



December 20, 2018

Dear Parents,

This morning teachers, parents and students joined together to make 749 sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Society's "Feeding God's People" program. The total number of sandwiches donated this year is 3,511. Thank you to all who donated sandwich items and time! We are sharing the gifts we have been given in a joyful way!

The first semester ends tomorrow. Report cards will be available on January 10. Please feel free to check your child's grades any time on Fast Direct! Also, all registration fees and technology fees should be paid by now. If you still need to pay, please do so. Thank you to the many parents who faithfully pay tuition timely. If you have fallen behind, please catch up as soon as possible.

Tomorrow (Dec. 21) is a special day starting with Mass, followed by a visit from Santa, Christmas parties and excitement for vacation. Students may dress in a Christmas shirt, sweater or colors and uniform bottoms. **Christmas break begins at 3:00 tomorrow. There is NO AFTERNOON bus service TOMORROW.**

If you shop on Amazon, don't forget to 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. Also, Gift Cards are available daily in the school office and after all weekend Masses in church. Help HCS as you complete your Christmas shopping!

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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.

On behalf of Father Paul, Deacon Dan, the faculty and staff, we wish you a very holy and blessed Christmas. May the wonders and blessings of the birth of the Christ child be with you and your family. We also wish you a very Happy New Year! School will resume on Monday, January 7th!

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Friday, Dec. 21	End of 2 nd quarter Christmas vacation begins at 3:00
Monday, Jan. 7	Classes resume
Thursday, Jan.10	Report cards available on Fast Direct HOPE meeting 6:30
Friday, Jan. 11	Little Flowers, Blue Knights and Edge
Saturday, Jan. 12	8 th grade Confirmation Retreat 11-4

SCRIPS

Scripts 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