



February 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! We have been celebrating with different activities all week and today parents were treated to donuts at dropoff and we have the spelling be at 9:15. Good luck to all participants! Tomorrow is Trivia (students may wear their thinking caps), Faculty Appreciation Lunch sponsored by HOPE, taco dinner sponsored by Athletics and Munchkin Basketball. I hope your children have enjoyed their special week!

The state of Illinois Invest in Kids Act found their website and application process was not ready for the traffic on opening day. As soon as I hear the website is again available, I will forward a message to all parents. I did look at the application information and you may use either the 2016 tax information or the 2017 information. For additional information, please see the State website ([www.EmpowerIllinois.org](http://www.EmpowerIllinois.org)) and the Diocesan website ([www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)) and click on Tax Credit Scholarship. The Empower Illinois website is also the site that will be used to apply for scholarships.

Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning the January Box Tops Contest! A total of 1,443 box tops were turned in and 8<sup>th</sup> grade turned in 300. Eighth grade students may dress out of uniform on Monday, February 5.

Next Wednesday is the informational meeting for any child planning to attend Kindergarten at HCS in August 2018. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the kindergarten classroom.

Next Thursday, February 8 is the monthly out of uniform day. For a \$1.00 donation, your child may dress out of uniform. The theme is "mismatch". Also next Thursday Progress reports will be available for viewing on Fast Direct.

Since Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday, we will have Valentine's Day parties on Tuesday, February 13. Students may dress in red, white or Valentine's shirts and jeans. We will not attend Mass on Tuesday, February 13, but we will attend Mass on Wednesday, February 14 for Ash Wednesday.

Please keep Dr. Gibson and his family in your prayers. Dr. Gibson's brother passed away last week.

Blessings,

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

## **Calendar**

Thursday, Feb. 1	HOPE meeting 6:30
Friday, Feb. 2	Taco Dinner; Munchkin Basketball
Monday, Feb. 5	8 <sup>th</sup> grade out of uniform – Box Tops Winners
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Kindergarten Parent meeting- 6:30 for children entering in the 2018-2019 class
Thursday, Feb. 8	Out of Uniform Day – for \$1.00 donation, students may dress “mismatch” Progress reports available
Saturday, Feb. 10	Mother/Son Glow Party sponsored by HOPE
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Valentine Parties; out of uniform for Valentine’s Day
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday – All School Mass
Thursday, Feb. 15	Feeding God’s People Spirit Wear Day 11:30 Dismissal – Faculty Professional Development School Board
Friday, Feb. 16	No School – Faculty Professional Development
Fri-Sun Feb. 16-18	Luke 18 Retreat
Monday, Feb. 19	No School – Presidents’ Day

## **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!

## **Fund-a-Need**

Please consider donating to the HCS Athletics Fund-a-Need at the 2018 Munchkin Basketball event on Friday, February 2. Every penny raised will go toward installing two LED scoreboards in the HCS gymnasium. Look for the Fund-a-Need table in the gym lobby, and donate any amount that you would like. Any and all donations are welcome and APPRECIATED!

## **Catholic Schools Week Activities**

- Thursday, Feb. 1 – Donuts at drop off for parents. Students may dress in HCS spirit wear or colors. Spelling Bee at 9:15 – please join us!
- Friday, Feb. 2 – Trivia in the morning. Faculty/Staff Appreciation lunch sponsored by HOPE. Taco Dinner beginning at 4:00 sponsored by Athletics. Munchkin Basketball games begin at 5:30