Holy Name Catholic School
Higher Standards...Superior Results

Holy Name Catholic School Mission Statement: Holy Name Catholic School challenges each individual to grow spiritually, achieve academic excellence, develop individual gifts and talents, and model the values, attitudes, and behaviors that foster a life committed to Christian service.

September 27, 2021

Mark Your Calendar.....

September
27: Altar Server Training Grade 3-5 @ 2:00

October
2 and 3: Ministry Fair at Church during Mass
4: ALICE Drill
5: PK Starts Going to AM Prayer
6: Fire Station Tour; Kinder 9:30; Gd 11:00
8: School Mass @ 8:20; Grade 4/5 Host; Families are encouraged to attend.
11: Inservice/No School
14: Book Awards- Step 122
14: Can and Spirit Day
15: School Mass @ 8:20; Grade 4/5 Host; Families are encouraged to attend.
16: Harvest Festival 4-7PM
19: Board of Directors Meeting 6PM- Open to the public; Café.
22: School Mass @ 8:20; Grade 4/5 Host; Families are encouraged to attend.
28: School Picture Day @ 8:15; Dec 5 Retakes
29: School Mass @ 8:20; Grade 4/5 Host; Families are encouraged to attend.
29: End of QTR 1

November
Friday School Mass Hosted by Grade 2/3
1: All Saints Day
4: Early Release 12:45
4: Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment
5: No School
8: WYO Theater; Pk- 1; Not Confirmed/Bus
11: Can and Spirit Day
11: Book Awards- Step 208
16: Board of Directors Meeting 6PM- Open to the public; Café

SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Name Catholic School
Harvest Festival and Chili Supper

October 16, 2021
4:00-7:00
Location: HNCS Gym

HNCS has New Students!
We have had several new students since the beginning of the year. Please continue to tell your friends about our wonderful school. We are still accepting transfer students.
**WYO Theater Field Sept 27: Grades K-5**
The students had a wonderful time at the WYO watching David Gonzales, a multi-cultural story-teller. He delivered a solid hour of entertainment and provided a great introduction to the marvelous world of Latino literature and culture.

**Aftercare Bills & Milk Bills**
Ms. Mandy will mail these home at the end of each month.

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**Website, Facebook and Instagram**

Like Us...Share Us... Check Us Out!

- **Website:** [www.hncswy.org](http://www.hncswy.org)
- **Like us on Facebook:** @hncswy
- **Instagram:** holy_name_catholic_school

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**HNCS Board Briefs**

This brief summary of the actions of the new HNCS Board of Directors will appear in this newsletter monthly, usually after its monthly meeting, which falls on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Thanks to Principal Mary Legler for allowing us the space. The purpose is to just keep you up to date on what we are about as we make this transition in the operation and management of our school as mandated by the Diocese of Cheyenne. Our meetings are open and will appear on the listing of events for time and place.

The members of the board were selected through a thorough process directed by Fr. Whewell and the Lay Directors of the Parish, and we held our first official meeting on July 20, 2021. Members and officers are: Pres.-Walt Wragge, Vice-Pres.-Kati Sherwood, Sec.-Lisa McClintock, Treas.-Toni Alden, Paul Graslie, Deb Marino, Kelsi Martinez, Jerry Pauli, and Fr. Whewell.

The work of the board in our early stages has been focusing on the legal aspects of the separation of the two corporations, the school, and the parish. We have approved new Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, which are waiting for the Bishop’s signature. We continue to work on school policies and a long-range financial plan for the school. Stay tuned!

Walt Wragge, HNCS Board President
**Title 1 Tutoring**
Title 1 tutoring will begin the first week of October, after school from 3:05-4:05. Your child’s teacher will notify you about the details if your child qualifies for extra help.

**Eye Screening Results**
Eye screening results will be sent home this week in your child’s red folder. I have personally called any parent whose child was referred for an appointment with an ophthalmologist.

