



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.

September 3, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been blessed with an **AMAZING** first week of school! It is clear to me that we are not ordinary but **EXTRAORDINARY!** The energy and excitement is evident each day. I want to express how grateful we are that the care and concern displayed from all of our families in monitoring the health of their child(ren) tells us that we are all very committed to abiding by the guidelines and helping us remain open and able to offer face-to-face instruction. Please see the updated information regarding what to do if your child is sick at the end of the Panther Press. The Genesee County Health Department has updated their guidelines.

In this year of presidential election, I want to share with you the political guidelines given to our schools by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our schools are not to be used to endorse or oppose candidates, political parties or groups of candidates. We cannot authorize distribution of partisan political materials. What we can do is support leaders and policies that promote the common good and protect society's most vulnerable members. This is a dimension of our faith. Love our neighbors and care for the least among us is what we can do. As Catholics, we want to recognize and act on this dimension of our faith. This means facial masks that display/endorse a political party or candidate may not be worn at school and pamphlets or flyers may not be distributed. Thank you for helping us to maintain consistency with Catholic teaching.

The upper parking lot will be ready for use on Tuesday, September 8th! This means there are some changes for drop off and pick up. I have included a link to the maps below. Here are the instructions in words. **PLEASE** look at the maps and the directional arrows for the upper lot. Please remember: the location of where you pick up and drop off is determined by your **YOUNGEST** child. (Except for 3 families for drop off - please continue to drop off your 2nd grader in the St. Joseph Center parking lot. Thank you!)

Link to maps: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oPAJ7Y0jP91IL5oc2rAboQI6VV5-vn3SpAqeclqD6MM/edit?usp=sharing>

Upper Parking Lot Drop Off & Pick Up: Families whose youngest child is in Kindergarten Prep or in Grades 3-8.

Grades 3-6 will enter using the doors on Orchard St. Please enter the upper lot from Saginaw St. **ONLY.**

Orchard St. will go back to a **ONE WAY** street from 7:15am - 7:45am and again from 2:15pm - 2:45pm.

Dismissal times for Upper Lot: Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 7 & 8 will dismiss at 2:35pm, Grades 5 & 6 will dismiss at 2:40pm

Lower Parking Lot Drop Off & Pick Up: Families whose youngest child is in Kindergarten or First Grade. Entrance doors will remain the same as this week for the rest of the year.

Dismissal time for Lower Lot: Grades K-1 at 2:35pm

St. Joseph Center Lot Drop Off & Pick Up: Families whose youngest child is in Grade 2 & ALL Second Grade students

Dismissal time: 2:35pm

Mrs. Babiasz's 3 and 4 Year Old classes:

Drop Off: St. Joseph Parking lot

Pick Up: Lower Parking lot

Mrs. McNally's Kindergarten Prep class:

Drop Off & Pick Up: Upper Parking lot

PANTHER DRAW UPDATE

Our Panther Draw is our annual mandatory fundraiser. There have been some changes to this program. Please click on the link below to read all about it!

Panther Draw

link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14qDo1cvLJhOKu4Y66K8Sm6XkxdrT9RWU1BpuEk1E9SA/edit?usp=sharing>

We had a GREAT ending to our week celebrating Mass virtually today with Fr. Joe!

Pope St. Gregory the Great, pray for us!

Enjoy your long weekend!

God bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2020

4 - NO SCHOOL

7 - NO SCHOOL

8 - Athletic Boosters Virtual Meeting

eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes in Parish Office

10 - All School Virtual Mass

11 - Patriot Day (Students may wear red/white/blue tops with uniform bottoms.)

14 - 25 - NWEA testing begins for students in Grades 3-6. eLearners, please call the school office to arrange a date(s) for your child to take this assessment the week of September 14th during the school day.

14 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn.

eLearner Exchange: Drop off YELLOW envelopes, pick up BLUE envelopes

16 - School Picture Day for all students except 3 Year Old Preschool (Those will be taken at a later date.)

16 - PTO Virtual Meeting

17 - Constitution Day (Students may wear red/white/blue tops with uniform bottoms.)

All School Virtual Mass

18 - SPIRIT DAY (Students may wear any spirit wear top with jeans free of holes/rips/tears.)

21 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

Begin Novena to Archangels (more info. to come)

eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes

24 - All School Virtual Mass

28 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

Convocation for Priests through October 3

eLearner Exchange: Drop off YELLOW envelopes, pick up BLUE envelopes

29 - Catholic Schools Mass with Bishop Boyea at 10am (5th Grade to attend virtually; 2 student representatives will represent HFS at this Mass)

October 2 - SPIRIT DAY (Students may wear any spirit wear top with jeans free of holes/rips/tears.)

What should I do if my child is sick?

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

***Protocol from The 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.**

Updated directives from The Genesee County Health Department (9-3-2020):

A student who has any ONE of the following symptoms (not explained by child’s baseline or preexisting condition i.e. asthma):

- Fever
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath

Please keep your child (and siblings) home and call the pediatrician ASAP. Must quarantine until the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis or testing shows a negative result.

OR

A student who has any TWO of the following symptoms (not explained by child’s baseline or preexisting condition i.e. seasonal allergies, migraines)

- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe Headache

Please keep your child (and siblings home) and call the pediatrician ASAP. Must quarantine until the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis or testing determines a negative result.

****In both situations described above, it is expected you call the school office and provide an update by the end of the school day regarding what the doctor decided.**

CONTACT TRACING

IF a doctor determines that COVID testing is needed for a symptomatic student, there may be situations where The Genesee County Health Department also requires close contacts at school to quarantine while the symptomatic student awaits test results. , In those situations, the students/teachers in close contact will be contacted by Mrs. Darcy Thomas, our GCCS nurse and given further instructions. Please keep in mind that the guidelines are regularly

changing and we will keep you posted as we receive updated information. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we navigate these difficult times.