



August 20, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 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 welcomed 19 new families to Holy Childhood of Jesus School and two new teachers! I am confident they will quickly become a part of the HCS family! Thank you to School Board Members for putting our new welcome signs in the yards of our new students!

Mrs. Ronda Beck, a school parent and parishioner is teaching our part time 4year old children. Mrs. Debbie Francis, a parishioner and retired kindergarten teacher is teaching our kindergarten children. Miss Olivia Moll, a graduate of HCS and current MHS student is working in our aftercare program. Welcome to our new faculty and staff. We are so blessed to have you here working with our children!

The health and safety of each of our students, teachers and staff is our top priority. We are adhering to the plans we have in place that follow all guidelines from ISBE, CDC, St. Clair County Health Department and the Diocese of Belleville. Children are wearing face masks, social distancing, completing self-monitoring via the Miinehealth app, washing hands often and using hand sanitizer. Mr. Kerwin and Mrs. McDermott are cleaning and disinfecting the building daily. Thank you parents for your patience as we work through the Miinehealth app. This morning it worked much better! Please give the teachers in the parking lot your family name so that I can begin checking it on the computer. Once you are near me, your child may leave your vehicle or you may still need to show me your phone if your child is not listed. I am working with the Diocese to make corrections and help trouble shoot issues.

Beginning Tuesday, we will attend Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. Children in grades 1-4 will attend Mass in person on Tuesday and grades 5-8 will attend Mass virtually. On Thursday – the opposite grades 5-8 will attend Mass in person and grades 1-4 will attend Mass virtually.

Just a reminder: please enter the school parking lot using the entrances closest to the church/rectory from Green Street and exit via the exit next to the playground. At dismissal, PLEASE be very cautious when driving through the parking lot. Our children are excited to share stories from their day and are not always aware of moving vehicles. PLEASE help us keep our children safe!

Thank you parents for sharing your most precious gift, your children, with us!

Blessings,

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

