



February 11, 2021

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools week is completed and we continue to move through the school year! The extreme cold and inclement weather has forced us to stay indoors for recess, so we set our sights on spring! We are celebrating Valentine's Day today. Students are dressed in pink and red shirts and will be having special treats or classroom parties this afternoon.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year will begin today. Registration materials are in today's News & Notes. Also, please share the good news about a Holy Childhood School education with your friends considering a Catholic-Christian education. Our "virtual tour" video is posted to the school website at [www.holychildhoodschool.com](http://www.holychildhoodschool.com).

We do not have school tomorrow for Faculty Professional Development and we are off on Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day. If you travel over the long weekend, please self-quarantine for 10 days before returning to school. (Day 1 of the 10-day quarantine begins the day after you return from your travels and your child may return the day after day 10.) Thank you parents for your help in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will attend Mass virtually and Father Paul will come over to school to distribute ashes. Rice Bowls are included in today's News & Notes. Please consider using these to help those in need.

**Do you pay income tax to the state of Illinois? Did you know that a donation to the Invest in Kids Act would allow you to take 75% of a donation as an Illinois tax credit? Donations by individual donors may be designated to Holy Childhood School and would benefit families and children with tuition assistance. Holy Childhood School has been blessed with an anonymous \$30,000.00 donation; however, it is a one to one match so for every dollar donated, we receive a one dollar match from the anonymous donor. Your donation is sent directly to Empower Illinois who will credit HCS account. Please contact Mrs. Dougherty at 618-566-2922 for information on how to donate. Every donation is most appreciated! Please help us reach our goal! This match is only available from February 1 to March 31. Anyone who has Illinois income tax liability is asked to consider helping us reach our goal.**

Blessings,

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

Principal

## **Calendar:**

Friday, Feb. 12	No School – Faculty Professional Development
Monday, Feb 15	No School – Presidents’ Day
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday – we will attend Mass virtually and receive ashes in school following Mass
Friday, Feb. 19	Out of Uniform - Spirit Wear Day

### **News from HOPE**

To maintain the many experiences our students receive beyond the classroom, Holy Childhood Organization of Parents and Educators (HOPE) volunteers fund raise to provide activities for students and resources for teachers. HOPE provided a visit from an ice cream truck twice last fall, the Pumpkin Patch/Fall Fest, special events and presentations, Santa’s visit, resource materials for teachers for their classrooms and so much more. Beginning next week, HOPE is sponsoring an online APACHE CASH raffle. For just \$25, you can help support HOPE and have a chance to win a Grand Prize of \$2,500! 2nd Prize is \$500, and EVERY Friday throughout the raffle 2 winners will each receive a \$100 scrip gift card of their choice and will be re-entered to continue to win. Please be on the lookout for the email that will contain your family’s purchase link next week. To make the raffle a success, please consider forwarding the email link onto friends and family as well as posting to social media sites such as Facebook. A special thank you to the sponsors who have helped make this possible. Raffle starts February 16 and goes until March 12; let’s help make it a huge success!

### **News from the NURSE**

Dear Parents of grades Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> , and 6<sup>th</sup>

Just sending out a reminder, as the year is flying quickly, be sure to get your child scheduled for their dental appointments. It is a State of Illinois requirement and the form will be due in May of 2021. If your child has a current one on file, as they are good for 18 months, no further action is needed. Appointments will still be hard to obtain due to the pandemic, so please schedule early. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### **SCRIPS**

Scrips gift cards may be purchased in the school office.