



January 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching! Make plans now to attend Holy Childhood of Jesus School Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 11:30-1:00. Join faculty, students and families at 10:30 Mass and then visit the school. **A BLESSING OF THE NEW ADDITION WILL BEGIN AT NOON IN THE LOBBY.** Father Paul will bless the new addition and we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 12:00 noon. Invite a new family to come and see all that Holy Childhood has to offer! A complete schedule of the week's activities is in today's newsletter. There may be a few changes to this schedule/ Parents are invited to attend activities (Rosary and Parent Lunch –Monday, Tye-Dyed Iguana presentation – Tuesday, Mission Carnival – Wednesday, Spelling Bee – Thursday, Trivia, Taco Dinner and Munchkin Basketball – Friday).

Yesterday, registration for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program opened. If you did not complete Part 1 of the process and wish to do so, please log in to [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org). This program is based on donations and we are hopeful that all donors from last year (and some new donors) will donate to Holy Childhood. The program is open to families with students in grade Kindergarten through 8 and is based on family income. Even if you received a scholarship for the current school year, you must reapply. The reservation form is **part one** of the application. Families who registered yesterday will receive an email to access **part two** in the empowerXchange portal. Part two is when families will upload household and income documents, and complete the full application. Visit Empower website for additional application resources including How to Apply video, FAQs, step-by-step application instructions and more. If you have questions, please contact me at 618-566-2922.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest is scheduled for Monday, January 20 from 10-noon in the gym. Entry forms may be obtained from the school office.

This morning, we made 584 sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. That makes our total for the year 3,323 sandwiches! Thank you students and families for your donations and for your help making them.

Thank you also to the Uniform Closet committee (Mrs. Berthe, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Randall. They spent all morning cleaning and organizing the closet. It looks amazing!!

Please keep our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi in your prayers as they participate in the REAP retreat on Saturday.

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

## Calendar:

Saturday, Jan. 18	REAP RETREAT – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi
Monday, Jan. 20	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 10-Noon
Thursday, Jan. 23	Out of uniform day – for \$1.00 your child may dress in his/her favorite color
Sunday, Jan. 26-31	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!
Sunday, Jan. 26	Mass, Open House and ribbon cutting, blessing of the new building
Monday, Jan. 27	All Diocesan Schools will pray the rosary at 8:30, Parent Lunch, Faith based movie
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Mass, Presentation by Tye-dyed-Iguana
Wednesday, Jan. 29	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School, Mission Carnival
Thursday, Jan. 30	Spelling Bee
Friday, Jan. 31	Trivia, Taco Dinner, Munchkin Basketball

### News from the NURSE

**Reminder that dental forms are due in May for students currently in grades K, 2 and 6. Please make your appointments now to meet the Illinois state deadline!**

## In the Library News: Read Around the World Contest

**Traveling to North America:** Thomas Harris, Stanley Link, Violet Lowry, and Aggie Shining - 7<sup>th</sup> ; Grady Binsbacher- 6<sup>th</sup> ; Dara Shninger- 4<sup>th</sup> ; & Emmet Baker- 1<sup>st</sup> grade. - **All students may participate in a Crazy Sock Day at the end of the year.**

**Traveling to Europe:** Luke Beck, Connor Herbert- 4<sup>th</sup> ; Lucy Jean Christ & Jacob Wolbeck- 2<sup>nd</sup> ; Sophia Uptergrove- 1<sup>st</sup> grade. **All students may wear a travel T-shirt at the end of the year.**

**Traveling to Australia:** Ava Barttelbort- 7<sup>th</sup>; Katie Berthe – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Avery Larsen- 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mary Grace Beck, Luke Beer, Parker Crow, Kaelyn Kinzel, Roman Smith, Eli Stumpf, & Quinn Wolf- 1<sup>st</sup> grade. **All students may wear a hat with their travel T-shirt.**

**Traveling to Africa:** Ava Barttelbort- 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Brody Colon, Neve Satterfield - 1<sup>st</sup> grade. **All students may wear HCS spirit wear at the end of the year.**

**Traveling to South America:** Halle Brennan -2<sup>nd</sup> & Autumn Randall- 1<sup>st</sup> grade. **All students earn a non-uniform day.**

**Traveling to Asia:** All students have earned the End of the Year reward!!!!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

### Camp Ondessonk

Parents, please find more information about opportunities for growth and summer fun on our (<https://Ondessonk.com>). Send your registration forms in soon to ensure you get a spot in the week of your choice. Also visit our [YouTube](#) page to see videos of the summer to learn more and see the beauty of summer.