



May 3, 2018

Dear Parents,

Saturday, the eighth grade students and PSR eighth grade students, along with students from our partner parishes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during the 4:00 Mass. Please keep these students in your prayers as they take a new step in their faith life. Thank you seventh grade for hosting the reception following Confirmation for the Bishop, Confirmandi, families and friends.

Empower Illinois is still open for families to apply for full and partial scholarships for next school year. HCS received an amazing anonymous donation for scholarships - \$75,000.00. We would like to use the entire donation; if your family income falls within any of the 3 categories, I am asking that you please apply for a scholarship. If you have questions, please contact me.

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 (May 11 for 8th grade students). Report cards will be unavailable (and for eighth grade students – diploma will also be withheld) if all financial obligations are not met. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Holy Childhood of Jesus School is looking for two new school board members. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this board which works with our pastor and principal to guide the school. Any adult parishioner or school parent is eligible. In order to become a candidate for election to the board, you must complete a nomination form and return it to the school office by May 8. Information on the candidates will be published in the school News and Notes on May 10 and the church bulletin the weekend of May 12 and 13. The election will be held after Masses on the weekend of May 19 and 20. Nomination forms may be requested by calling the school office.

Thank you to each parent who completed the parent survey. The data and comments are being analyzed and will be discussed with faculty to see what changes and improvements need to be made.

Next Friday (May 11) is School Picnic Day! In today's folder, you will find a list of teams (including the team tee shirt color) and parent leader. Also included is a list of adult volunteers. If you are able to volunteer and your name is not on the list, please contact Mrs. Shelby Brennan. On Picnic Day, we begin 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. Cross your fingers for good weather!

We are in need of an after school care worker. If you are interested, or know of someone, would you please contact me? Hours are 3:00-6:00 every full school day.

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

Calendar

Friday, May 4	Kindergarten Mother's Mass Confirmation Practice 6:30
Saturday, May 5	Confirmation 4:00
Tuesday, May 8	Last day for 3 year old preschool
Wednesday, May 9	Last day for 4 year old Prekindergarten
Thursday, May 10	Athletic Banquet Out of uniform – for \$1.00 donation, your child may wear sports jersey
Friday, May 11	School Picnic Last day for kindergarten and 8 th grade
Sunday, May 13	Graduation 2:00 Mass

NEWS FROM HOPE

Sunday, May 6th - HOPE fundraiser at Mascoutah Community Lanes. From 4-8pm, 20% of food and 50% of bowling earnings will be donated to HOPE. Please support our school this weekend. See flyer in newsletter packet.

SCHOOL PICNIC

The school picnic is on Friday, May 11th, 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. Teams are included in this newsletter. Lunch will follow the games, and students will return to their classrooms at 12:30.

Several parents or grandparents are still needed to help run game stations at the school picnic next Friday from 9:15-12:30. Volunteers must be compliant with Child Protection Program. Younger siblings may not attend that day. Please contact Shelby Brennan if you are able to help. Shlbybrennan@yahoo.com

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: As spring/summer arrives, please consider donating out-grown toys and books to the HCS library. Items can be left in the office through May. THANK YOU!!

Last day to check out books: May 1st

All books due: May 15th