



# 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 18, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

First FULL week of school is in the books and what a GREAT week it has been! We had our first Lockdown Drill this week with our new safety system. A representative from the Lockout Company was here to take part in the drill, which now includes additional safety measures of “boots” on every door and a light system in the hallways. Feedback from the representative was that our school “is one of the most organized and secure schools” he has ever seen and had “the best run drill” he had ever been involved in. A special thank you to our many supporters who donated to this safety system along with the Michigan Safety Grant we were awarded in 2019 to be able to purchase this additional safety equipment and have such a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

There have been so many great learning opportunities and activities happening in our classrooms! This week, our Superintendent, Mr. Tom Maloney, visited, celebrated Mass with us and observed classrooms. He is very impressed with the learning going on here at Holy Family! So am I! In addition to the classroom activities, we have also added another game to our playground. Last week it was Spyderpong and this week it is Crossnet. Take a look at the fun we’ve had with this game! It is a cross between volleyball and four square.



**Positivity Project**-Virtue of the Week: Curiosity

Saints: Saints in the Making...US!

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

**PTO** - Minutes from this week’s meeting here: [PTO September 2020 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Box Top Information: [BoxTopics\\_Sep2020.jpg.pdf](#) , [Box Tops Parent](#)

[Letter.pdf](#) , [BTFE PartProducts 06-2020.pdf](#) , [Site Download BTFEOverview2020.pdf](#)

**Athletic Boosters** - Zoom Meeting at 8:00pm on September 22nd. Please join us! Link will be sent in a separate email on Tuesday next week. Please watch for it!

**Sports Update**-HFS Cross Country (Students in Grades 4-8): Practice began this week. Students wear masks while we stretch and warm up. Masks are removed while we run. We had a GREAT start to the season with students finishing a one mile run in just over 7.20 minutes! We are looking forward to our first meet on Saturday, September 26 at Powers Catholic High School. There will be a Boys 2 Mile Race and a Girls 2 Mile Race and an Open 1 Mile Race (for all boys and girls, dads and moms, cousins, siblings, infants and “masters”)! The first race will begin at 1:30pm. Masks are required for all. Runners will not wear a mask while warming up, competing or cooling down. \*\*All races will have a maximum of 70 runners. Spectators are limited to 2 per runner.

Please register your runner on Athletic.net by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. Here is the link to register: <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/174784/register>

Coach Quaranta will be registering ALL HFS XC runners.

**NWEA Testing**-We will be wrapping up our NWEA testing next week. An email will be sent to the parents of ALL eLearners to confirm attendance for next Tuesday’s final testing opportunity after school. Not ALL eLearners need this extra time. Please watch for a separate email sent out today. Some students may not need the full hour. I will list in the email if pick up should be at 3:30pm and not 4pm for each child.

Tuesday, September 22: 3pm - 3:30/4pm 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.

**P2 Shirts**-Shirts have been distributed to all of our new students this week. (Thank you, PTO!) For all former/current students, we do have P2 shirts available for purchase at the school. If your child needs a larger size because he/she has grown or cut the sleeves off, please send a note to Mrs. Harvey in the school office. If we have the size needed, Mrs. Harvey will bill you through your FACTS account. (\$5/shirt)

**New Family Signs** -Please return the New Family Sign that was placed in your yard by Monday, September 21st. We use these signs to welcome our new families year after year.

Thank you!

God bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell

Principal

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

Hybrid students will come M-Th, September 21-24.

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

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 2020**

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

5 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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

8 - All School Virtual Mass @ 8am

9 - ½ Day (Grand Blanc Homecoming)

12 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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

13 - Athletic Boosters Mtg. at 8:00pm

15-16 - NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Days for Staff)

19 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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

20 - Picture Retake Day and Preschool 3's

22 - All School Virtual Mass

26 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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

29 - All School Virtual Mass

Halloween Party for 3 Year Preschool

30 - Halloween Parties at school (watch for further details from your child's teacher)

31 - Happy Halloween!