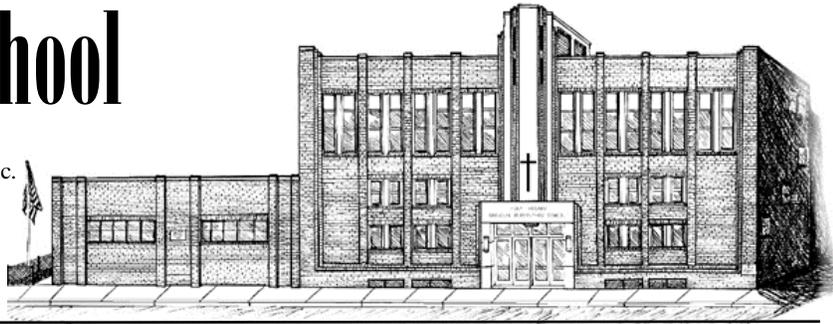




Holy Rosary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As principal, I join our faculty and staff in welcoming your sons and daughters for the 2020-2021 school year to Holy Rosary School. While your family continues to enjoy these summer months, please allow me to share the following information regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

First I have to say that the reopening of the school year will be different this year. I do not have any concrete information on how our school day will go. All I know is that we will be doing what is best for your child's safety and the safety of our faculty and staff. I will do my best to keep you notified with any information as soon as it is released to me.

I look forward to all the wonderful sounds of the new school year and working with you to make it successful. Looking towards a fun filled year without interruptions (fingers crossed). I have been trying for a couple of years to move our school into a "Greener" state. We have been posting more information on remind as well as our website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org). With the last 3 months of distance learning, the "Go Green" has proven to be successful. Holy Rosary will be posting even more information for our HRS families on our website. One of our major changes will be the lunch menu. I am working on having our lunch menu available online so you can place your monthly choices without printing and returning. Although we are "Going Green", doesn't mean you have to. If you wish, you can print the lunch menu yourself, complete and send back to school with your child. Once it is set up, I will let you know and send directions as needed. Thank you in advance for helping our school "Go Green"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13

FACULTY

Holy Rosary would like to welcome Ms. Melissa Dusovic, our new Kindergarten teacher. Ms. Dusovic comes to us from Monsignor McHugh School. I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Ashley McCawley in accepting the 2nd grade position.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The yearly calendar is on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org). Please review it carefully, as it is aligned with the calendar of the Diocese of Scranton System, and not necessarily the public school system calendar. Some important information concerning the beginning of our school year follows:

First Week of School for 1st through 8th grades will be FULL DAYS except Friday: (Friday, September 4, 2020 will be an 11:00 AM dismissal)

Grades 1-8	Monday, August 31 st
Kindergarten	Tuesday, September 1 st
PK 4 year old	Wednesday, September 2 nd
PK 3 year old	Tuesday, September 8 th

PK and Kindergarten Orientations

In the past we have always had an in person orientation for Preschool and Kindergarten students and their parents. Due to Covid-19 this year I am not sure how it will be possible. We will work out something and keep you informed. As of now, please make your calendars for the upcoming dates.

- Preschool 4 Year Old Monday, August 31st from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- Kindergarten Monday, August 31st from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Preschool parents will receive a more detailed letter concerning preschool matters from Mrs. Simkulak.

The First Two Weeks!

- ***There will be an EARLY DISMISSAL on Friday of the first week of school. Dismissal on this day will be at 11:00AM.*** This will be our usual early dismissal time.
- **Lunch:** Information included in this letter.
- ***Back to School Night*** for grades 1-8 is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 PM. This will most likely be a zoom conference with your individual homeroom teacher. More information to come.

- There will be no school on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday.
- Holy Rosary School will celebrate our **Back to School Mass** on Friday, September 4th at 9:00AM. This will be a live stream mass that you can watch on Nativity of Our Lord Facebook site.

FIRST DAY INFORMATION

As we all follow the CDC guidelines, you are welcome to gather with your children in the back parking lot prior to the opening bell at 7:45 AM. I am sure there are pictures to be taken and last minute hugs and kisses to be shared! Please keep in mind the social distance and wearing of masks at all time. A mask will be mandatory for all children (PreK – 8), Faculty and Staff. Mask are to be worn all day in school, removed only when eating or drinking. Your child’s mask needs to cover their nose and mouth at all times. I am asking that your child’s mask is an appropriate design for our school building. You may want to add your child’s initial to the inside of the mask. Once the bell rings, we do ask that you say your “goodbyes” at that time, so we can begin our usual morning routine of having the children enter the building by grade. Parking is available in the lots across from Holy Rosary School and the Church.

