Dear Holy Name Families,

As I joined our students during National Reading Day, I was lucky enough to become involved in a book I loved. The pleasure of having minutes of uninterrupted time to freely read was remarkably refreshing during Stop. Drop, and Read. The joy of these pleasant moments led me to remember a wonderful article by Cressida Cowell called “Reading for the Joy of It.” I thought it might be interesting to share some of her thoughts with you on what she calls her mission to encourage children to read for fun. Cowell states that one of the most powerful and life-enhancing gifts we can give to our children is the right to read for the pleasure of it. “Study after study has shown that the two key factors in a kid’s later economic and educational success are parental involvement in education and reading for the joy of it. Books and reading are a special transformative kind of magic that we cannot lose.” The following are Cowell’s ideas on the value of providing our children with the opportunity to read.

Books encourage intelligence.
The more words you give kids, the more they inhale them, joyously.

Books encourage empathy.
Things that happen on a screen happen “out there,” but in a book they happen inside your head. “Books are the best way I know to ‘climb into someone else’s skin and walk around in it,’ to quote Atticus Finch from Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird.”
Books encourage creative thinking and reflection. In a book the reader has to engage in their own act of creation to fill in the blanks. A book is partly what is written and partly what is imagined.

According to Cowell, for all this to happen, children need access to new books, to classic books, to every kind of genre, and to audiobooks, too. “Books read to you by your parents live with you all your life. It’s a shared joy, and sends an important message to a child: books are powerful, magical things that can make your dad cry, or your mom laugh, and have the sort of wisdom that can change your life.”

I am always amused when someone asks me my favorite book. It often seems to be the last one I read. Enjoy these dreary February days with your child by sharing a good book.

Warmly,
Kathleen J Caulfield M.Ed
February Value of the Month: **Love**

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*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

— *I Corinthians 13:13*

February 2  Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church, (Gr. 3 to host)
February 3  Feast of Saint Blaise, Blessing of the Throats
February 4  Project Pantry
  A Bed for Every Child $2.00 or more, Casual Day
February 5  Main Pep Rally for Fun Run at 12:45-1:30 p.m. in Finn Hall
February 6  **Half day of school-Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m.**
  No Boston Public School Bus Transportation at Dismissal
  Faculty Meeting
  Home & School Monthly Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library
February 7  MAP Testing Closes
  Mini Pep Rally for Fun Run (11:50, 12:15)
  “Me and My Guy” Dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Finn Hall
February 9  Family Mass in the Upper Church (hosted by Gr. 2)
February 10  Mini Pep Rally for Fun Run (11:50, 12:15)
February 11  Project Pantry
  Mini Pep Rally for Fun Run (11:50, 12:15)
February 12, 13  Mini Pep Rally for Fun Run (11:50, 12:15)
  Student Council Meeting from 2:35-3:00 p.m. in the Library
February 14  **Valentine’s Day**
  Fun Glow Run, Sponsored by Home and School
  Run 1: Grades 1-3
  (Arrive at 8:30 a.m. / Run: 9-9:45 a.m.)
  Run 2: K0, K1, K2
  (Arrive at 10:15 a.m. / Run: 10:30-11:15 a.m.)
  Run 3: Grades 4-6
  (Arrive at 12:45 p.m. / Run 1-1:45 p.m.)
February 16  Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church

**February 17-21**  **Winter Vacation — No School**
February 17  Presidents Day
February 23  Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. Upper Church
February 24  Buddy Week
February 25  Project Pantry
February 26  Ash Wednesday
  Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes at 9:00 a.m. in Parish Hall
February 27  O’Connor Studios Spring Portraits

**LOOKING AHEAD**

March 27  Grandparents’ Day/Special Persons’ Day for Grade 1–6
  Dismissal at noon – No Boston Public School bus transportation at dismissal
April 14  Ballroom Dance Spectacular, 9:00 a.m. for students; 1:00 p.m. for parents in Parish Hall
May 14  Art Fair, Main Building (K1-Gr. 6), from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Parish Information

The Family Liturgy is held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church. We hope that all parents will try to attend the Family Mass and worship together. As in the past, we are anticipating that each Holy Name student will participate with his or her family and/or class at the Family Liturgy. The continuing participation of our children at Mass involves assisting with music sheets, the offertory collection and presenting the offertory gifts. The schedule of grades to assist at the Family Mass is as follows:

- February 2nd  Grade 3 to assist
- February 9th Grade 2 to assist
- February 16th
- February 23rd

Holy Name Parish
Family Liturgy
Every Sunday
9:00 a.m.

Holy Name Parish School celebrated Catholic Schools Week January 27th - January 31st. Catholic Schools Week began on Monday with a Mass of celebration. Father Evans presided over the Mass with Father Garza, with Student Council members assisting. Father Evans in closing said The Mass marked the beginning of our week celebrating Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.

