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Dear Holy Rosary School Families,

## **UPDATE**

## **TRANSITION**

The start of a new school year brings many changes—new students, new families, and new routines for children, parents, and staff alike. Transitioning takes time, and it's natural for everyone, **including our newest families and even staff (new and returning)**, to need a period of adjustment. Over the past 2 weeks I have spoken to many families and staff as we go through this process. We have a number of new families we are welcoming and we realize that you are not yet used to our routines - we will remember that as we help you through the process. By working together, we'll find our rhythm and make this a successful year. Please don't feel stressed in the beginning; with patience and teamwork, we'll navigate the transition smoothly.

**Summer Work:** I am now aware that a number of our newer families may not have received the emails/information related to summer work. Today I worked with several families and our teachers on managing this issue and we will continue to do so.

**Please reach out to me anytime by Dojo or phone if you have any questions or concerns (or something positive to share too!). I will do my best to respond quickly to address any concerns.**

**\*OPEN HOUSE** - All families are invited to visit us on 9/26! (including our grandparents!) Join us after the morning entry (approx 8:15am ) to visit our classes and see our students and staff in action! We are conscious of recent events and as a result please note that to visit during the open house we will have a 2 step verification process:

1. All visitors must be a parent or guardian (as identified during the registration process)
2. All visitors must have a valid picture ID

Grandparents may visit if the parent/guardian either:

1. Accompanies the grandparent
2. Notifies the school in writing the name of grandparent that will be visiting and that person has a valid picture ID

**Please be patient- we have a number of new families joining our community! We realize this may require some extra work for our staff and families, and we might have a bit of a line during initial check in, but we want to be as vigilant as possible for the safety of our students. As time goes by we will get to know each and every one of you and these events will go more smoothly. As we recognize you, we will be able to just “wave you in”!**

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**\*SCHOOL SAFETY-As you** are aware, the first few weeks are filled with learning our new procedures and routines, both in the classroom and in the school. Our classes have been practicing lock downs and fire drills since our first day **and our last fire drill was more than 30 seconds faster! Congrats to our students and staff!**

### **\*FUNDRAISER**

Our annual Candy/Catalog Fundraiser begins this week and continues through October 17th **As per the financial policy all families are responsible for \$400 worth of sales.**

Each child has received a fundraiser packet which contains the sales catalog and information on placing an order.

Additionally, we will also have available boxes of candy bars which seem to go quickly in the office or workplace. Everyone needs a little treat after a long day! If you would like to sell candy bars, please send in a note with the numbers of boxes requested, and they will be sent home with your child. You may also come into the school to pick up the boxes in person.

### **REMINDERS**

**\*Dojo – REMEMBER CLASS DOJO** Please be sure you have signed up for Class Dojo! This is the main form of communication between our teacher/school and our families. If you have not signed up please email or call your child's teacher to receive sign up directions.

### **COMING SOON**

**\*FALL CLUBS!** I have already received many inquiries on our fall activities! We hope to start these on October 20th More details to follow!

### **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DATES**

- \*9/19 Annual Fall Fundraiser begins
- \*9/22 MAP testing continues
- \*9/25 Individual pictures for all grades - students may dress out of uniform
- \*9/26 OPEN HOUSE! FAMILIES are invited to visit us today!
- \*10/2 Class pictures for all grades
- \*10/3 Early Dismissal at 12pm for grades K-8 -Bronx Regional Conference Day - PreK has a regular schedule
- \*10/9 Family/Teacher Individual Conferences 12pm dismissal for grades K-8 details to follow
- \*10/10 SCHOOL CLOSED for grades K-8 -Archdiocesan Data Review Day of MAP scores - PreK in session
- \*10/13 Columbus Day School closed
- \*10/23 High School Fair grade 8

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**VALUE OF THE MONTH**

Value of the Month: Knowledge : Knowledge is the ability to learn more about God and his plan leading us to wisdom and understanding. We gain knowledge through experience and education. *“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, Day of Christ...” (Philippians 1:9)*

**Thank you to all of our families for your support and cooperation. Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns. We will do our best to provide you with support as well.**

**You may always reach out to me by Dojo, the school office or during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal.**

Stay well and God Bless,  
Mrs. Fusco