



Holy Name of Mary School



Father David Regan, Pastor

Mrs. Marcia Velasco, Principal

10/22/2023

Dear Families,

One of my favorite things is starting the school day together in prayer. It reinforces our faith and beliefs. For the month of October, the seventh graders have been leading us in morning prayer. It has been nice to see them take ownership and develop their leadership skills.

Our morning routine is a great way to start the day in a positive way as a community. For the children, the time before we pray is the perfect time to socialize with their peers and adults. It is an important time of the day that sets them up for success. It also gives us the opportunity to check in with students before classes begin. Please continue to ensure your child is in the gym before 8:08 am so they can start the day with the entire community.

A reminder, there is no school for children tomorrow. Teachers will have training and meetings all day.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is THIS Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm, tickets must be purchased in advance. Please send your Trunk or Treat form and payment as soon as possible. There are extra copies of the form in the lobby.

Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our families who volunteered to help with our breakfast fundraiser the last two weeks!

Thank you to today's volunteers: Mrs. Nimmo, Mrs. Goettisheim, Mrs. Redhead, Shawn Redhead, Paige and Seth Reale, Mr. Stelmokas and Mrs. Kelly.

Please join us for breakfast from 9-1 on Sundays! The PTL is doing an amazing job of helping us fundraise, if you would like to volunteer to help - please reach out to the PTL. Thank you so much to all of you who cooked, volunteered or donated - it is truly a team effort!

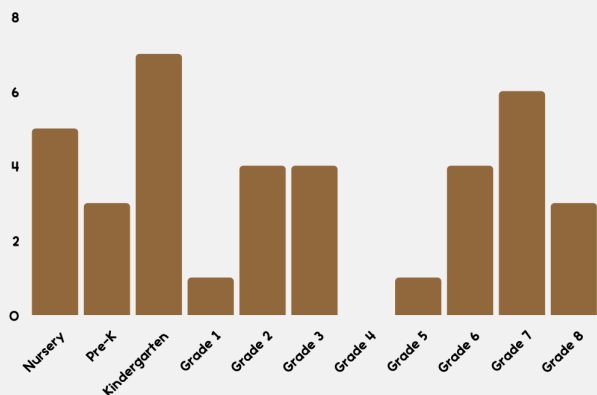
Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Thank you for helping with chocolate bar sales, we will be ending this fundraiser on Friday, November 17, 2023. If you need additional boxes to sell, please let us know.

Thank you to Ms. Karen Bagwandeem, Mrs. Cathy Schroeder, Mrs. Chesterton and Mrs. Nimmo for all their work on chocolate distribution, sales, tracking and marketing.

There will be individual prizes and class prizes for students who sell the most chocolate! We will be sharing the progress of box sales in the weekly letter.

Chocolate Box Sales by Grade Level (as of 10/20)



The class with the most sales by the end of our fundraiser will receive a special prize!

Lifetouch Feedback and Retakes If your child was absent on picture day or you would like retakes, they will take place on December 13th. This year, we will be asking for feedback regarding different vendors we use. Please provide us with feedback about the photographer the school has used the last few years Lifetouch by completing this google form <https://forms.gle/G9uMSh4ybXPo51e59>

The Play: Finding Nemo Play rehearsals are on Wednesday and Thursdays. Thank you to Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Chesterton and Ms. Haul for all of their efforts! The play will take place in Spring 2024! If you would like to volunteer to help, please reach out.

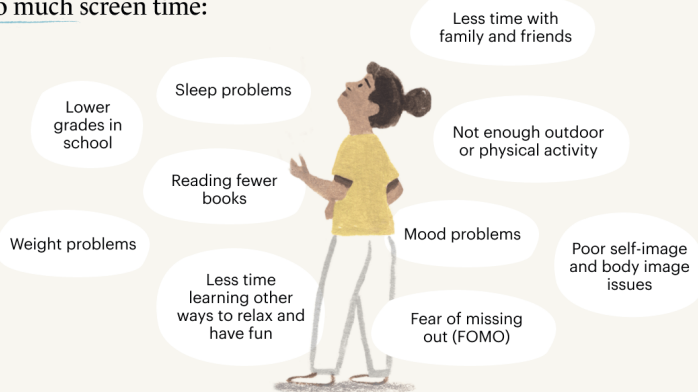
Tip of the week: Setting limits on screen time is easier said than done at times.
Here are a few tips:

Model the behavior - no phones or gadgets for anyone during dinner or family time.

