

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“Where Faith & Education Meet”

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Dear Holy Rosary Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the last one-third of summer 2018. As with each year, August is a time to start thinking about and planning for yet another school year. Holy Rosary School's first day will be **Tuesday, September 4**, with a full day of classes. **Half-day preschool begins that day (September 4)** as well, while **full day preschool begins Wednesday, September 5**. **The School Opening Liturgy** will be held on **Wednesday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m.** with refreshments following in the Welcoming Center. All are welcome to attend.

Prior to the start of school, we will host an **Open House** on **Thursday, August 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The Open House is an opportunity for students to meet their teacher, place their school supplies in their locker and desk, and get organized. We find the Open House especially helpful for young children as it alleviates some of the anxiety students often experience the first day of school. If you are unable to attend the Open House, feel free to stop in during the day that week with the exception of Monday, August 28, while some of our teachers will be at a workshop in Moorhead.

The school office will be open the week of August 27 - 31 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is the time to complete registration and to pay fees. Please review the following information pertaining to the upcoming school year:

1. **Hot Lunch payable in the school office: “The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”** Student lunches cost **\$3.00 per meal**; \$60 per month; \$498 year (166 days). This includes milk. You can purchase an extra milk for \$0.25. Please complete the **meal application to qualify for reduced-price or free meals. This must be completed each year.** If you have students at the public school please submit a **copy of your application to Holy Rosary School**. The adult meal price is \$3.85 per meal.
2. **Daily snack milk and juice (optional)**: Every class has snack during the day. Milk or apple/orange juice is available to each student in grades 1-8. The cost is \$50 per year for students in grades 1-8. You may purchase snack (milk/juice) by the half-year for \$25 or the whole year at \$50. The second half payment is due January 15th. Kindergarten snack milk is paid for by the Minnesota Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten students do not have juice at snack time, unless they are allergic to dairy products. The preschool teacher will be in touch with parents about snack days.
3. **Allergies: Annual Diet statements** are available in the office if your child has any food allergies. Lactose reduced milk will be provided upon request from the parent.
4. **Sign up with FACTS to make tuition arrangements at www.holyrosarycs.org** **This includes applying for tuition assistance.** Please return the Registration and Fundraising Agreement form before the first day of school. Forms are available on the website: www.holyrosarycs.org under Admissions, Preschool and K – 8 Registration.
5. The **School Calendar** and **Supply Lists** are available on the school website also.

Miscellaneous to Note:

- We will continue to provide an early morning room for the families who are in need of a place for their child before 8:00 a.m. on school days. A faculty member will be in **St. Benedict/Scholastica** every day of the week to supervise, **beginning at 7:30 a.m.**
- Students should be in their classrooms by **8:10 a.m.** on school mornings. Class begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. must stop in the office to obtain a late slip before going to their classroom.
- As you do your school shopping, please keep our **school dress code** in mind:
General Guidelines:
 1. Student Mass days are considered dress-up days.

2. Age appropriateness (as determined by school staff) in all manners of dress is expected of all students.
3. Shorts, skirts, and dresses, should be a length of approximately 2" above the knee. Tight shorts such as spandex are not acceptable.
4. Girls may wear a dress or skirt that extends beyond their fingertips when hands are at their side (instead of 2" above the knee) IF TIGHTS OR LEGGINGS ARE WORN ALSO.
5. For girls in grades 3-8, skin tight leggings are not allowed unless a top of appropriate length (as described in #4) is worn.
6. All shirts must extend below the waist so mid-riffs are not visible. All shirts must be an appropriate cut; low-cut styles are not permissible in school. Shirts should not reveal undergarments.
7. Strapless and spaghetti strapped shirts are inappropriate.
8. Clothing with inappropriate pictures, words, messages, numbers, and/or body references are not permitted including the advertising and/or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
9. Torn, tattered clothing or clothing with holes is not allowed.
10. Students must wear shoes at all times in school. Pre-school students choosing to wear sandals must have those with backs. For safety reasons, all students are strongly encouraged to wear tennis shoes or shoes with backs and should avoid wearing flip-flops.
11. During special events, the school may sponsor specially assigned "dress down" days.

Safe Environment Requirements for 2018-19 School Year

Anyone planning to volunteer to assist with school activities whose involvement has the potential for **unsupervised contact with children**, must complete the Crookston Diocese **Safe Environment Training**. It's not difficult and really takes very little time.

Go to our website www.holyrosarycs.org and click on the following:

1. Resources
2. Safe Environment
3. Safe Environment (again, on the Diocese of Crookston website)
4. Certification
5. Volunteers
6. Fill-in necessary information, take the online test, and submit.

**Or choose the download, print and mail format. Please print a copy of the completed test for your records. If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use a computer at school.

We are still searching for a qualified 4th grade teacher for Holy Rosary School. Please continue praying and be assured that I will be in touch with you as soon as we have hired someone. I am very happy to announce the following staff members of our school for the upcoming year:

Administration and Faculty for 2018-2019 School Year

Principal.....	Cathy Larson
Pastor & Superintendent.....	Msgr. Tim McGee
Associate Pastor.....	Fr. Andrew Obel
Youth Minister.....	Brady Borslien
School Secretary & Fundraising Coordinator.....	Terri Paskey
Business Office (Church).....	Mary Hager
Hot Lunch Program.....	B.J. Herdzina and Sarah Keizer
Preschool.....	Sara Woytassek
Preschool Assistant.....	Pam Gobel
Kindergarten.....	Kimberly Oien
Grade 1.....	Debbie Averbeck
Grade 2.....	Lora Buntje
Grade 3.....	Katie Aligada
Grade 4.....	TBA
Grade 5.....	Jacob Krebs

Grade 6-8 Team.....Laretta Kapphahn - Language/Literature
Jackie Jenson - Social Studies
Jessica Blasczyk – Math, Science, Health
K – 8 Physical Education.....Jackie Jenson
Technology Lab.....Nona Bellware
Resource Center (Library).....Donna Kennedy
1-8 Art.....Laretta Kapphahn
Music and Band.....Terri Hutchinson
Custodians.....Chuck Loreth, Russ Schaefer, Jerry Bursaw

Blessings to you and your families!

Cathy Larson

Principal