



August 18, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We had a great “First Day of School” and it is wonderful to have all of the children and teachers back in the building! We began our day with an all school assembly and prayer, asking God’s blessings for our students, parents and families. We welcomed 27 new families to Holy Childhood School and 2 new teachers/staff! I am confident they will quickly become a part of the HCS family!

Each week, we will attend Mass on Tuesday and Friday. Please join us tomorrow or any Tuesday or Friday!

Dr. Raben will be here next Thursday for sports physicals for any student who still needs one. The forms are in today’s folder and must be presented for the physical.

Students in grades 5-8 must return their Chrome book agreement form initialed and signed by parent and student by Monday. Chromebooks will not be distributed until the form is returned.

Next weekend is the annual Fish Fry and Parish Picnic. Your help is needed for both of these events. If you would like to volunteer to work, please contact Mrs. Cornman and sign up. **DUE TO SET UP FOR THE PARISH PICNIC, PLEASE DO NOT PULL ONTO THE PARKING LOT NEXT WEEK. Also, all students will need to bring their lunch and drink next Friday, August 26 and Monday, August 29 as the cafeteria is in full use and clean up for picnic.**

Speaking of volunteers, many hands make light work! If you have time to help supervise lunch and recess, please speak with Mrs. Mugele and sign up at Volunteerspot.com. All volunteers (lunch supervisors, field trip volunteers, classroom helpers, etc.) must first complete each component of the Safe Environment program before you begin. There is an Initial Child Protection Policy Training tonight at Holy Trinity in Fairview Heights (6:30-8:30) and August 29 at Notre Dame Academy, Belleville, St. Augustine Campus (6:00-8:00) and also August 29 at St. James Millstadt, (6:30-8:30)

If your child/children ride the bus to and/or from school, the bus numbers and routes have been assigned. Those families who live in town and do not have direct access to the bus service may still use the “shuttle bus” to and from the middle school. Your child would be transported to/from MMS to Holy Childhood. If you have questions about buses, please feel free to contact the Mascoutah School Bus Garage.

Just a reminder: please enter the school parking lot using the entrances closest to the church/rectory and exit via the exit next to the playground. All children should enter the building via the gym lobby doors which

will be open at 7:30 each morning and locked at 8:00. If your child arrives after 8:00, he/she should enter school via the main door and report to the office for a tardy slip.

This morning we had our first “Feeding God’s People” sandwich day and made 889 sandwiches! Thank you for your generosity and your help!

I am looking forward to a fabulous school year as we work together, pray together and play together!

Blessings,

Claudia J. Dougherty, M.A., Ed.S.
Principal

Calendar:

Friday, Aug 19	School Mass
Mon-Fri. Aug 21-26	Set up for Parish Fish Fry and Picnic
Thursday, Aug. 25	Sports Physicals
Friday, Aug 26	Parish Fish Fry
Saturday, Aug 27	Parish Picnic/Chicken Dinner
Sunday, Aug 28	Clean up from Parish Picnic
Tuesday, Aug 30	Kindergarten Parent meeting – 7:00 in Kindergarten classroom
Thursday, Sept. 1	HOPE meeting 6:30 in cafeteria – babysitting available
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day – no school

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Gift cards may be purchased in the school office Monday thru Friday. Cards will also be sold in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. Purchasing gift cards is a great way to support Holy Childhood School! Thank you!