

Dear Parents,

Hopefully, you and your children have settled into the routine of school. There have been many new updates to the curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. Our new math series may seem daunting, but our teachers are working diligently to integrate methods and techniques to establish positive results in increased comprehension, critical thinking skill building, and procedures to provide relevant evidence that our children are receiving a strong foundation and continuing instruction in mathematical concepts. The selection of the math series was an on-going process beginning more than two years ago. Much research has gone into its implementation. Holy Family School has collaborated with personnel from the Diocese of Springfield, public school entities, and several private and public elementary, middle, and high schools. We have teamed with St. Boniface, St. Mary, and St. Elizabeth schools and are closely monitoring our progress and challenges.

The Diocese of Springfield has instituted the “Restored Order” for our schools and parishes. Holy Family will follow the Sacramental order of First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation to be received by the third grade students. We have updated and expanded our Religion curriculum. The family is the first place the word of God is presented, received, and nurtured. Please encourage your children to share their faith thoughts with you. As a faculty and staff we are here to support you.

Holy Family has updated the Accelerated Reader Program. Our beautifully refurbished library has added many new selections for the students to enjoy. The program is created to enhance the school

reading curriculum and encourage creativity and the development of writing skills.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 have shared their enthusiasm for the new Social Studies series. Many innovative interactive technological resources have been integrated into the program.

Within the last three years Holy Family has updated the curriculum with new Language Arts, Math, Science, English and Writing, and Social Studies/Geography programs.

Thank you to our amazing and hard-working parents, grandparents, and parishioners for your prayers and financial support. You have made these advantages in academic opportunities a reality for our children!

My love to you and your families,

Margaret Pennell, Principal

P.S. These are some of the Fundraisers our families have put in many hours planning, organizing, and fulfilling work commitments:

- Bingo
- Glo-Bingo
- Gala
- Golf Tournament
- Candy Sale
- Numerous Raffles
- Book Fair

**IMPRESSIVE!**