



January 18, 2018

Dear Parents,

This morning we made 818 sandwiches for the Feeding God's People program. Our total for the year is 3,618! Thank you parents and students for your generosity with this program. Many people will benefit!

Due to the inclement weather on Tuesday, our official "last day" has been moved forward one day. Please mark your calendars – Monday, May 21 is the last day of school (if no additional snow days are used) with dismissal at 11:30. May 18 is a regular, full day of school.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28 with Mass at 10:30 followed by Open House in the school until 1:00. Please visit to see the great things that occur at HCS and invite a prospective new family! Sometimes a personal invitation and positive comments from a current parent is all it takes for new families to join the Holy Childhood family. A complete list of activities is in today's folder. The theme is Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed. We are truly living this theme every day, not just during Catholic Schools Week!

Just a reminder: Many parents pay tuition monthly. As of January 15, eight months of tuition should have been paid. If you are behind, please catch up as soon as possible. Refer to page 9 of the Parent/Student Handbook for the HCS Tuition Policy. Thank you to the many parents who pay timely.

Yesterday there was a devastating house fire across the street from the school playground. Please keep the Yarber family in your prayers as they pick up the pieces and move forward. The Yarber grandchildren have and currently attend Holy Childhood School.

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 31, 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.

Blessings,

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

Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 23	School store will be open from 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	Confirmation Retreat – 8 th grade students
Sunday, Jan. 28- February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Thursday, Feb. 1	HOPE meeting 6:30
Friday, Feb. 2	Munchkin Basketball

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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!

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.