

March 11, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have made it through three quarters of the school year! We continue to follow our safety procedures of wearing masks, hand hygiene, and social distancing. Thank you, parents, and students, for following these precautions! Third quarter report cards will be available in OptionC on March 25th.

Registration forms for the 2021-22 school year were sent home several weeks ago. Thank you to those parents who have returned their registration forms. As we begin planning for the 2021-22 school year, returning your registration form is necessary for planning. If you will be enrolling a student new to Holy Childhood School, or preschool and need registration forms, please call Mrs. Elmore and she will send them to you. Also, please share the good news about a Holy Childhood School education with your friends considering a Catholic-Christian education. Our "virtual tour" video is posted to the school website at <u>www.holychildhoodschool.com</u>.

Our students continue to pray the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday/Thursday following Mass. These are live streamed if you wish to join us. Students in grades 3-8 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter. Father Paul comes to school for this sacrament. Please pray for our second-grade students as they are making final preparations to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, March 15.

The Safe and Sacred program began this week. Mrs. Cozzi is teaching the program to Preschool and primary grade students. Mrs. Renth is teaching the program to middle school students.

We have posted several open positions on the Diocesan Website – Part time Music/Band, Part time Computer and Part time Nurse. If you know anyone who might be interested in these positions, please have them contact me or check the website at <u>www.diobelle.org</u> for more information.

We received a check for \$128.31 from Amazon Smile purchases. Thank you to those who purchased on Amazon Smile and listed Holy Childhood as the recipient!

INVEST in KIDS ACT helps Holy Childhood School families and students. We have a \$30,000.00 dollar-for-dollar matching donation for any donation made before March 31! <u>To date, we have received pledges of \$21,750.00 towards the dollar-for-dollar match</u>. We are more than 2/3 of the way to our goal. Will you help a Holy Childhood School family? Please contact Mrs. Dougherty in the school office at 618-566-2922 for additional information.

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

Calendar:

Friday, March 12	11:30 Dismissal - there is bus service – Faculty Professional Development
	End of 3 rd quarter
Monday, March 15	First Reconciliation for Second grade students
Wednesday, March 17	Students may wear green shirts with uniform bottoms for St. Patrick's Day!
Friday, March 19	Spirit wear day – wear blue/yellow or HCS spirit wear
Thursday, March 25	Report cards available on Option C
Wed, March 31	Living Stations – 1:00 p.m. (will be live streamed from church)

News from HOPE

"This is the last week in the HOPE Cash raffle! We are very close to reaching our goal! THANK YOU to the families that have sold tickets! There are still 4 chances left to win- if you have not yet bought/sold a ticket, it is NOT too late, but you MUST send your form and money to the office tomorrow morning (Friday, March 12)!"

News from the NURSE

Dear Parents of grades Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th

Just sending out a reminder, as the year is flying quickly, be sure to get your child scheduled for their dental appointments. It is a State of Illinois requirement and the form will be due in May of 2021. If your child has a current one on file, as they are good for 18 months, no further action is needed. Appointments will still be hard to obtain due to the pandemic, so please schedule early. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

SCRIPS

Scrips gift cards may be purchased in the school office.