



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are a family of HOPE!

November 3, 2020

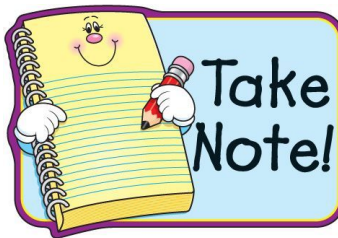
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We understand it is a frustrating time for teachers, students and parents as we try to predict when we will be back to in-person learning at school. Please know that we are avidly watching current county and district case rates, and we are working with the health departments, clinics and area schools to determine when we can safely return to school. We also look at the number of quarantined students and staff members in the building. The reason we moved from Band 3 to Band 5 two weeks ago was because of the sharp increase not only in cases, but the number of people affected within our schools as well. Let us pray for the numbers to decrease and conditions to improve so we can be safely back at school soon.

The school recognizes and is trying to address the varying needs of our students and families. What works well for one student or family is not necessarily the best fit for another student or family. Please know that our teachers and specialty teachers are in the building every school day teaching and working on ways to enhance the distance learning program and curriculum. Whether we are doing small group, large group or one-on-one learning sessions, we will continue to stay connected to them and you.

Stay well, and be assured you are in our thoughts and prayers.

With prayers and thanks,
Mrs. Peterson & Staff



COVID Notifications - If you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please continue to contact the school. If we can maintain an accurate picture of the number of quarantined individuals from HFS, we can better determine a safe return to school date.

Lunch Pickups - Pickup for anyone who signed up for free lunches will continue to be from 10:30 - 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays. If an unforeseen circumstance arises, please notify us before 12:30 on the pickup day so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

Distance Learning Concerns and Comments - If you or your child is struggling or have concerns regarding distance learning, please reach out to the teacher as soon as possible to discuss your child's needs. Also, during conferences on Monday, in addition to discussing your child's progress and grades, each teacher would like your feedback and input on what has worked best for your child during distance learning, what has been the greatest challenge or struggle for them or you, and what can we do to assist them during distance learning. We value and appreciate your honest feedback.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Our school library is still open! If your child would like to check out a library book to pick up next Tuesday, please call or text Mrs. Dirkes at (320)293-0969 and provide your child's name. She will then provide you with the username and password. Once you have those go to:

<https://holyfamilyschool.goalexandria.com>

Click "Log In". Once logged in, click "Search" then search by author, title, subject, etc. Once you decide on a book, click the arrow in the right-hand corner (see picture below) then click on the icon to "Place Hold" as shown in the second picture below. Mrs. Dirkes will then place those books with the pickup materials for next Tuesday.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- 11/01/20-\$20>Mike & Pat Firkus, Sauk Centre
- 11/02/20-\$20>Linnae & Peg Mead, Sauk Centre
- 11/03/20-\$20>Dale & Ramona Soenneker, Sauk Centre
- 11/04/20-\$20>John & Roberta Olson, Sauk Centre
- 11/05/20-\$20>Gordon & Patty Tamble, Cold Spring
- 11/06/20-\$20>Shawn & Kayla Hunstiger, Sauk Centre
- 11/07/20-\$20>Shawn & Paula Bromenshenkel, Sauk Centre
- 11/08/20-\$20>Jeff & Melanie Peters, Sauk Centre
- 11/09/20-\$20>Jeanine Wolbeck, Sauk Centre
- 11/10/20-\$75>Bev & Jerry VanHavermaet, Sauk Centre
- 11/11/20-\$20>Jesse Meyer, Albany
- 11/12/20-\$20>Claren Kane, Sauk Centre
- 11/13/20-\$20>Mark & Jennifer Klaphake, Sauk Centre
- 11/14/20-\$20>Marlene Akerson, Browerville



Important Dates

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(Thursday)

End of Quarter 1

Report cards will be published on School Speak by Monday morning. You will receive a physical copy in your take-home materials on Tuesday, November 10th.



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(Friday)



No school or distance-learning at HFS or in the district

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

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(Monday)

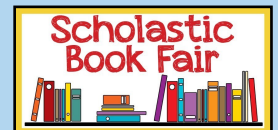
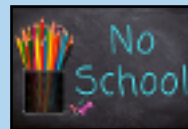
Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take place virtually. Teachers will reach out to you on how you should connect to the virtual call. If you haven't signed up for a conference time on School Speak yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please know there is **NO SCHOOL OR DISTANCE LEARNING** today

Online Book Fair

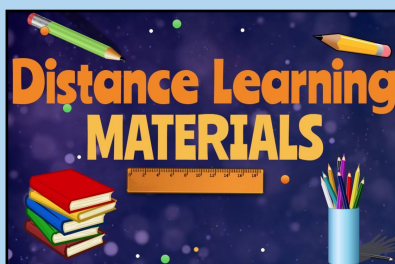
The book fair is now open now through November 12. To shop online, please visit

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyfamilyschool58>



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(Tuesday)



Materials Drop Off and Pick up

Please plan to **drop off** (if applicable) library books and completed learning materials from the previous packets.

Please plan to **pick up** new materials in the cafeteria from 10:30 - 12:30 OR 5:00 - 6:30.

If you have signed up for the free lunches during distance learning, you can also pick up your lunches from 10:30-12:30

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(Wednesday)



2-Hour Late Start

School begins at 10:15

26-27

(Thursday & Friday)



Thanksgiving Break

No School

