



January 11, 2018

Dear Parents,

We are working to move forward, placing our trust in our loving God. Today we have a counselor in the building from Scott Elementary School and from Mascoutah Elementary School for students, teachers, staff and any parent who wishes to speak with them. This evening at 6:30, our parish and school family, along with our two partnership parish families will come together to pray. We are a strong, faith-filled community!

The state of Illinois Invest in Kids Act helps provide families funding to attend the school of their choice. Applications will be accepted soon – hopefully beginning January 24, 2018. For additional information, please see the State website (www.EmpowerIllinois.org) and the Diocesan website (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.

Report cards are available on Fast Direct. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

We will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 11:30-1:00 to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Please spread the good news about Holy Childhood School to your friends and neighbors. Sometimes a personal invitation and positive comments from a current parent is all it takes for new families to join the Holy Childhood family. Help us share our story!

We are experiencing the craziest weather – almost 60 as I write this and down in the teens with snow, sleet, and ice tonight and tomorrow! In the event of bad weather, we will follow the Mascoutah School District on school closings. I will send a message through Fast Direct to all parents and staff. Mascoutah School District notifies me, but they usually have their notices posted to the news stations prior to my notification. You may check the news stations and if Mascoutah has no school, we won't either. If Mascoutah has a late start, we will also. Late start is 2 hours later – this includes bus pick up times as well.

Blessings,

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

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 15 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Thursday, Jan. 18 Feeding God’s People
Spirit wear – students may HCS spirit wear or colors

Tuesday, Jan. 23 School store will be open from 7:45-8:15 a.m.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament is Monday, January 15 in the Holy Childhood Gym. The gym opens at 11:30 with the shooting contest beginning at noon. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Contact Rob Anstedt for more information at 618-410-4595

Cheer & Dance Junior Lynx Spirit Clinic

Join the Lindenwood University-Belleville Lynx on February 3 at 9:00am for a Junior Lynx Spirit Clinic. The clinic is open to boys & girls, preschool - 6th grade. Participants will learn chants, dances, & stunts to perform during halftime of the Lady Lynx basketball game at 1:00pm. Cost is \$30 and includes instruction, t-shirt & snacks. For more information, contact Judy Schneider @ judy.schneider@holychildhoodschool.com or you may pick up a packet in the HCS office.