



BLUE NOTE

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

HSCS WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 3: First Spirit Day

Sept. 6: Labor Day-No School

Sept. 7: HSA meeting @ 7pm

Sept. 8: Parent Sacrament Meeting
(Catholic 2nd receiving First
Communion and 5th & 6th graders
receiving Confirmation) @ 6pm

REMINDERS:

- Spirit gear orders are due by **Friday, Sept. 3rd.**
- Drop your students off at the parish center doors. Please try not to come inside.
- **Dress Code Reminder: Shirt colors are to be light blue, white, or hunter green.**

UPDATE

Please read Father Bill's letter included with this note about what is happening in the parish regarding COVID measures. Additionally, I want to inform families about recent COVID information that has come my way. I have been attending semi-monthly meetings with county health officials, hospital officials and educational entities within the county. I even received a phone call from our county health official, Dr. Jean Stachon. In each of these conversation, I have not been given pleasant news about the increase in positive COVID cases and hospitalizations in the county. As you may know, the school district has reported having 42 cases of COVID among students and staff. Western Wyoming Community College has instituted masks in their facilities. The hospital has about 9 COVID cases and is having problems finding beds for others due to rising numbers elsewhere. As of last Tuesday, the hospital has been seeing a 25% positivity rate in COVID tests, and we have had 49 new cases in the county since Friday. Currently, the county has 189 lab confirmed active cases. This information comes from the state [COVID website](#). Dr. Stachon is worried and hoping to slow down the spread, especially the new Delta variant which has hospitalized at least 2 individuals under the age of 16 in the state. **She and other county medical personnel strongly encourage mask use as a measure for slowing down our growing numbers.**

Father Bill, the board and I are diligently monitoring the situation in our county.

These numbers are worrisome. The board, Fr. Bill and I are meeting this evening to

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discuss possible additional measures for our school besides social distancing, hand washing, households screening for symptoms, keeping kids home when sick and desktop shields.

Please keep in mind that as Christians we are people of action and part of our social teaching is love for the vulnerable, our neighbor and those in need. Please pray for our school family in making COVID decisions. Also, please pray for those already afflicted with and affected by COVID.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Some of families may have noticed the cones in front of the parish center doors when dropping off students in the morning. These cones have been placed there to be a "DROP OFF AREA." This area's purpose is to provide a convenient place for families to drive up between the cones and the sidewalk to let their student(s) out and leave without parking. Since it is right next to the curb, this areas allows for students to safely exit a vehicle and make it into the parish center without crossing the street or being in the way of traffic. **Please DO NOT PARK in the "DROP OFF AREA."**

If you walk your students to the parish center doors, please drop them off outside and avoid walking in to the parish center. We are trying to limit visitors to the building.

This also goes for parents at the end of the day. Please wait for your student(s) outside of the building. Teachers will be at the doors to get students to their parents waiting on the sidewalk or in the back parking lot. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

SCHOOL LUNCH

We have had a bit of difficulty coordinating lunches with the district as well as getting our new stove/oven installed in our lunch room. The oven is now installed and so we will be resuming hot lunches this week. The following is the menu for Aug. 30th-Sept. 2nd:

Monday: Meatball Sandwich

Tuesday: Hog Dog

Wednesday: French Bread Pizza

Thursday: Turkey Deli Sandwich

Friday: ?????

As soon as we get a menu calendar from the district, we will resume our normal lunch routine of families letting us know what hot lunches their children will eat. Please know the federal government has extended the free lunch program for this school year so you will not need to send lunch money with your student. If and when this program ends, we will let families know so they can start sending lunch money with their student(s). Thank you!