



May 10, 2018

Dear Parents,

Wow! The 2017/2018 school year is quickly coming to a close! The preschool and prekindergarten children had their final days on Tuesday and Wednesday and tomorrow is the last day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and kindergarten students. We bid farewell to the class of 2018 on Sunday afternoon. They have been great leaders, strong, diligent students, and modeled and live our Catholic faith. They will be greatly missed!

Tomorrow is School Picnic Day! Team lists and shirt colors were sent last week. We will begin our day with Mass at 8:00. Following Mass, students will return to their classrooms as teachers take attendance and lunch count. Students may bring their lunch or purchase the school lunch (hot dog, carrots, apple, chips and a cookie). Once all lunch counts are in, students will be called to meet with their teams and begin rotating through the games, snacks and break stations. Students will eat lunch with their teams and return to homerooms. In the afternoon, we will meet to distribute and sign yearbooks and dismissal will be at 3:00. The weather predictions are for warm and sunny. If your child needs to have sunscreen, please apply it before he/she comes to school. Also, since we will be outside, students may wear hats.

Congratulations to the Kindergarten class for winning the April Box Tops contest! They collected 886 of the 2,193 total Box Tops. Kindergarten students will receive a special treat today! Over the summer, please continue to collect and save Box Tops. These help to defray the cost of yearbooks. This year we were able to purchase a yearbook for each student, teacher and staff with our Box Top collections.

Tuition Payment booklets for the 2018/2019 school year are in today's News & Notes folder. Booklets are being sent to all families. If you plan to prepay, please return or recycle your payment booklet.

The uniform closet is stocked and very well organized! Thank you Mrs. Winkle for your time and patience in organizing the closet. The LOST & FOUND table is overflowing!! If your child is missing any items, please look on the Lost & Found table in the cafeteria. All items remaining at the end of the year will be donated.

Our bank has requested that you use only blue or black ink and no gel pens when writing a check to HCS. There has been some difficulty making our deposits.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Please be sure to read the Holy Childhood School Tuition Policy found on page 9 of the parent/student handbook. Tuition, including all fees, (registration, technology, band and lunch) must be paid in full by the end of the quarter, May 21, 2018. Report cards will be unavailable if all financial obligations are not met. If you have any questions, please contact me.

The last day of school is Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. As is tradition, we will have an awards assembly for grades 1 thru 4 at 9:00 and grades 5 thru 7 at 10:15. Awards ceremony will be in church (in case of a funeral, we will distribute awards in the gym). Parents are invited to attend as we celebrate another terrific school year!

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

## Calendar

Thursday, May 10	Athletic Banquet
Friday, May 11	School Picnic Last day for kindergarten and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Sunday, May 13	Graduation 2:00 Mass
Thursday, May 17	Feeding God's People Sandwich Making – Please join us! Spirit Wear Day
Monday, May 21	Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal. NO AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE
Thursday, May 25	Report Cards available on Fast Direct

## SCHOOL PICNIC

The school picnic is tomorrow, from 9:30-12:30 pm. Students in grades K-8 will visit game and snack stations outside in teams throughout the morning. If possible, please have your child dress in their team color. Lunch will follow the games, and students will return to their classrooms at 12:30. Yearbooks will be distributed and signed in the afternoon.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for our Shipwrecked VBS June 25- 29 from 8:45-Noon! Cost is \$15 for a t-shirt, music CD, snacks, games and crafts. The deadline to register is June 4 for a t-shirt. Registration continues until June 17. Walk-up registrations are accepted (space permitting) on for \$20. Registration and volunteer forms are available at Holy Childhood Church. You can also register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/mascoutahvbs2018>. To attend, children must be 4 by Sept. 1 up to completed 5th grade. If you have any registration questions, please contact VBS registration coordinator, Jody Wozniak Cozzi (618) 509-0027 or Jiyeon Schroeder (618) 567-9076. Volunteers (6th grade through adult) are especially needed! Please join us for a fun and faith-filled week! \*\*Please save and donate 12oz empty Gatorade bottles for VBS craft. Please bring them to school office.\*\*

## **REMINDER FROM THE NURSE**

All Illinois children in kindergarten, grade 2, and grade 6 are required to have an oral health examination.

- This is required for all public, private, and parochial schools.
- Examinations must be performed by a licensed dentist, and he/she must sign the Proof of School Dental Examination form.
- Each child is required to present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15 of the school year.

**Library News- WOW!! HCS STUDENTS ARE AMAZING!! THEY HAVE READ AND COMPLETED 2338 READING COUNTS TESTS, WHICH EQUALS 31,644,759 WORDS THIS SCHOOL YEAR!! CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP READING!!**

**Don't miss a Great opportunity for Confirmation, Junior Beta, or Volunteer service hours (4th - 8th graders for 2018-2019 school year)!**

**Sign up to work Game Land for the Holy Childhood 2018 Picnic on August 25th ...**

**Just send your child's name, child's grade for 2018-2019 school year, preferred game shift, and contact info to [Vicky.binsbacher@gmail.com](mailto:Vicky.binsbacher@gmail.com) or [618-980-2477](tel:618-980-2477)**

**Available Shifts: 5:00-6:30; 6:30-8:00; 8:00-9:30**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SIGNED UP! Feel free to contact me with any questions or special requests. Have a great summer!**

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