



January 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

Can you believe January is almost over and next week is Catholic Schools Week? Please join us on Sunday for 10:30 Mass followed by Open House in the school. 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. The complete list of Catholic Schools Week activities was sent in last week's newsletter but a shortened version is on the back side of this letter.

Congratulations to our second grade students who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening. Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates will participate in a Confirmation Retreat this Saturday. Please keep all of these students in your prayers as they prepare for and receive these sacraments.

In today's News & Notes Folder you will find your registration packet for next school year. We are beginning registration today for all grades – preschool 3 year old thru grade 8. If you have a younger child and need a preschool or prekindergarten application, please call Mrs. Fohne and she will send an application home for you. Included in the registration packet is the tuition schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. There is an increase in tuition however tuition rates remain very competitive and offer significant discounts to families with multiple children in grades K-8. It is a Diocesan policy that increase in salaries and benefits must be offset by tuition increase. As with most companies, salaries will have a cost of living increase and we are faced with significant increases in health care costs.

The state of Illinois Invest in Kids Act will accept applications beginning on January 31. For additional information, please see the State website ([www.EmpowerIllinois.org](http://www.EmpowerIllinois.org)) and the Diocesan website ([www.diobelle.org](http://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.

Congratulations to Mrs. Schneider who received a Math grant from McKendree University. Through the grant, Mrs. Schneider will receive teaching materials as well as support from an instructional coach.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Wolfe on the birth of her daughter, Evie! Evie is welcomed by her big sister Halle.

Blessings,

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

## **Calendar**

Saturday, Jan. 27	Confirmation Retreat – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students
Sunday, Jan. 28- February 2	Catholic Schools Week (See daily schedule below)
Monday, Jan. 29	First Reconciliation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Thursday, Feb. 1	HOPE meeting 6:30
Friday, Feb. 2	Taco Dinner; Munchkin Basketball
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Kindergarten Parent meeting- 6:30 for children enrolled in the 2018-2019 class
Thursday, Feb. 8	Out of Uniform Day – for \$1.00 donation, students may dress “mismatch” Progress reports available
Saturday, Feb. 10	Mother/Son Glow Party sponsored by HOPE

## **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!

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Please send in your Box Tops tomorrow! The class turning in the most Box Tops will win an out-of-uniform day. Thank you!!

## **Fund-a-Need**

Please consider donating to the HCS Athletics Fund-a-Need at the 2018 Munchkin Basketball event on Friday, February 2. Every penny raised will go toward installing two LED scoreboards in the HCS gymnasium. Look for the Fund-a-Need table in the gym lobby, and donate any amount that you would like. Any and all donations are welcome and APPRECIATED!

## **Catholic Schools Week Activities**

- Sunday, Jan. 28 – 10:30 Mass followed by Open House until 1:00
- Monday, Jan. 29 – Student appreciation Day. Join us for the ODDWALK Concert from 1:15-2:45
- Tuesday, Jan. 30 – Show your faith day. Students may wear religious shirt with jeans. Parents please join your child for lunch during regular lunch period. Also, please join us at 2:30 in the gym as we pray the rosary.
- Wednesday, Jan. 31 – Career Day – students may dress in clothes worn for what they want to be when they grow up.
- Thursday, Feb. 1 – Donuts at drop off for parents. Students may dress in HCS spirit wear or colors. Spelling Bee at 9:15 – please join us!
- Friday, Feb. 2 – Trivia in the morning. Faculty/Staff Appreciation lunch sponsored by HOPE. Taco Dinner beginning at 4:00 sponsored by Athletics. Munchkin Basketball games begin at 5:30