

*August 12, 2020*  
*Special Edition Newsletter*  
*From the Principal's Office*

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! As we get ready to begin this uncertain year, we are prepared to **F.E.E.D.** our students:

We understand **FLEXIBILITY** is key to our success. Our school will **EMPOWER** our students to do their best whether learning in person or online.

We will continue our rich tradition of **EXCELLENCE** in Catholic education.

**God** has a purposeful **DESIGN**; let us continue to trust in **Him**.



## From the Enrollment Office

We're excited to announce that Mr. Jim Downey will be handling enrollment for our school! Jim is part of the Danaher-Lynch Family

Foundation (DLFF) and worked in our school last year in the role of Development Associate which allowed him to become familiar with many of our families. Contact [jim.downey@hfrcs.org](mailto:jim.downey@hfrcs.org) with your enrollment questions or **tuition credit referrals**.



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#### To Do List

- *Pray for an end to the pandemic*
- *Finish summer reading and math packets*
- <https://hfrcs.org/calendar?month=09&year=2020>

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# Introducing!.....



## Mr. Mike Pacenski

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our middle school team—Mr. Mike Pacenski! Mike will be our new 7th and 8th grade ELA teacher. Mike brings years of experience to our students as a certified ELA teacher for grades 7-12. He has taught in high schools and most recently at Villa Joseph Marie. AND, he comes with celebrity status as he was named the Coolest Teacher by Preston and Steve! I know his expertise will be a blessing to our students and his presence as yet another male in our middle school will be a positive edition to what is already a very strong team. And yes, he is the other half of Mrs. Emily Pacenski, our school art teacher! Welcome aboard , Mike!



## Mrs. Barbara McKnight

Mrs. Barbara McKnight has been hired as our new school nurse. Barbara has over 34 years of experience and recently retired as an ICU unit manager. She has lots of experience in preventative care and is looking forward to serving our school community. Barb graduated from Episcopal School of nursing and then continued her education at the University of St. Francis where she earned a Master's degree in Health Administration. Barb looks forward to working with staff and families to keep our children safe during these challenging times.

## Covid-19 FAQs

*Based on what we know as of August 12, 2020*

**Bussing:** School districts are still making decisions regarding bussing nonpublic school students. We will share this information when we receive it.

**Mask wearing/heat:** Students will be required to wear a mask in school. We will be providing mask breaks during the day. Holy Family masks are not a required part of the school uniform but rather an option for families. Students will begin wearing the summer uniform and this may be extended, if needed, into the fall, to assist in student comfort.

**Tuition:** There will be no reduction in tuition for virtual learning. Teachers are still teaching, now both virtually and in person. The school is also responsible for providing the equipment needed for live streaming instruction.

**Movement:** We will be trying to reduce movement throughout the building. Special subject teachers will be “pushing in” to classrooms for their classes or possibly teaching remotely to students with Chromebooks. We hope to implement a middle school schedule that will encourage larger blocks of learning to decrease constant class changing while still providing the required time of instruction. For longer periods of instruction and in general, teachers will offer brain breaks to alleviate stress. This will look different at each grade level.

**Honors Math:** Students who are a part of the Honors Math program will continue to go to Honors Math for their math instruction.

**Lunch/Recess:** Lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Student will still have access to our free lunch and breakfast program. Students will have outdoor recess but will stay within their cohort (homeroom). Designated outdoor space will be assigned and the cohorts can rotate through the spaces, e.g. field, playground, blacktop.

**Physical Education:** Students will still have PE class. We will utilize the outdoors as much as possible and will provide social distancing and the sanitizing of equipment after each class. Gym Uniforms will be required.

**Survey Choice:** Parents who responded to one particular learning modality in the survey will not be held to this. We will send another form out closer to the start of school for you to indicate your decision for the month of September. Parents will have the option to change their decision monthly.

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## Covid-19 FAQs (continued from page 3)

**Classroom movement and socialization:** Because masks will be worn, they will be able to move in the classroom, but there will be no material sharing and more restrictions on group activities. It is our goal to keep the learning day as routine as possible.

**Academic activities/traditions:** We hope to continue all of our academic learning activities and traditions, though they may look different for this year. We must think outside the box to continue special learning activities in a way that ensures student and teacher safety.

**CARES:** We realize that providing a before and after school program is essential to some of our families. CARES will observe all of the distancing and sanitation observances we will be using in the classroom and the hall will be oriented to provide space that affords distancing for all students.

**Nurse:** Holy Family Regional provides a full-time nurse for our students and will continue to have a full-time nurse next year.

**Enrollment:** We are getting frequent inquiries from parents outside of our school community. We are looking at this on a case by case basis and are considering our current class size in our decision making. We are always interested in growing our Holy Family school community but will not jeopardize the safety and well being of our current students.

## Parish News

### **Queen of the Universe**

*Father John, Pastor*



Click [here](#) for this week's parish bulletin

### **Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday-Friday:** 8:30 am

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

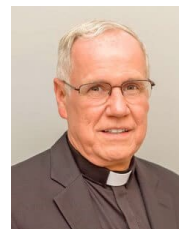
\*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

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

### **St. Frances Cabrini**

*Msgr. McCormac, Pastor*

*Msgr. Magee, Weekend Assistant*



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### **Pot of Gold**

Click [here](#) for this week's winning numbers! Next week's jackpot will be:  
**\$72,000!**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday-Saturday:** 9:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 7:00am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:30am\*

\*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.