



January 10, 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas filled with joy as we welcomed Baby Jesus into our homes and hearts! The time off from school was wonderful and restful. We are back to our routine - classes, homework and afterschool activities!

Registration for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program begins next week. **Empower Illinois will accept application reservations (Part 1) beginning on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Application will be available at empowerillinois.org.** This program is based on donations and this year we were very fortunate to have an anonymous donor gift to Holy Childhood. The program is open to families with students in grade Kindergarten through 8 and is based on income level. Even if you received a scholarship for the current school year, you must reapply. Families will receive an email to access part two of the application on January 18, 2019 through their new portal on empowerXchange. Please see the information sheet attached to this newsletter for additional information. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Congratulations to the 8th grade girls' basketball team and their coaches for a stellar season. This team compiled an amazing 25-1 record and they are the 2019 Diocesan Champs!

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching! Make plans now to attend Holy Childhood of Jesus School Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 11:30-1:00. Join faculty, students and families at 10:30 Mass and then visit the school. Invite a new family to come and see all that Holy Childhood has to offer!

The first quarter ended at Christmas break and report cards are now available on Fast Direct. Please be sure to check your child's report card and discuss it with him/her. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. IOWA Assessment information is also included in today's newsletter.

Next Thursday is spirit wear day and our monthly sandwich making day. Please join us at 7:30 in the cafeteria to help clients of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please bring meat, cheese and bread if possible.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

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
Wednesday, Jan. 16	HOPE Chick Fil A fundraiser
Thursday, Jan. 17	Spirit wear, Feeding God's People, School Board
Monday, Jan. 21	No School – Martin Luther King B.D
Thursday, Jan. 24	Box Tops turn in date
Sunday – Friday, Jan 27-Feb. 1	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Additional information in next week's newsletter

SCRIPS

Scripts gift cards may be purchased in the school office or following each weekend Mass.

HOPE

- Our next HOPE fundraiser will be at Chick-Fil-A in Belleville on Wednesday, January 16th from 4-7 p.m. Please mention HCS when you order inside or in the drive thru.
- This year's mother/son dance party will be on February 2nd at 6:30 pm. This is a fun night for HCS boy students and their mom or other special adult. More information to come.