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Dear Parents,

*Thank you to all who purchased items through AmazonSmile from October* 1<sup>st</sup> – *December 31<sup>st</sup>*, 2016; the school receive \$63.66 from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday which begins the Holy Season of Lent. The following are some Lenten Programs for your consideration:

- A copy of the *Holy Name Parish 2017 Lenten Program* is included with today's letter; there are many opportunities available.
- Seminarian Juan Carlos Munoz and Religious Education Director Patrick McNabb are presenting Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism Series" on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. The program is being offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Center. The first meeting was February 22<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended. If you are looking for an evening with light refreshments, fellowship, and a study of the faith, this series is ideal.
- *Holy Name School's Ambassadors are giving all students the opportunity to participate in a special program from March* 1<sup>st</sup> *through March* 15<sup>th</sup>. The Ambassadors are challenging their fellow students to ask themselves "How can I be more like Jesus?" Included with today's letter is an informational flyer about this special program.
- Stations of the Cross is a devotion that can occur on any day or at any time; however, most find that the Stations of the Cross are prayed more frequently during Lent. Holy Name School students will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>; the Middle School students will be leading the students in prayers on these days. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> are the First Fridays of each respective month; since we have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of each month, we will not be praying the Stations of the Cross on those two Fridays.
- **Diocesan Women & Men's Conference at Stonehill College on Saturday, March 11**<sup>th</sup>. Bishop da Cunha's letter and other information is included with today's letter; the deadline for registering for the conference is tomorrow, Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a PTO Meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

*A lunch form for the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup> is enclosed*. If ordering lunch or milk please return the completed form with payment by noon on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, no lunch or milk orders will be accepted after that time.

*There is a Movie Night this Friday, March*  $3^{rd}$ . The flyer was received too late to be attached to the February 14<sup>th</sup> letter but was distributed through our classroom advocates. The movie to be shown is "*The Secret Life of Pets*!" The cost of admission is \$2 per family which includes FREE popcorn, candy, and drinks. Certainly sounds like a nice evening for a family. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Please contact Stephanie Gaspar at <u>stephaniegaspar84@gmail.com</u> with any questions. A flyer is included with today's letter.

*February Birthday Dress Up Day is this Friday March*  $3^{rd}$ . Any students whose birthday is in February does not have to wear his/her uniform this Friday. Please check the Birthday Dress Up Restrictions which can be found on Page 18 of the Student/Parent Handbook.

A March calendar is included with today's letter. Please note the Upper School Dance has been rescheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items over the next few months for "The Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry at St. Bernadette Parish". Items that are especially needed are: Hearty Soups and Stews, Clam Chowder, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese and both Hot/Cold Cereal. If you can bring in a non-perishable food item, please do so; the food items will be sent to St Bernadette's once each month.

We are continuing to accept registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. If you did not receive a re-registration form, please let the office know. Thank you.

*In March, we celebrate Women's History Month. Women have contributed to our society in medicine, literature, the arts, and so much more*. Mrs. Kepinski, Holy Name School's Grade 5 teacher, would like to showcase, again this year, the accomplishments of some of the women from our Holy Name School community by asking them to volunteer to speak to our students about their profession or other topic of interest. The students will benefit from the experience and wisdom the volunteers offer. If you are interested in sharing some of your accomplishments with our students, please contact Mrs. Maryanne Kepinski at <u>mkepinski@hnsfr.org</u> or by stopping by her classroom (Grade 5) before or after school. The women who participated last year are also welcome to be a part of this year's program.

Thank you again for all your help,

Patricia M. Wardell

Holy Name School provides a Catholic education within an atmosphere of academic excellence. While providing Catholic values, students are challenged to do their best, to nurture their gifts and talents, and to develop curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Holy Name School strives to produce confident, competent, and caring individuals who can work cooperatively, show respect for one another, and who demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Catholic values. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