The Value for the month of February is LOVE.
“Love one another as I have loved you.”
JOHN 15:12-13
We are only two weeks away from the Holy Name Glow Fun Run and we are so excited at the tremendous outpouring of community support thus far. With the help of this great community, we have been able to secure over 30 sponsors for the event.

Now the students have a chance to help us raise money as PLEDGING IS NOW OPEN FOR THIS EVENT! Our goal is to raise $35,000 for curriculum and technology updates. Remember to register your students at FUN-RUN.com to start the pledge process. Please help us spread the word and let us know if you are available to volunteer and cheer your children on the day of the event (February 14th) by signing up here.

**SPOTLIGHT: Student Fun Glow Run - February 14, 2020**

We are so excited for the upcoming Fun Run which will take place during the school day on February 14th! All students at Holy Name will participate. In order to make this event successful we will also need lots of volunteers the night before for set up and throughout the day. Register here to volunteer and help us to make this event a great success.

The "run" consists of 35 laps around the gym that are choreographed to a soundtrack that tells students what to do: slow motion lap, skip lap, silly lap, etc. Students help to raise money by asking friends and family to pledge a certain amount per lap with the pledging period kicking off two weeks before the event.

The Fun Run and all of the mini pep rallies leading up to the event will occur during school hours with children participating by grade at the times listed below.

Run 1: Grades 1-3 (Arrive at 8:30/ Run from 9:00-9:45)
Run 2: K0, KI and KII (Arrive at 10:15/ Run: 10:30-11:15)
Run 3: Grades 4-6 (Arrive at 12:45/ Run 1-1:45)

Parents are welcome to come watch their kids run! We have created an FAQ page here so that you can read more about the event.
**BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Spring Raffles**

We have some great items that will be available through our upcoming spring raffles. Be on the lookout for Camp Registrations and New England Aquarium tickets! More information coming soon!

Like us on facebook at [Holy Name Parish School Fundraising](#) to learn more about the upcoming Bazaar and our other events!

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**School News– Service Projects**

**Food Drive for Family and Community Resources, Brockton**

Food Pantry Fill Up! The Family and Community Resource Center is grateful to the Holy Name Community for the amazing and generous donations to their food pantry. Amy Bolinder-Lorch (HNPS parent and FCR clinician) and Student Council members worked together to make this food drive happen. “Many times families come to us with just the clothes on their backs when escaping a violent situation. Our ability to set a family up with food and other necessities helps to start the healing process.” Over 20 bags of hope for these families were delivered! Once per month the Food Pantry collection will be for the Family and Community Resources, Brockton.

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**School Wide Service Project for the Residents of Sophia Snow.**

During Catholic Schools Week the students decorated placements ~ Valentine Theme. The placemats will be delivered to the Sophia Snow Home before Valentine’s Day and will be used at meal time to spread some cheer. Holy Name plans to further our relationship with the residents in the future months.

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**A Bed for Every Child (Our Third Year!)**

The [Bed for Every Child Program](#) fundraiser will be on **Tuesday, February 4th**. This Casual Day, sponsored by Student Council, will be $2.00 or more. Last year, we raised enough to sponsor and build thirteen beds for thirteen children in need of a bed. There are children throughout our state that do not have a bed of their own. They sleep on the floor, share a bed, or sleep on an air mattress or couch. Without a good nights sleep they are tired in school and have trouble learning. We hope that with your generosity we can give more children the gift of a good night’s sleep. This program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. [https://www.abedforeverychild.org/success-stories](https://www.abedforeverychild.org/success-stories).
**Move Up Day!** Younger students visited with older students and discussed their grade.

**Catch the Spirit Day!**

**Fun Glow Run—February 14th**

All students will wear Gym Uniform, sneakers — The Fun Glow Run t-shirts will be handed out on the day of the race in their classroom.
Holy Name Happenings!

Grade 2 is in the Spotlight this month!

Second Grade

*Many exciting things are going on in Grade 2.* As of the new year, our second graders have begun learning to write in cursive and are mastering it! Before Christmas break Miss Tino’s class and Mrs. Sanders’ class started a new tradition: The Historic Tribe Project. Students constructed their own versions of a Native American shelter and presented them to their families and Holy Name students and staff. They were quite impressive! Students also collaborated in partnerships to become experts on a foreign country’s Christmas traditions. They created detailed posters, and presented them to the Holy Name community as well. Last month many boys and girls received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We spent a lot of time talking about the importance of following the Commandments and asking for the blessing of forgiveness. We now look forward to our next special Sacrament, First Communion. Looking ahead, we have another exciting project we will be working on. Grade 2 students will read a biography book of their choice and will “become” that person in our “Living Wax Museum”. Lots to look forward to!

Happy Valentine’s Day!!