



Holy Name of Mary School



Father David Regan, Pastor

Mrs. Marcia Velasco, Principal

9/24/2023

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending mass today. It felt really wonderful to see so many families and teachers in attendance. Shoutout to the lectors and our choir! They did a wonderful job! Thank you Ms. McEnaney and Mr. Rudy for all the work you have done with our student leaders. Our next school mass is October 15th. We hope to see even more families attend then.

Thank you to Mrs. Nimmo for reserving pews so our second grade families are able to sit together during mass every Sunday.

Academic Tip of the week: Summarize and Retell

Retelling and summarizing helps children identify the main idea, keep track of what they have read and disregard the interesting but unimportant facts. Children sometimes erroneously identify interesting facts as the main idea. Below are some ways to help children with summarizing.

1. Have your child (of any age) read aloud to you.

At the end of every paragraph AND page:

*Ask your child, "In your own words, what just happened? To whom?"

*For older children, have them write a sentence summarizing what they read. Writing down the summary will help them retain the information.

Weekly Shoutouts:

On Fridays, we express appreciation to others. We began with teachers and will soon include student shout outs.

Mrs. Schroeder to Mrs. Lara and Mrs. Diaz: Thank you for your dedication and patience.

Profe. Razo to the third grade: Shoutout for the fabulous excitement and participation in their first Spanish Class.

Ms. Fischer: Middle schoolers thank you for being understanding and doing their best to go with the flow!

Mrs. Velasco: Thank you to Ms. Faux and Mrs. Magno for offering to help repeatedly throughout the week. I appreciate you!

Middle School Math Teacher Update

Our middle school math teacher will begin in two weeks! We are very excited she is joining our team. She attended mass with us today with her daughter. Before mass, she asked to pick up some curriculum. She wants to start preparing! Thank you Ms. Fischer and Mrs. Powell for leading math and algebra in the interim. Thank you Mrs. Farnum, Ms. S. Brown and our teachers for reaching out to their networks for potential teacher candidates. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson for proposing an interim solution. Thank you Mrs. Sanders and Dr. Charles at the Diocese of Rockville Centre Department of Education for your assistance in securing the right math teacher. It was a community effort to find the right candidate. Thank you!

PTL Dues Your child will receive a NUT Card once the dues are paid, please pay when you can. Thank you.

This week at HNOM:

Monday, September 25, 2023 - Pretzel money is due today.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - Holy Name of Mary Students and families have the option of wearing green on Tuesday. Valley Stream schools will be wearing green in a show of support and unity with the Farmingdale community. We will be telling the elementary grades that we are wearing green to show support to another school.

Band Starts today. Please bring the instruments. Music teachers will bring in the other instruments.

Wednesday, September 27 - Picture Day - Please have children come to school in their full uniform (no gym uniforms). In the Spring, they will have a chance to take pictures in regular clothes. Pretzel Day - prepaid pretzels will be distributed today.

Thursday, September 28

Chaminade and Sacred Heart Academy will be visiting our school to talk to our older students. Thank you Mrs. Powell for setting this up for our students! Eighth grade families, please be sure to check your inbox for high school open house information from Ms. Powell.

7 p.m. National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Friday, September 29

Pizza Day!

Next week:

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of Pets at 8:15 in the schoolyard. Please join us with your pet!

Friday, October 6, 2023 - Half Day for Students Dismissal 11:30

Teachers have a Faculty Meeting

iReady testing window closes

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Marcia Velasco

Principal

