



December 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

Excitement throughout the building continues to build. Last night was the Christmas Concert which was marvelous! Thank you students and Mrs. McCuddy-Bonsall for all of your hard work and spreading a warm Christmas spirit! Thank you parents, grandparents and friends for attending the concert and for helping to put chairs back on the racks!

The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest entries are due tomorrow. Voting will take place this weekend following all of the Masses. This morning students in grades 3 thru 8 have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you would still like to donate to Father Paul’s Christmas gift, would you please send your donation in tomorrow? Thank you! Tomorrow is also the last day to send in gently used coats for Cairo. There is a box in the main hallway of school and also in church.

We are registered as a nonprofit recipient for Amazon Smile. If you purchase from Amazon, please log onto Smile.Amazon.com and choose Holy Childhood Church as the nonprofit recipient. Amazon Smile donates one half of one percent of your purchase. Happy shopping!

Empower Illinois Scholarship Information – This past year, many parents applied for Empower Illinois Scholarships. Quite a few received scholarship money from the donations we received. The program is working on year two and sent the following information:

- Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on **January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.**
- The application is a two-part process
- Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications
- Schools and families will be notified when part two is available

Families can complete part two on empowerXchange and are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact me at 618-566-2922.

Next Thursday is our monthly Feeding God’s People sandwich making day. Please join us in the cafeteria.

The first semester ends next Friday. Grades will be available following Christmas break.

We are in the process of creating a marketing video highlighting HCS. A film crew will be here on Monday. When moving throughout the building, they will be accompanied by our marketing consultant and/or me.

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

Calendar:

Friday, Dec. 14 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7p.m. and 8th grade night during basketball games
Thursday, Dec. 20 Feeding God's People sandwich making and Spirit Wear
School Board Meeting
Friday, Dec. 21 End of 2nd quarter
Christmas vacation begins at 3:00
Monday, Jan. 7 Classes resume
Thursday, Jan.10 Report cards available on Fast Direct

SCRIPS

Scrips gift cards may be purchased in the school office or following each weekend Mass.

BOOKFAIR UPDATE

Fall 2018 book fair results:

Books Sold: 550

Reading Minutes: 98,973

