



Dear Holy Family School Community,

We hope you have been making the most of these beautiful summer days! Whether you're new to HFS or your kids have been attending for years, this year will look a little different but it is going to be amazing. We still believe it is in the best interest of our children's spiritual and academic development that we return to campus 5-days a week for our students in some form. We acknowledge there may be changes based on mandates we will need to follow - and we are preparing for all possible scenarios - but we do believe our students should return to campus. We've missed them...and you!

We will start each school day with a temperature check by a staff member. Staff and students will wear masks (as mandated by our Governor) for most of the day, but we are building breaks for all into the day when it is safe to do so. Children ages 3-5 are encouraged to wear a mask, but it is not required. Time to wash hands has been built in throughout the day. We've enhanced cleaning procedures and there are several other safety measures that may go unnoticed by students but will be in place to provide the highest level of safety possible in our current environment. For our complete safety plan that is currently under review with the Thurston Department of Health and the Office for Catholic Schools go here: <https://tinyurl.com/safetyplanHFS>

We recognize some students may not be able to attend in person even with these enhanced safety procedures, and we will still partner with these families through engagement with our teachers. Families would only need to provide a note. In fact, at any given time your family may need to err on the side of caution with an illness or any symptoms. We want everyone to feel comfortable with our virtual school plan and our physical school plan, because within either one effective, faithful, and differentiated teaching and learning plans are being designed for September.

That said, we do intend for many classic HFS traditions to continue - albeit with some adjustments. We are still planning to welcome you at the Back to School Picnic (renamed HFS Great Race), some version of the Halloween Carnival, and a fun new



Christmas program! First, though, mark the calendar for these events noted below.

You can always find all the events on our school calendar [here](#).

August 11: Parent Association Meeting

August 8/9 - HFS Virtue Day - Support Catholic Education by going to Mass at Sacred Heart church this weekend in your uniform <https://www.sacredheartlacey.com>

August 15 - Virtual Mass & Social: participate in Mass at home with the HFS community on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 26 - Back to School Social - more information coming soon

Last week of August - Kindergarten assessments

September 2: First Day of School 8:10-11:50 a.m.

Most of all, please know it is still our mission and heart that every student and family member be welcomed into our HFS family. It is our heart that our community really connect and reconnect this year as we pray for our HFS family this year that we rest united in the HOPE provided by our God. We will focus on living out the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Schools theme this year: Igniting HOPE.

***“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31***

With the Peace of the Holy Family,

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