



August 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of the second week of school! It has been a good week – we attended Mass this week – grades 1-4 physically on Tuesday and Grades 5-8 physically on Thursday. The students not attending physically attended remotely via the live stream. We are becoming accustomed to having remote learners as well as face-to-face learners and as always, working through a few problems with technology.

Yesterday afternoon, students, teachers and staff had a surprise. HOPE had an ice cream truck come to school and everyone chose their favorite cool treat! It was especially nice because the temperature has been warm this week and everyone enjoyed their treat! Thank you HOPE!!

The Miinehealth app is working better each day (or maybe we are becoming acclimated to it)! Yesterday morning, everyone was checked in and inside the building before the 8:00 bell rang. Thank you parents for your patience in the drop off line as we are working through the challenges with technology and a new program.

The Diocese is following guidelines from the Illinois State Athletic Association concerning sports teams. At this point, 7th and 8 grade boys are playing baseball. Wednesday September 16th, the boys' baseball team will be playing at the Grizzlies stadium against St. John the Baptist-Red Bud. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please contact Heidi Kilian or any team parent for tickets. Girls' soccer is not being played at this time. Basketball for both boys and girls is being discussed and additional information will be shared once decisions are made.

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 to all who recently purchased items on Amazon Smile! Holy Childhood received \$92.89 in dividends!

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Blessings,

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