Weekly Folder

On the first day, information will be available to view on the school website. Please review it carefully, as some items must be returned and are time sensitive.

Start and Dismissal Times

For 2020-2021, the Holy Rosary School day will begin at 7:45AM and will end at 2:15 PM. All faculty, staff & students temperatures will be taken daily prior to entering the building. We ask, for the benefit of everyone in the school, that you kindly keep your child home if he/she is sick. If your child has a temperature you will be asked to come and take them home.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

7:45AM	First bell
7:55AM	Second bell/ Opening Prayers
8:00AM	Classes begin

Please note: Any student arriving after 7:55AM must report to the school office for a late slip. Three late slips will result in detention. Consistent tardiness will result in additional disciplinary action. This policy will begin the week of September 8th to give everyone (students and parents) the opportunity to adjust after summer vacation.

10:50AM	Lunch for PK4-K-1-2-3
12:00PM	Lunch for 4-5-6-7-8
2:10 PM	Classes end/Closing prayers
2:15PM	Bus dismissals begin, followed by car riders and walkers; dismissals are from the front of the school building.

- ***Please be aware the bus companies' schedules may necessitate minor changes to this schedule. If that happens, I will advise you when I receive notification.***
- Questions concerning busing please contact your individual school districts.
- ***Preschool students will receive information concerning their daily schedules from Mrs. Simkulak. Their start and end times are the same as students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade.***

SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

I am hopeful that our lunch program will remain the same during these unfortunate times. Moving forward, our plan is for the students to remain in their classrooms for the lunch period. If any changes are made, I will make sure to notify the families of Holy Rosary. As of now, hot, nutritious lunches are served to students on a daily basis, and participation in the school hot lunch program is highly recommended. Holy Rosary School is a member of the ***National School Lunch Program***. Therefore, we can provide free and reduced price lunches for families with qualifying incomes. *Applications for free/reduced price lunches will be posted on the website. Please be assured applications are kept in the strictest confidence.*

An August school lunch menu is on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org). Future monthly menus will be posted, and we will inform you when it is time to make your selections.

Cost:

- Student lunches will be \$3.00 per day, and \$.40 for reduced price lunches. At this point in time, there will not be an increase in price. Please note that it will be reviewed in January.
- Seconds are available at nominal prices (i.e., hot dog - \$.50).

To Purchase Hot Lunch:

- All lunches must be pre-ordered and pre-paid.
- Lunch will be ordered by the month.
- Some families have credits from March that can be used towards your September Lunch menu. They will be emailed to you by next week.

- ***IN THE NEAR FUTURE***, We will be moving to an online ordering system. For the first week and month, please print off the menu, complete and return with your check.
- Please use a separate order form for each child. (one check) Don't forget their name and grade.
- The remainder of the September menu will be posted on our website the first day of school.

First Week Lunch Schedule:

- Lunch will be served Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week of school.
- The lunch menu for M-T-W-Th-F is on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org).
- To purchase lunch during the first week of school (M-T-W-Th-F): Please print the menu and mail or drop off with your payment by Monday August 24th.
- It is very IMPORTANT that you follow the menu return date. Menus will not be processed after that date.

AFTER CARE PROGRAM

Holy Rosary School will offer an After School Care Program (ACP) for the 2020-2021 school year. Students enrolled in grades Pre-K4 to 8th are eligible. This program will reflect the philosophy and mission of Holy Rosary School.

Hours of Operation:

During regular school days, the program will operate from the time school is dismissed at 2:15 PM until 5:30 PM with all CDC guidelines in place. The After Care Program will be available only on the scheduled early dismissal days until 3:00 PM, not available on early dismissal due to bad weather or Nov 25th, Dec 23rd, March 31st. The ACP will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Registration Form:

All students who may participate in the After Care Program must complete a registration form which will be included on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org). Please return it the first week of school.

2020-2021 ACP Fees:

Time	Fee: 1 child	Fee: 2 children	Fee: 3 children	Fee: 4 children
11:00 - 12:00	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
12:00 - 1:00	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$19.00
1:00 - 2:00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00
2:00 - 3:00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00
2:15 - 3:30	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
3:30 - 4:30	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$19.00
4:30 - 5:30	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00

Payment: Families will be billed monthly with payment due upon receipt.

GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The school gift certificate/voucher program provides an excellent opportunity to receive credits to reduce your tuition obligation. If you wish to participate in the voucher program during the summer, please note they will be sold in the Holy Rosary Gym on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM ONLY on the following dates:

TUESDAY, JULY 28

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Families, also, can order gift certificates/vouchers with the on-line program through ShopWithScrip.com.

Vouchers will NOT be sold during the first week of school. The usual schedule will resume on Thursday, September 10th, 8am – 10am. Beginning the second week of school, you may send in your orders on Thursdays each week, and they will be filled and sent home with your child on the following Thursday. Local merchants will be sent home that day. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS

By now, all families should have completed the ***FACTS Agreement Form*** online for tuition payment. If you have not completed this tuition form, IT IS ESSENTIAL that you contact the school office immediately. ***This information must be completed in order for your child to begin classes in August, 2020.***

If you have any questions regarding tuition, please contact the school office at 570-457-2553 or Katie Henry, Diocese of Scranton, Office of Catholic Schools at 570-558-4341 or email Katie-Henry@dioceseofscranton.org.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniforms

At this time, the summer uniform will be worn for the entire 2020-2021 school year. During the winter uniform months, students will wear the summer uniform and a Holy Rosary Sweater shirt if they are cold. No other sweatshirt will be permitted during the school day. This year students are not required to wear the winter uniforms.

The school uniform policy is on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org). Please review it carefully as it is expected that all students adhere to the policy beginning the first day of school. Please refer to the policy on our school website for details.

REMINDER: the gym is open during office hours for any family in need to take part in the uniform exchange. You can also drop off any gently used school clothes.

Uniforms are required for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. They can be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara Uniforms, in the former Sunshine Market Plaza on Rte. 315, Wilkes-Barre or can be ordered by calling 1-800-441-4122 or online at www.flynnohara.com. Please order/purchase your uniforms by the beginning of August to ensure your child will have them by the first day of school.

Gym Uniforms

For the 2020-2021 school year, gym uniforms must be purchased at:

Mad-Tees

340 Main Street, Dupont

Phone: 654-8337

Please see uniform letter on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org) for details. Gym classes will begin the second week of school. The gym class schedule will be included in the First Day folder on the website. Gym class as well as other specials are being worked out as to how they will take part in the weekly schedule.

NOTE: FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, ALL K-8 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN FULL GYM UNIFORM FOR THE FIRST GYM CLASS. NO OTHER SHORTS/SWEATS WILL BE ALLOWED!

CLARIFICATION: As part of the gym uniform, all students are to wear the navy tee shirt with school logo. Students may wear “spirit” tee shirts (purchased through the school) on the SECOND Thursday or Friday of each month (depending on when their gym class is scheduled.) Navy tee shirt must be worn on all other gym days.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

At the end of the school year, each child who will be entering first through eighth grade was given a list of required school supplies for his/her grade. Due to space constraints, only the required supplies are permitted in school, and NO SPIRAL TABLETS OR BINDERS ARE ALLOWED.

The following items are **required purchases at school:**

- Tablets (grades k-3)(grade 4 - do not have to be purchased at school)
cost: \$1.75
- Writing journal (grades k-3)
cost: \$1.75
- Student Planner (grades 2-5)(grade 6-8 - do not have to be purchased at school)
cost: \$5.00

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION/CLEARANCES

I am grateful to all parents, grandparents and family members that help at HRS! Once again, this school year will be different in all aspects. I will keep you posted on our volunteer policy and visitors into the school. If and when visitor are welcome, **they are required to have their clearances on file in the office.** You will need these clearances to accompany your child on their field trips. If you would like information regarding how to obtain your clearances, please call the office.

Looking to see what is happening at HRS? Check out our public Facebook page – search for Holy Rosary, Duryea.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support. Being blessed with such a wonderful school family, I am looking forward to an exciting and successful school year. For now, enjoy the rest of the summer! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Blessings!

Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Principal



Reminders

Masks are required for every student, faculty, staff and visitors in our building.

The Dress Code for students attending Holy Rosary School

(Grades K through 8) is on our school website (www.holyrosaryduryea.org), and all students are expected to adhere to it beginning the first day of class, August 31, 2020.

Reminders:

- *Our Back to School Mass will be on Sept. 4th
- * No alteration of ANY kind to the student's natural hair color
- * Unusual haircut is NOT permitted