



January 4, 2018

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 now back to the routine and schedule of classes.

The current cold weather is forcing us to stay inside during recess. As soon as the temperature is near 32 degrees, we will go outside, so please be sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves to play outside.

The state of Illinois Invest in Kids Act helps provide families funding to attend the school of their choice. The Tax Credit Scholarship Program begins this month and will automatically expire in January 2023 unless it is changed by the legislature. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis and income criteria (beginning with household annual income less than 185% of Federal Poverty level, 185%-250% and 251%-300% of Federal Poverty level). 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.

We welcome 3 high school seniors to Holy Childhood School for their senior service project. Two are from Althoff – Jim and Maria who are working with preschool 3 year olds, 4 year olds, kindergarten and first grade and Jay is from Mater Dei, working with third grade.

The second quarter ended at Christmas break. Report cards will be available for viewing next Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns, 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!

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thursday, Jan. 11 Report cards available on Fast Direct
Out of uniform – for \$1.00 donation, students may wear favorite color

Monday, Jan. 15 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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.

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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!