**Food Closet**
We have an abundance of nonperishable food for anyone in need. Please contact the office and we will load you up with food.

**Food Bags**
We will also be sending home food bags for students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. For families who don’t qualify and would like to receive a food bag, please contact the office. We always have extra.

We need your assistance to keep everyone healthy and safe. Please help us.

**J-Walking.** Let’s all be safe and use the crosswalks for drop off and pick up.

**Pets.** We love pets. Unfortunately, pets need to stay at home and not be on HNCS campus—even on the sidewalk.

**Jesus rejoiced the day YOU were born!**

**October Birthdays**
Quinnice, Jacob, Kaiden, Paisley, Willow, Mrs. Legler, Evie, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Montano, Julian, and Pyper

**Scripture OF THE MONTH:**
Be kind to one another; forgive each other, as Christ has forgiven you.

**Ephesians 4:32**

**Virtue OF THE MONTH:**

**Gentleness**

Welcome October!

May this blessing of change bring you an abundance of joy, love, peace, good health and happiness for the month ahead and ALWAYS.
October usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique.

The feasts of some of the most popular saints are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain).

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life’s difficulties.

Educating the Whole Child with Christ’s Love.
Extra Classes and Curriculum Highlights

Every two weeks, K-grade 5 has an elective rotation with Art, Music, Physical Education, STREAM, and Computer Science. Spanish is taught three days a week and a strategic reading class is taught the other two days a week. Cursive penmanship is taught in grades 3-5 and is part of the daily education. Monthly focus on life skills, manners, Scripture and virtues.

- Art
- Computer Science
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Cursive Penmanship
- Morning Prayer and Worship
- Strategic Reading
- Boys Town Life Skills/Executive Functioning/Manners
- STREAM: Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math
- Virtues: Charity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Generosity, Peace, Joy, Kindness, Love, Patience, Goodness

Angel of God
The Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God
my guardian dear
To whom God's love commits me here
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide.
Amen

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ALICE DRILL Information: In coordination with the Sheridan Police Department, we will be having an ALICE drill on October 4, 2021 at 2:30. We will have these drills each quarter. The rest of the drills will be undisclosed times. Please contact Mrs. Legler with any questions.

Faith Formation

We believe that God is the center of our life, our curriculum, and our school. Our goal is to help each child to know God in a personal way while building strong character and moral values, resulting in a life of Christian service. As a Catholic School, we strive to promote a Christian atmosphere and students are encouraged to recognize God’s active involvement in their lives.

Faith formation is provided on a daily basis to our students. Each and every school day begins with whole school morning prayer and we pray through the day. The spelling, language books, and manuscript/cursive practice utilizes Bible verses and stories.

The Religion curriculum begins by introducing students to the gifts God has provided. As students’ progress through the grades, they learn increasingly more about the sacraments, prayer, ministry, Scripture, the life of Jesus and basic Catholic beliefs. Students are prepared during the 2nd grade to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. These classes are taught by Mrs. Pittman, a devout Catholic with a certificate in theology and an experienced catechist. In addition, once a week the K-grade 5 students go to the church are taught by our priest and Mrs. Garber.

Service and actions toward others are emphasized. Our students have organized food and clothing drives, fundraisers cancer research, wrote letters to the local nursing homes and soldiers overseas, and more. The weekly school Mass provides opportunities for the students to prepare and present the readings, petitions and music for our liturgies. Older students also serve as “Church and Book Buddies” for our younger students in. The emphasis on service is also promoted as they act as mentors (role models) by reading with younger students and participating in school activities that encourage interaction and support for students at all grade levels.
Our students spend 30 minutes every day reading at school. They then record their books on their log sheet (1 step/line for every 15 minutes of reading). Students are asked to read 30 minutes (2 steps) every weeknight and 60 minutes (4 steps) each weekend. 100 Book Challenge is part of nightly homework for all Holy Catholic School students. Parents, please sign your student’s log every night. Teachers will start this program in September. Thank you.