



August 17, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 32 new families to Holy Childhood School and 2 new teachers! I am confident they will quickly become a part of the HCS family! Thank you to the cafeteria ladies (Mrs. Cornman, Mrs. Norrenberns, Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Norgard) for preparing our welcome dinner! Thank you to School Board Members (Mr. Hart, Mrs. Moll and Mrs. Uptergrove) for putting our new welcome signs in the yards of our new students!

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, August 24, for sports physicals for any student who still needs one. If your child still needs a sports physical, please call the school office and a physical form will be sent home for you to sign. The cost of the physical is \$25.00.

Monday is the Solar Eclipse. Permission slips were in your packet for children in grades Kindergarten thru 8. If you want your child/children to participate, please sign and return the permission slip. We have approved viewing glasses for all students, teachers and parent volunteers. If you have time to volunteer and help with students, please indicate on the permission slip. Students may, and are encouraged to wear a baseball cap on Monday as an added precaution. Lunch recess will be in the classrooms, window shades will be pulled down and hallway windows will be covered. The time of the eclipse in our area is from 11:50 until 2:43. Dismissal at 3:00 will be as always – students leave the building and meet the bus or their parents/carpool. Please reinforce with your child to follow the directions and safety instructions of his/her teacher.

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 25 and Monday, August 28 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 contact me. 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 August 22 at SS Peter and Paul Church in Waterloo (6:30-8:30), August 24 at St. John the Baptist School, Red Bud (7:00-9:00) and also August 29 at All Saints Academy, Breese (6:00-8:00).

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 492 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 18	School Mass
Monday, Aug 21	Solar Eclipse
Mon-Fri. Aug 21-25	Set up for Parish Fish Fry and Picnic
Thursday, Aug. 24	Sports Physicals
Friday, Aug 25	Parish Fish Fry
Saturday, Aug 26	Parish Picnic/Chicken Dinner
Sunday, Aug 27	Clean up from Parish Picnic
Tuesday, Aug 29	Kindergarten Parent meeting – 6:00 in Kindergarten classroom
Monday, Sept. 4	Labor Day – no school
Thursday, Sept. 7	HOPE meeting 6:30 in cafeteria – babysitting available

SCRIPS

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