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Very Rev. Jay T. Maddock, VF, Director and Pastor

May 3, 2016

Dear Parents, Progress Reports are issued today to all students in Grades 1 through 8.

Saturday's Spring Gala was a huge success. The evening began with Fr. Jay sharing his views on Catholic Education specifically the Christ centered academic excellence at Holy Name School. He was followed by two lovely testimonials by Ms. Brittany Juszkiewicz and Mrs. Sonia Bjerre about their commitment to Catholic Education and Holy Name School. In many ways the evening was one of appreciation – a thank you to the parents and parishioners who have and continue to support the efforts of the school and the faculty and staff on whose hard work and dedication the accomplishments of the school rely; it was also a time for amiable conversations, appetizing and scrumptious food choices, many interesting and enticing silent auction items and baskets, and the opportunity to dance to music provided by the DJ.

The committee members had arranged the room ideally so that guests would enjoy the complimentary wine/beer, listen to an ensemble, and view the many interesting and enticing silent auction items and baskets. The evening's buffet stations were situated around the back third of the room which left amply space for guests to choose which course to have first, second .... Special thanks to Carly White, Gina Orlando-Medeiros, Amanda Pierce, Jen Bogan, Danielle Vital, Erin Lavoie, Chris Cyr, Stephanie Gaspar, Jayme Chippendale, Henry Krauzyk, Chris Peckham, Holy Name School's Classroom Advocates, all the others who worked on the various committees, and all the parents who supplied many of the items for the baskets – without everyone's input, support, and work the Spring Gala would not have become a reality nor a phenomenal success.

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation; our weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesday.

A lunch menu order form for the week of May  $9 - 13^{th}$  is enclosed. If you are ordering lunch or milk, please return the order form with payment by Thursday, May 5th.

Included with today's letter is a listing of upcoming Fall River Parent Academy classes for May.

Reminder: There is a PTO Meeting tomorrow evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center; agenda included with letter. Parents of the Class of 2016 will meet in the Parish Center this evening at 6:30 p.m.; the agenda is the Washington DC trip.

Holy Name Parish will have its Vacation Bible School 2016 "Cave Quest – Following Jesus the Light of the World" August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. A registration form is included with today's letter; for more information please contact John Pietruszka at 508-678-7532 or faithformation@holynamefr.com.

There will be a Father / Daughter Dance on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the school's auditorium. A flyer is included with today's letter.

*An updated May calendar and a June calendar are included with today's letter.* Please know that changes and additions will, very likely, be made to both calendars.

Included with today's letter is a copy of the latest letter to parents from PACE (Parents Alliance for Catholic Education). Also included with today's letter is a Donnelly's Uniform Apparel "Time to Order" flyer.

<u>Holy Name School's Teacher Appreciation Day and Luncheon is Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.</u> Included with today's letter is a flyer requesting volunteers; if you can help us on May 25<sup>th</sup>, please email Danielle at deev630@yahoo.com or contact the school.

The faculty and staff join Fr. Jay and me is wishing a very blessed Mother's Day to all our Holy Name School Family Mothers.

Sincerely,

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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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