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Dear Holy Rosary School Families,

UPDATE

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

May God bless our HRS community with His love as we enter the new year. We pray for His continued guidance and strength knowing that He is always with us on our path.

FALL CLUBS-Our fall season of clubs will conclude on 2/6/26!! We will announce our "**Spring Sessions**" soon!!!

***COMING SOON**

*Catholic Schools Week 2026 "United in Faith & Community" begins January 26th. Details to follow!

*Our Spring Fundraiser will begin 1/26. Catalogs and details will be emailed and posted on our website with links and ordering instructions. **CHOCOLATE BARS will be available for our Spring fundraiser.** This is our last fundraiser of the year and allows families another opportunity to reach the mandatory \$400 fundraising assessment. Beginning March 20th, any part of the \$400 left will be added to your FACTS account. Please remember that ALL money raised from fundraising efforts directly benefit HRS school students.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY DATES

- 7th - Winter MAP testing began
- 19th - School closed in honor of Dr Martin Luther King Jr
- 26th - Catholic Schools Week 2025 and HRS SPIRIT WEEK begin! Details to follow
- 30th - End of quarter 2
- 2/6 - 12pm dismissal for grades K-8 for faculty PD; Prek in session
- 2/10- Report cards for grades K-8 available on Educate

REMINDERS

As we come to the **end of the first half of our school year** please consider the following:

*Are you checking Dojo daily for messages from the school and your child's teacher? Do you review Google Classroom every day to check your child's progress? Have you logged into FACTS to see how your child is performing on assessments? In our digital world it is no longer checking a notebook or signing test papers in a folder (like when we grew up!) to monitor progress. We have several digital platforms to keep you updated on progress and allow you the opportunity to help your child achieve grade level standards.

Communication is vital in all areas of our life and especially in our school community. If you ever have any questions while reviewing these platforms, please always reach out to your child's teacher at any time. You may email or call, but Dojo is the quickest way to touch base to have a question answered, or to set up a time for a conference.

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If you have any concerns or questions, please always feel free to send me a Dojo message or call the main office to set up a conference.

*UNIFORM REMINDER -Please remember that open back shoes, crocs, slides, step ins, etc... ARE NOT permitted. These are a hazard during a fire drill or emergency evacuation when children have to move quickly (even on NUD days).

*The cooler weather has DEFINITELY arrived! Please remember that while we do not go outside in extreme cold, during the cold weather we do have outdoor time both in the morning and at lunch time. Students should be sure to have their coats and sweaters with them so that they are comfortable during recess. I try to limit time inside as we know that students focus and learn best when they have adequate time to move around and relieve some of their excess energy.

While our building is well heated during the winter months some students prefer to also wear sweaters etc. Please be aware that only school sweaters/fleeces/hoodies are permitted as part of the school uniform. Our uniform provider is Liebman's in New Rochelle and may be accessed online at <https://www.liebmanuniforms.com/>

*Our school day begins at 7:45am – all students should arrive by 7:45am so that they are not marked late. *Students should be dropped off in the yard each morning and the main entrance should only be used after 7:45am.* Thank you.

VALUE OF THE MONTH - January

Our value for the month of January is EMPATHY

Empathy means understanding the feelings, thoughts, and experiences of another person.

“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” (1 Corinthians 12:26) Please join us as we reinforce this value in our daily activities during the month of January

Stay well and God Bless,

Mrs. Fusco

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