

December 27, 2023

Dear Parishioners & School Families,

In an effort to communicate with you, I would like to provide clarification I received from the Archbishop concerning his letter sent on December 7 notifying our parishes of his decision to close both Lindsay Holy Family and St. Francis 7-12 schools. His response is as follows:

Father Stan,

I am happy to repeat and clarify what has already been communicated. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, both Humphrey St. Francis Junior and Senior High School and Lindsay Holy Family Junior and Senior High School will close. Those entities will cease to exist. A new junior and senior Catholic high school will then open in the fall, 2024, on the Humphrey campus, with a new name and a new mascot. Thank you for agreeing to submit to me suggestions for the school's name and mascot, so that I can make a choice based on your local input.

Thank you for your pastoral leadership. You and your parishioners are in my prayers during this holy season.

Most Reverend George Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha

Name and mascot suggestions are currently being collected by principals of both schools, Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Dunn. I am now asking those who submit suggestions to include the significance of the name and mascot. Explanations will be used when narrowing down the list submitted to the Archbishop. Suggestions can be emailed, mailed, or placed in the Sunday collection basket at church. If you have previously submitted a name or mascot that does not meet the Archbishop's criteria you are welcome to submit additional suggestions with the significance explained. Submissions are due by January 1.

In Christ's Peace,



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