



January 7, 2021

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 much appreciated and restful. We are now back to the routine and schedule of classes and homework. Thank you families who traveled over the break for following self-quarantine as a safety precaution. We are all working together to keep everyone (teachers, staff, and students) as safe and healthy as possible.

The second quarter ended at Christmas break and report cards are available for viewing on OptionC. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. During the third quarter, we will be following the uniform policy for sweatshirts in the classroom. Sweatshirts approved to be worn in the classroom include: HCS and spirit wear sweatshirts, fleece pullover and warm-up jackets with HCS logo, religious sweatshirts, and solid white, navy, or red sweatshirts. Hoodie sweatshirts and zippered sweat jackets or fleece jackets are not to be worn in the classroom. We do go outside for recess, so please be sure your child has a warm jacket/coat each day.

Empower Illinois Scholarship Information – This past year, many parents applied for Empower Illinois Scholarships. Quite a few received scholarship money from the donations we received. The program is working on year four and sent the following information:

- **Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on January 13, 2021. Reservation system opens at 6:30 p.m. and can be submitted at 7 p.m.**
- The application is a two-part process
- Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications
- Schools and families will be notified by email to complete part two starting on January 15.

Families can complete part two on empowerXchange and are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact me at 566-2922. See informational sheet in today's News & Notes.

Thank you for the many gifts and cards sent to me for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thursday, Jan. 7	Report cards available on OptionC
Monday, Jan. 11	NO BUS SERVICE
Tuesday, Jan. 12	Bus Service begins
Wednesday, Jan. 13	Reservations accepted for Empower Scholarships
Monday, Jan. 18	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday, Jan. 22	Spirit Wear Day

News from the NURSE

Reminder that dental forms are due in May for students currently in grades K, 2 and 6. Please make your appointments now to meet the Illinois state deadline!