



December 15, 2016

Dear Parents,

Today, students in grades 3 thru 8 had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Special thanks to Father Paul and Father Jerry for offering us this opportunity! The days of preparation are exciting and we continue to wait for Baby Jesus on Christmas Day!

This morning teachers, parents and students joined together to make 785 sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Society's "Feeding God's People" program. The total number of sandwiches donated this year is 4,629. Thank you to all who donated sandwich items and time. We are sharing the gifts we have been given in a joyful way!

The first semester ends on Tuesday. Report cards will be available on January 5. Please feel free to check your child's grades any time on Fast Direct! Also, all registration fees and technology fees should be paid by now. If you still need to pay, please do so. Thank you to the many parents who faithfully pay tuition timely. If you have fallen behind, please catch up as soon as possible.

If you shop on Amazon, don't forget to log onto [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and choose Holy Childhood Church as the nonprofit recipient. Amazon Smile donates one half of one percent of your purchase. Also, Gift Cards are available daily in the school office and after all weekend Masses in church. Help HCS as you complete your Christmas shopping!

It has been a custom at Holy Childhood School that any parent/family who wishes to do so donates money that is given to our Pastor and Associate Pastor for birthday and Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate money to this gift, would you please send it to school with your child in an envelope marked "Priests' gifts" tomorrow or Friday? I know both Father Paul and Father Jerry do not expect anything, but are grateful for the gifts they receive.

Tuesday (Dec. 20) is a special day starting with Mass, followed by a visit from Santa, Christmas parties and excitement for vacation. Students may dress out of uniform. There is no charge to dress in Christmas sweater, shirt or colors and jeans. **We begin Christmas break at 3:00 on Tuesday, December 20. We DO have bus service on December 20.**

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish you a very holy and blessed Christmas. May the wonders and blessings of the birth of the Christ child be with you and your family. We also wish you a very happy New Year! School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd! **NO BUS SERVICE ON JAN. 3.**

Blessings,

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

## **Calendar:**

Tue. Dec. 20                   End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
                                      Begin Christmas Break at 3:00

Sunday, Dec. 25               MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Jan 1                 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday, Jan. 3              Classes resume – **NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE**

Thursday, Jan. 5             Report cards  
                                      HOPE meeting – 6:30 p.m.

## **Scripts**

Christmas is quickly approaching! Please consider helping to support Holy Childhood School while doing your Christmas shopping! Holy Childhood School has gift cards to many restaurants and retailers in stock. However, the gift cards that are in stock are only a small representation of what can be ordered. The whole list can be found at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com); click on the "shop" button to see a full list of retailers. Gift cards are sold in the gathering space after Mass or in the school office during school hours. For more information, please stop by the gathering space after Mass or contact Alison Hart at [alisonannhart@gmail.com](mailto:alisonannhart@gmail.com) or 618-304-8122, or Cheryl Dressler at [cdressler@of90.net](mailto:cdressler@of90.net) or Cheryl 806-4961. Thanks for supporting Holy Childhood School!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

We are looking for a third coordinator from HCC to help us out with VBS this year. Please contact Jody Cozzi at 618-509-0027 or Jiyeon Schroeder at 618-567-9076 if you are interested or know of someone! Thanks