



February 18, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are still experiencing cold temperatures and now we have snow! Hopefully the snow will melt this weekend with the predicted warmer temperatures. Tuesday was a remote teacher planning day and yesterday was a remote learning day. As of right now, we will not need to add any additional days to the end of the school year. Fingers crossed that we are finished with snow and ice!

Registration forms for the 2021-22 school year were in last week's News & Notes. If you will be enrolling a student new to Holy Childhood School, or preschool and need registration forms, please call Mrs. Elmore and she will send them to you. 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).

This morning, all students attended Mass via live stream. We are once again participating in the CRS Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowls were sent home last week. Please consider using these to help those in need. Beginning next week, students will pray the Stations of the Cross each week.

HOPE is sponsoring a Cash Raffle again this year. A flyer is in today's newsletter. HOPE provides many of the "extras" for our students, teachers, and staff.

**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 the HCS account. Please contact Mrs. Dougherty at 618-566-2922 for information on how to donate. Every donation is most appreciated! To date, we have \$11,500.00 pledged. 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. 19	Out of Uniform - Spirit Wear Day
Friday, February 26	MHS Counselors meet with 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students and parents
Wed. March 10	Spring Photos – additional information coming soon from TSS Photography
Friday, March 12	11:30 dismissal – Faculty Professional Development
	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
Thursday, March 25	Report cards available on Option C

### **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 this 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.