Give alternative ways to have fun: board games, puzzles, going for a family walk, crafts, cooking etc.

Talk about the content: Talk to your children about the content they are viewing.
Talk to them about being safe online.

Negative effects of kids getting too much screen time:



Source: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) 2020.

Shoutouts From Friday:

Mrs. Moltz for Emma M.: Thank you so much for always helping your brothers with their homework and getting them ready when leaving B.A.S.E. Michael and Xavi are blessed to have such a caring and loving big sister. You are awesome !

Ms. Cutrone for Mrs. Fischer: 4TH Grade wants to send a shoutout to Mrs. Fischer for being an amazing substitute. Thank you for always going with the flow and helping those in need. You make our days brighter!

Ms. Lara for Ms. Haul: Thank you for delivering beautiful smiles to my students every week during your music class. My students love to sing with you. We appreciate you! Your kindness is above and beyond!

Ms. Lara for Mrs. Velasco: Thank you for going above and beyond in everything you do! We are lucky and blessed to have you in our school. I appreciate all your kindness and patience with all our little ones.

Mrs. Moltz for Luc, Mia & Emmie: Thank you so much for all your help cleaning the tables and toys at B.A.S.E. The three of you are so helpful in keeping our classroom looking great. We appreciate all your efforts !

Mrs. Alberti and Mrs. Chesterton are sending a big shout out to **Kindergarten** for doing so well on their first iReady diagnostic assessments. We are so proud of you for working so hard and trying your best!

Ms. Faux for second grade: Second grade worked so hard on their math test yesterday! They were so focused and quiet during their test. Miss. Faux is so proud of them!

This week at Holy Name of Mary School:

Monday, October 23, 2023 - Professional Development for Teachers - ***No school for students.***

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - Please send Trunk or Treat Form and payment

Thursday, October 26, 2023 - Orange Day for Nursery and Pre K students ONLY. They can wear orange clothing.

Friday, October 27, 2023 - Pizza Day \$3 per slice, 2 slices for \$5

Saturday, October 28, 2023 - Trunk or Treat 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Please send your form and payment early in the week.

Upcoming Weeks (subject to change):

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 - Halloween Parade N-2

Students from grades N-5 can wear costumes. No masks, no weapons, no blood

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation - PTL Meeting at 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2023 - All Souls Day

Friday, November 3, 2023 - Pizza Day \$3 per slice, 2 slices for \$5

Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5th We do not have access to the gym from Thursday, November 2 until Sunday. The church is setting up an event in the gym. Our morning prayer will be in the cafeteria on Friday, November 3rd.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - TACHS - Catholic School Entrance Exam for 8th Graders.

Thursday, November 9, 2023 - Theme Day - Students, staff and volunteers please wear Red, White and Blue

Friday, November 10, 2023 - Veterans Day - ***School is closed.***

Friday, November 17, 2023 - Pizza Day \$3 per slice, 2 slices for \$5 - NCEA Day of Giving

- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser money is due today

Sunday, November 19, 2023 - School Mass at 11 am Please have your child wear the school uniform

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - 9:30 Mass Half Day Dismissal

Thursday, November 23 - Sunday, November 26: Thanksgiving Break - ***School is closed.***

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - STEM Night

Thursday, November 30, 2023 - Trimester I Ends

Friday, December 1, 2023 - Trimester II begins

- Pizza Day \$3 per slice, 2 slices for \$5

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. The easiest way is emailing me mvelasco5578@hnomschool.org or calling the main office (516)825-4009.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Marcia Velasco

Principal