to use. The lower lot by the Father Bush Parish Center is for Grand Blanc buses only. All drop offs and pickups are taking place in the upper lot (Grades k-1, 3-8) and St. Joseph lot (for 2nd Graders and their families only). Preschool students that are using Extended Care before their class begins should use the curbside drop off in the upper parking lot. They will be directed inside where Mrs. Harvey will be waiting to walk them to Extended Care. Following next week, we expect the bus routines to be all set and the timing accurate. This means that there may be a slight change to our school day times. I will share that information next week.

MORNING DROP OFF:

K-1, 3-8 students: Curbside drop off in the upper lot off of Saginaw St. Orchard Street will remain one way until 8a.m. Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:25a.m. HFS staff will be outside ready to greet you!

Grade 2 and their siblings: Curbside drop off in the St. Joseph Parking lot (next to the playground); Students will be directed up the steps to the door leading to the 2nd Grade hallway. Siblings will be directed to their rooms once inside the building.

AFTERNOON PICK UP @ 2:55p.m.:

K-1, 3-8: Please park your car in the upper lot off of Saginaw Street. Parents of K-1 students, please walk towards the lobby to greet your child. Your child will have to make eye contact and tell his/her teacher, "I see my mom/dad". The teacher will make eye contact and wave to you and your child will walk to meet you.

Grade 2 & siblings: Please park your car and wait for your child(ren) to come to you. If 2nd Grade student has younger siblings, those younger siblings will be gathered by a Holy Family School Staff member, and walk out to the parking lot to meet you. (3rd/4th Grade siblings will be escorted to this parking lot by a teacher.) Older siblings (Grades 5-8) will leave out the door at the end of the 2nd Grade hallway and walk down the stairs to meet you.

HFS SPORTS UPDATE

Please watch for an email from our Athletic Director regarding girls' basketball, cheer, track and flag football practices this weekend.

7th/8th TACKLE FOOTBALL

Head Coach: John Danaho -Phone: 810-874-5315 Email: gianni4905@yahoo.com

7/8 Grade Football Athletic Director: Tim Jamison - Phone: 810-250-1819 Email: goblue33104@yahoo.com

Practices will be held at Powers Catholic High School.

UPDATED SCHEDULE:

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October 6 Durand HOME

October 16 New Lothrop AWAY

*Home games are played at Powers Catholic High School at 5:30pm.

Team will consist of all GCCS players.

2021-2022 HFS Calendar

September

3 - NO SCHOOL

6 - NO SCHOOL/Labor Day

8 - All School Mass @ 8am

9 - Curriculum Night (For Parents) - VIRTUAL (see schedule): [Virtual Curriculum Night_Parent Night_September 9, 2021 - Google Docs.pdf](#)

10 - Patriots' Day; Students may wear red, white, blue top with uniform bottom

14 - School Picture Day

Athletic Boosters Meeting @ 8pm

15 - All School Mass @ 8am

NWEA Testing Begins (Grades 3-6)

PTO Mtg. at 6:30pm

17 - Casual Panther Day (courtesy of The Wolven Family & HFS Auction 2021); Please see p.31

of the Holy Family Student/Parent Handbook (website: hfsgb.org "Current Family" tab)

Powers Catholic Homecoming (8th Grade visits Powers Catholic)

18 (Saturday) - PTO Family Scavenger Hunt (more details to follow)

20 - DC Parent Meeting (Grade 8 Parents only)

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

22 - All School Mass @ 8am

24 - ½ Day (Dismissal @ 11:20am); Grand Blanc Homecoming

25 - Healing Service at Church of the Holy Family @ 7:00pm

27 - All School Mass @ 8am

October

1 - SPIRIT DAY

Enjoy the long weekend!

God bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

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