November 24, 2020 From the Principal's Office

At this time of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many ways we are continually blessed by God. For me, the blessings of our students and teachers is the first to come to my mind. The dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff enable our school to be a place of learning, safety, and fun for our students. I am also appreciative of the sacrifices of our parents and the proactive care many are demonstrating in these challenging times. Together, we can move forward in faith and for that, I am very grateful!

Please be reminded that if you are traveling during these Thanksgiving holidays, that a quarantine period of 14 days is required before returning to school. Please see page two of this newsletter for specific information and guidelines.

When we return to school next Tuesday, we will be completing the last week of the trimester. We will also be in the season of Advent, which begins on Sunday. We look forward to completing the year 2020, strong and with confidence!



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Thank YOU!!



Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success! We were able to create 30 tote bags with food and food store gift cards.

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To Do List:

- Pray for an end to the pandemic
- Please be sure to have your mask on properly!
- Attend Sunday Mass (see page four for Mass times)
- Picture retake day 12/2!

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Christmas Virtual Learning Plan

We value the enhanced partnership with our parents regarding the monitoring of the health of our students prior to coming back to school. This has been tremendously effective and is key to having **no reported COVID cases** here at Holy Family.

During the upcoming Christmas holiday, we will rely on that partnership even more, particularly as it pertains to travel. We understand that some families need to quarantine prior to travel to visit aging or compromised family members. To facilitate this, we have virtual learning available during this period to make it easier for you. Please communicate with your child's teacher(s) to facilitate this transition. Also, please understand that travelers entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states, as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.

Archdiocesan policy states that a negative test does not allow for a return from quarantine. If the destination is added to the state list while you are there, even if it was not on the list prior to travel, students would still need to quarantine. If this is in your plans, please let your child's teacher(s) know and plan to pick up all materials prior to your travel.

Another area of concern in which we need your help relates to keeping your child at home if a family member has been exposed to COVID. Moving your child to virtual learning in this situation, can prevent the unnecessary quarantine of other students and provide a safer environment for all.

Traveling to spend time with families is an important activity and one that we value. However, it required additional planning during the pandemic to ensure the safety of all those that travel and those that remain at home.

Home & School News

Fritz's Sticky Bun Fundraiser

(Orders due by December 4th)











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Important Information!

<u>Picture Retake Day:</u> Picture retake day will be on Wednesday, December 2nd. Please be aware that original picture packet needs to be returned. Picture forms have been mailed to virtual students along with instructions for coming to school to have picture taken.

<u>Uniform Reminder:</u> We are now in Winter Uniforms; no shorts please! School policy states that students may wear black school shoes or plain black sneakers (no embellishments). Please be sure that your child is wearing proper shoes each day.

Birthday Treats: We will continue to celebrate our student's birthdays, here at school! Please consider sending in a small individually wrapped item, such as a pencil in a Ziploc bag, for your child to share on his/her birthday. You may want to consider donating a book for the classroom library! Thank you for understanding that we are no longer permitted to share food items in our classrooms.

<u>Masks/Gaiters:</u> Our students are doing a great job coming to school wearing a mask/gaiter; thank you!! Please be sure to check that your child's mask/gaiter fits well; face masks/gaiters need to cover the nose and mouth at all times. Gaiters need to be lined.

STREAM: Due to Covid-19, our STREAM days have been put on hold for the foreseeable future. The purpose of STREAM is to have our students and classes work collaboratively and this is not possible with our current social distancing guidelines.

<u>Dress Down Days:</u> Each month, our Student Council sponsors a \$1 Dress Down Day. Proceeds of our dress down days go towards Student Council sponsored activities.

Amazon Smile: Please consider <u>designating our school</u> when shopping on Amazon. Our school benefits by receiving quarterly deposits from Amazon!

Parish News

Queen of the Universe Father John, Pastor



St. Frances Cabrini
Msgr. McCormac, Pastor
Msgr. Magee, Weekend Assistant



Parish Bulletin

Mass Schedule

<u>Tuesday-Friday</u>: 8:30 am <u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30am ~ 9:30am* ~ 11:30am

*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Note: No music at 7:30am and 11:30am



Parish Bulletin

Pot of Gold Winners (11/23/2020)

Next week's jackpot will be: \$87,000!

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday: 9:30 am Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:00am*

*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Sacrament Information

<u>Presentation of the</u> Candidates for Sacraments

December 6th during the 11:00 Mass for all children in our Parish preparing to receive a sacrament this coming year. The children being presented on December 6th are scheduled to receive either the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 20, 2021, the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 25, 2021, or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 8, 2021.