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Dear Parents,

****Save the date!! On Wednesday, November 25th, Holy Name School will hold its 4th Annual CHIPSTRONG WALK-A-THON. This year the walk will support the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry at St. Bernadette Parish. There will be more information in next week's Tuesday Letter.**

A lunch form for the week of November 9th through 13th is enclosed. If ordering lunch or milk please return the completed form with payment by noon on Thursday, November 5th; no lunch or milk orders will be accepted after that time.

Weather permitting there will be a CYO Car Wash this Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school yard. Also, there is a CYO Coaches meeting tomorrow evening, November 4th at 6 p.m. in the Computer Room.

An Updated November calendar is included with today's letter.

There is a PTO meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend. An agenda is included with today's letter.

The **Safety Committee** met last week and has elected to make some changes in our ID Card policies. **As a Tuesday, December 1st a picture copy of the Parent ID Card will no longer be accepted.** Should parents forget their cards they will be asked to step aside and a school representative will call the classroom and have the students sent to the office. Also, **the committee members decided to increase the pick up security by asking all parents to complete an "Authorized Pick-up Form" which will list the individuals to whom ID cards have been given and who may pick-up students.** A copy of the "Pick-up Authorization Form" is included with today's letter. Please complete this form and return it to school by Monday, November 9th. Lastly, **it was decided to have a Lock Down Practice on Tuesday, November 17th in the afternoon. The next meeting of the Safety Committee is Monday, November 30th at 3 p.m. in Grade 3.** If you are interested in joining this committee, please let the office know.

Reminder: The Class of 2016 is having a Pampered Chef fundraiser; orders may be placed on line. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help to offset the students' cost for the Washington, DC trip. **Also, There is a "Pampered Chef Party at 6:30 pm Thursday, November 5th in the Parish Center; all are welcome to attend.**

The school is trying "Field Trip Zoom" which is a company that offers many experiences for students through "Virtual Field Trips". We have signed up for two such field trips. **The first for Grade 7 – "Be a Brain Builder";** this video conference with a representative from the McMillen Center for Health Education (located in Fort Wayne, IN) is schedule for 9 a.m. on Friday, November 13th. The second coincidentally is scheduled on the same day for **Grade 3; it is "A Plant's Life"** and will be conducted through Longwood Gardens (located in Kennett Square, PA). **Both of these "Field Trips" have a hands-on component; we will be asking the students, teachers, and staff members involved to evaluate the merit, appeal, value, and usefulness of the "field trip".** Today, Kindergarten students joined Grade 5 students in going to UMass Dartmouth on a Field Trip to view various displays of bones. The "Virtual Field Trips" cost about half of what an out-of-school field trip cost due primarily to the cost of bus transportation.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Wardell, Ed. D.
Principal

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.

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