



# 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 11, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Week two has rolled on with a great beat! Our Eighth Graders were featured in today's "Quarantine Catechesis" LIVE from our very own ARC (library)! Check out today's broadcast on YouTube. We are bound together by Christ. How AWESOME is that?!

Our playground supervisors have introduced some fun and new games to us this week. Large sized Connect Four games and Spyder pong have been added. I was able to join the 7th and 8th graders at recess today and played Spyder pong. My competitive spirit was definitely evident!

I am incredibly pleased with the arrival and dismissal procedures. There was a bit of a learning curve for those using the upper lot, but you did it! Thank you for your patience as we continued to work out the kinks. Here are a few reminders:

## Arrival/Dismissal Parking Lot Update

- Arrival in the Upper Lot

- Please pull up to the line of cones that are perpendicular to the school. Cars can follow along either side of the cones. Students will enter the closest door to where they are dropped.
- Students are to exit the car on the sidewalk only. Please do not have your child exit the car as stop at the cones.

- Dismissal

- We have noticed that some of our parents are not wearing masks. If you exit your vehicle, a mask is required. Please help us meet all safety protocols so that we are able to remain holding face to face instruction.
- Grades Kindergarten Prep, 1-4 and 7-8 dismiss at **2:35pm**.
- Grades 5 & 6 dismiss at **2:40pm** to allow for social distancing.

- The gate in the upper lot on Orchard Street will open once the 5th & 6th graders have safely walked past the gate on the sidewalk. The exit on Saginaw Street remains open if you need to leave before the gate can be safely opened.

## Positivity Project

Virtue of the Week: Friendship

Saints: Sts. Benedict & Scholastica, Sts. Basil & Gregory, Bl. Pierre Giorgio Frassati

P2 for Families: [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2)

\*P2 shirts have been ordered for all of our new students. They will arrive on Tuesday, September 15 along with the other spirit wear orders. We will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

**PTO Mtgs.** – Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm

Check out the PTO flyer for the link and more! [PTO September Meeting Info.pdf](#)

When you attend the Zoom meeting, please be sure to write your name in the comments. Attend five meetings and be eligible for \$500 off your next year's HFS tuition!

**Athletic Boosters** – Zoom Meeting moved to September 22nd. Please mark your calendar!

## Sports Update

Recently Gov. Whitmer announced the ability for teams to play tackle football this fall. The Flint Area Catholic School League (FACSL) met on Wednesday evening of this week to discuss GCCS participation. The GCCS principals and athletic directors discussed many items including 7th & 8th grade tackle football. GCCS has a combined team of all 5 schools due to the limited number of players at each school. We would participate in a league with area public schools. Practice would need to begin on Monday, September 14 to prepare for the first game. After much discussion and an additional principal meeting held yesterday, September 10, it was decided to not participate in tackle football for this fall season. The decision was based on the short timeline to safely prepare and set protocol as well as the

diligence our schools have shown in keeping cohorts together. The mixing of all 5 schools prompted the group to err on the side of caution. Other sports are currently being reviewed with protocols being developed. We will have more information on these sports (Girls Basketball, Volleyball, Boys Basketball) on October 2nd. This additional time will allow us to act with intentional thought and planning. We appreciate your understanding of this difficult decision.

**HFS Cross Country (Students in Grades 4–8):** [2020CROSSCOUNTRY FLYER.pdf](#) and [2020SPORTShealthquestionnaire \(1\).pdf](#)

## **School Pictures for eLearners – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7am – 10:00am**

eLearners may arrive anytime between 7am and 10am to be photographed. Parents, please park in the St. Joseph Lot and enter through the St. Joseph Center door. Someone will be at the door to greet you. Please wear a mask and your school uniform shirt. Masks will be removed just before snapping the picture and put back in place once the photograph has been taken.

- ALL face to face learners will have photos taken throughout the day. Students are to wear their school uniform shirt for school pictures. If your child has gym on this day, please have him/her bring a spirit wear top to change into once photograph has been taken.
- A link to order photo packages will be sent out to all families on Monday, September 14th. Please watch for it.

## **NWEA Testing**

**Tuesday, September 15: 3pm – 4pm for all eLearners in Grades 3–6 (Subject: Reading)**

- Please arrive by 2:50pm. Parents, please park in the upper lot and have your child enter through Orchard St. doors.
- Students must wear a mask.
- Assessment usually takes about 45min – 1 hour. Please have your child bring a book to read when he/she finishes the test.

- Students will be in Room 18, the Computer lab or ARC (library) and socially distanced.
- HFS Chromebooks should be brought to school to take the test.

**Thursday, September 17: 3pm – 4pm for all eLearners in Grades 3–6 (Subject: Math)**

- Please arrive by 2:50pm. Parents, please park in the upper lot and have your child enter through Orchard St. doors.
- Students must wear a mask.
- Assessment usually takes about 45min – 1 hour. Please have your child bring a book to read when he/she finishes the test.
- Students will be in Room 18, the Computer lab or ARC (library) and socially distanced.
- HFS Chromebooks should be brought to school to take the test.

In Memory of September 11, 2001

O, Lord, remember us in our desire to live out your purpose for us in creation. Fill us with comradeship, loyalty, humility, courage, generosity and greatness of heart which grow out of suffering. May we bring peace to others of all races and faiths and in that action find peace for ourselves. Give us peace in our time, O Lord, we pray. Amen.

God bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell

Principal

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**

**September 2020**

**Hybrid students will come M-W next week, September 14-16.**

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

14 – 25 – NWEA testing begins for students in Grades 3-6.

14 – P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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

15 – eLearners: NWEA testing after school from 2:50pm – 4pm

16 – School Picture Day for all students except 3-Year-Old Preschool (Those will be taken at a later date.) Attention eLearners: Please arrange to come to the St. Joseph Hall before 10am to have your school photo taken. Parents, you may park in the St. Joseph Lot. We will have someone at the door to greet you.

16 – PTO Virtual Meeting

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

All School Virtual Mass

NWEA testing after school from 2:50pm – 4pm

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

22 – Athletic Boosters Zoom Mtg. @ 8:00pm

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.)**