



February 25, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have not only been enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine, but we have also been having outside recess! The students needed to get outside to run and play! Please remember, even if it is cold, we will go outside for recess. Students do need to wear a coat on cold days to be ready for outside recess.

In today's Newsletter you will find a permission slip for the Safe and Sacred Children's Program, formerly known as Good Touch/Bad Touch. The Safe and Sacred program has similarities and differences from Good Touch/Bad Touch. Mrs. Cozzi and Mrs. Renth will be teaching this program to our students. Mrs. Cozzi and Mrs. Renth both attended a training session and are ready to share the information to help keep our students safe. They will teach age appropriate material for the age and maturity level of each class. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Cozzi, Mrs. Renth or me. PLEASE sign and return the permission slip on or before Monday.

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, middle school students prayed the Stations of the Cross following Mass. Each week, students will remain in church and pray Stations – Tuesday is primary students, Thursday is middle school students. We are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowls were sent home last week. Please consider using these to help those in need.

We are near the end of another month! If you pay tuition monthly, please check OptionC to be sure your account is up to date. If you have questions, please contact me.

HOPE Raffle continues! Tickets are \$25.00 each and for every 3 you purchase, you receive one free. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact the office.

**Invest in Kids Act-Empower Scholarship program allows donors to take 75% of a donation as an Illinois tax credit and individual donors may designate Holy Childhood School as the donation recipient. 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 \$13,500.00 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, 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**

Scraps gift cards may be purchased in the school office.