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To: Parents of Holy Family School Students

From: Sister Christina Marie Luczynski, CSSF

Date: August 9, 2021

Re: Happenings at Holy Family School

Dear Parents,

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be yours! With a growing spirit of enthusiasm and joy, I anticipate welcoming you and your child(ren) for the 2021-2022 academic year on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, which is now on the horizon!

As I begin my seventh year as Principal of Holy Family School and Fr. Manno his seventh year as Pastor, I am looking back at all the blessings we have experienced at Holy Family over those six years. I am grateful for the wonderful guidance of Fr. Manno, his tremendous support of our school, his gentle spirit, his spiritual guidance. We are truly blessed to have a Pastor who knows how to Shepherd his flock.

As we begin this new school year, we are in a holding bin, so to say, eagerly awaiting what our guidelines will be for this school year. We have not received official word, but the last virtual meeting with Dr. Gupta, who strongly supports the “Return to School Plan’ we had put together last year to keep our staff and children safe. We did very well last year due to the cooperation of our parents, our teachers and staff, and our children who were tremendous at following all the guidelines. I applaud our students, they were wonderful.

As of today, we will keep in place all the protocols we had last school year. Dr. Gupta noted that the Delta Variant is more aggressive then the original COVID-19 virus and is very concerned that those not vaccinated will fall prey to this virus. Thankfully, we at Holy Family are vaccinated, but our precious children are not, so our main concern is for our children. We must keep them safe. We were very effective last year, and I am confident that it will be the same this year if we all cooperate together. As it gets closer to opening for the year, I will send out any new protocols we will be following to keep us safe, healthy, and open.

Our theme for this year, “ Be A Light to the World” will direct us as we walk new paths for Holy Family School as we meet new and exciting challenges. May we continue to build a caring and loving family spirit here at Holy Family School where all are welcomed and together, may we build a partnership with home and school for a lifetime of opportunities. May we be a blessing for each other throughout this school year and truly be a place with heart.

We thank each family, new and returning, for making the many sacrifices involved in providing a Catholic education for your children! A hearty, Holy Family School welcome is extended to our new Administrative Assistant/Secretary, Emily Skinner faculty Mr. Frank Alesci, Physical Education teacher, Denise Clark, Resource Room teacher, and Nicole Kraus, PreK teacher and to all of our teachers and staff, their reputation for going beyond the normal call of duty is outstanding! Their dedication to your children is a tremendous gift and blessing.

As your child leaves for that first day of school and every day thereafter, gift them with your special blessing and love, sign their foreheads with the sign of the cross, fortifying them with the strength and grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As always, I consider it my privilege to be here at Holy Family School and to serve you and your children as Principal. Throughout this year, it is my sincere wish and prayer that together, we realize the gift we are to one another and especially to our children. On behalf of Fr. Manno, Fr. Clark, Fr. Meunch, myself and the entire Faculty and Staff - Welcome! May we share the Good News of God’s Blessings and continue to be the Light of Faith to all this school year.

Blessings,

Sr. Christina Marie Luczynski, CSSF

Principal

**Morning Drop Off**

Parents driving their child/children to school are encouraged to park in the lot across the street or on Chapel Drive and walk their child/children to the Main Entrance where a staff member will welcome them into the building. (No car may enter the school parking lot. Buses **ONLY**)

PARENTS MUST REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. Students will sanitize their hands upon entering and follow the social distancing decals on the floor as they walk to their classrooms.

### School Hours

K – Gr. 6 Students who are brought to school in the morning are asked to arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. Prayers and announcements will begin over the P.A at 8:05 a.m. Students arriving after 8:00 am will be considered tardy.

PreK classes should arrive no earlier than 8:15 am with classes beginning at 8:30 am.

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**Dismissal** times will remain the same as last year, 1:50 p.m. for all bus riders and 2:00 p.m. for all car riders grades Kdg- Gr. 6.. Dismissal for car riders will be called by class as follows: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6. Please wait in your car in the parking lot next to the Parish Offices until the buses leave the parking lot. Then kindergarten parents will come up the walkway and we will dismiss your child to you as you come up to the main entrance of the school. Grades 1- 6, I ask you to follow the same procedure. This will stagger the dismissal, following our distancing guidelines. ( If there is a sibling in an upper grade and the lower grade sibling is being dismissed, the upper grade sibling will also be dismissed at the same time the lower grade sibling is dismissed)

PreK dismissal will be at 2:30 pm. Classes will be called by teacher as follows: Nicole Kraus, Nancy Whelan, Mary Goldsmith, Sharon Brown, Kelly Lambert, Regina Vanderhoff, and Kaylee Trinca. This will stagger the dismissal, following our distancing guidelines. We ask that you allow social distancing when waiting to meet your child.

**Face Masks**

Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in the case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.

All students and staff at Holy Family School are required to wear a face covering and maintain appropriate social distancing when in the school building and grounds. Mask breaks will be given to students during the school day as instructed by the classroom teacher. When students are at their desks working, face masks may be relaxed. Our classrooms will remain at 6 feet distancing as last year.

Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based face covering, (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cuts, bandana) and disposable surgical mask that cover **both the mouth and nose.** Students and parents/legal guardians are responsible to supply and maintain face coverings. Holy Family School does have a supply of disposable face masks for students if they forget their own or soil their mask during the school day.

**School Lunches**

School Lunches are provided for Holy Family School through the West Genesee School District. The price for lunch is $2.70 with milk. Milk without a lunch is $.75. Lunches will be delivered to the PreK classrooms. Students and teachers will eat lunch together. The lunch menu will be sent in a separate email when we receive it from West Genesee School District.



**Opening School Liturgy**

Our opening school liturgy will be on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:00 am. Grades 1 through 6 will be in attendance. Kindergarten and our PreK classes will begin Mass attendance in October. Father Manno or Father Clark will come to school and give their priestly blessing to our Kindergarten and PreK classes after the Mass, blessing our children for the new school year.

**Staff Listing for School Year 2021-2022**

Principal Sr. Christina Marie Luczynski, CSSF Pastor Fr. John Manno

Administrative Assistant Emily Skinner Parochial Vicar Fr. Malachi Clark

In Residence Fr. William Muench

PreK 5 day Nicole Kraus Grade 3 Meagan Walker

PreK 5 day Nancy Whelan Grade 4 Kathy Isgar

PreK 5 day Mary Goldsmith Grade 4 Loretta Bouchard

PreK 5 day Regina Vanderhoff Grade 5 Kathleen Harding

PreK 5 day Kaylee Trinca Grade 6 Carol Shifflet

PreK 3 day Sharon Brown Grade 6 Teresa Nielsen

PreK 3 day Kelly Lambert Resource Denise Clark

Kindergarten Christine Isbell Aide Madalyn Thomas

Kindergarten Michele Murphy Aide Ghadir Hussein

Grade 1 Melody Blake Art Mary Babbles

Grade 1 Cathleen Manfredi Phys Ed Frank Alesci

Grade 2 Katie Ressel Counselor Deborah Melvin

Grade 2 Johanne Grasselli Computer Colleen Rosenthal

Director BAS Brianne Cervino Nurse Diana Rachfal

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