



December 14, 2017

Dear Parents,

Excitement throughout the building continues to build. Tonight is the Christmas Concert beginning at 7:00 in the gym. Yesterday we had a full rehearsal and if that is any indication of tonight's performance, it will be marvelous! Thank you students and Mrs. McCuddy-Bonsall for all of your hard work and spreading a warm Christmas spirit!

Congratulations to the kindergarten class for winning the November Box Tops contest. They collected 400 Box Tops and may dress out of uniform on Monday, December 18.

Next Wednesday, December 20, Holy Childhood will host an initial Child Protection meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you still need to attend an initial meeting, please make arrangements to attend on December 20th! Call the school office to register.

The state of Illinois recently passed the Invest in Kids Act to help provide families funding to attend the school of their choice. The Tax Credit Scholarship Program begins in January 2018 and will automatically expire in January 2023 unless it is changed by the legislature. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis and income criteria (beginning with household annual income less than 185% of Federal Poverty level, 185%-250% and 251%-300% of Federal Poverty level). Please see the attached program description for additional information. Applications will be accepted beginning January 2, 2018 (even though additional information still needs to be disbursed to us from the state about the process). For additional information, please see the Diocesan website (www.diobelle.org) and click on Tax Credit Scholarship tab or the State website (www.EmpowerIllinois.org). The state website is also the site that will be used to apply for scholarships in January.

If you would still like to donate to the Priests' Christmas gift, would you please send your donation in tomorrow? Thank you!

This is the last newsletter of 2017. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish you and your family joy and happiness as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Wednesday, Dec. 20	End of second quarter Christmas vacation begins at 3:00
Monday, Dec. 25	HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS
Monday, Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Wednesday, Jan 3	Classes resume at 8:00

SCRIPS

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

Amazon Smile

As you continue your Christmas shopping, please remember to log into Amazon Smile when purchasing through Amazon. By choosing Holy Childhood Church, a percentage of your purchase is returned to the school. Help HCS as you shop!

Golf Tournament

It is not too early to think "Spring" and "Golf"! Mark your calendars so you don't miss the Holy Childhood Golf Tournament scheduled for **Friday, April 20, 2018**. We will be doing a 12:00pm Shotgun start.

Christmas Clean-Up- As you're preparing for new Santa gifts, please consider donating any out-grown items to the HCS Library for the store. We can use gently-used books, games, toys, etc. No fast-food toys please. Merry Christmas from the Library!

From the library:

All-Star Reader's Roster 2017-2018

Little League- Emily Reinneck, Abigail Uptergrove & Carson Weiss- 8th grade; Annie Beck, Sarah Whittom, & Abe Woodrome- 7th grade; Josie Athy, Jake Fritz, Katie Mueth, & Nolan Rongey - 6th grade; Hayden Etter -3rd grade; Connor Herbert- 2nd grade;. **All readers earn a Crazy Sock Day during Library Week.**

Junior Varsity- Tom Beck & Ella Lowry- 8th grade; Bronwen Zacharski-7th grade; Gregory Adams -6th grade; Eli Woodrome- 4th grade; Jaxon Whittaker - 3rd grade; Austin Wuebbels- 2nd grade; Kathryn Berthe, Raylan Cahill, Owen Elbe, Henry Faus, Natalia Flores, Noah Woodrome- 1st grade. **All readers may wear a sports team hat during Library Week.**

Senior Varsity- Bella Hart- 7th grade; Ian Moll-6th grade; Mackenzie Eschmann, Pete Meng, & Ethan Mueth- 1st grade. **All readers may wear a sports team t-shirt during Library Week.**

Minor League- Ian Moll- 6th grade; Kate Brennan- 3rd grade; **All readers may wear HCS Spirit Wear during Library Week.**

Major League- Isabella Uptergrove- 4th grade; **All readers earn a non-uniform day during Library Week.**

HALL OF FAME- **All readers earn the End of the Year reward!!**