



January 17, 2019

Dear Parents,

Winter is here; unfortunately between the snow, wet parking lot, and the colder temperatures, students have been unable to go outside for recess. Please be sure your child brings a coat, hat and gloves in the event we do get outside for recess!

This past Tuesday, registration for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program opened and went smoothly. If you did not complete Part 1 of the process and wish to do so, please log in to empowerillinois.org. This program is based on donations and this year we were very fortunate to have an anonymous donor gift 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. The reservation form is **part one** of the application. Beginning tomorrow, **Friday, January 18**, families who registered on Tuesday will receive an email to access **part two** in the empowerXchange portal. Part two is when families will upload household and income documents, and complete the full application. Visit Empower website for additional application resources including How to Apply video, FAQs, step-by-step application instructions and more.

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! A complete schedule of the week's activities is in today's newsletter. Parents are invited to attend activities (Oddwalk Concert –Monday, Parent Lunch – Tuesday, Spelling Bee and Mission Carnival - Thursday and Rosary and Munchkin Night – Friday).

This morning we made 620 sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. For this school year 4,131 sandwiches have been donated. Thank you families and students for your support of this ministry!

Monday (January 21) is a holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a free throw contest on Monday in the gym. Warm-ups begin at 11:30 and the contest begins at noon. Registration forms may be obtained from Mrs. Fohne tomorrow or on Monday at the contest.

Please keep our second grade children in your prayers as they make final preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 28.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Monday, Jan. 21	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Thursday, Jan. 24	Box Tops turn in date
Sunday – Friday, Jan 27-Feb. 1	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Additional information in attached
Sunday, Jan. 27	Mass at 10:30 followed by Open House until 1:00
Monday, Jan. 28	Out of uniform – Faith shirt and jeans. Oddwalk Concert 1:00-2:30
Tuesday, Jan. 29	8 th grade students teach lesson to younger grades; Parent Lunch with child
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Career Day – students may dress in what they want to be....
Thursday, Jan. 31	Spelling Bee at 9:15, Mission Carnival Progress Reports available

SCRIPS

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

HOPE

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. Registration forms are in today's folder

MASCOUTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Mascoutah Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 10-14 is scheduled for Monday, January 21 beginning at 11:30 (practice) and 12:00 (contest). Entry forms are in school office or on the day of the contest.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Thursday, January 24th, at 9:45 am, Bishop Edward K. Braxton will preside and preach at an Ecumenical Service as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The event will take place in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Belleville. Local clergy of various Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox traditions will have leadership roles in the service, and the faithful from all denominations are invited to attend. There will be a social following the prayer service in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. For further information, please contact Father Robert Flannery, Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Belleville Diocese at 618.303.7412. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is jointly sponsored and celebrated throughout the world each year by the World Council of Churches and Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity of the Catholic Church.