



November 12, 2020

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, thank you veterans and those currently serving in the military. We are grateful for your service to our country and for keeping us safe. It was nice having a day off in the middle of the week, but now today seems like it is a Monday! But, tomorrow will be like the 2nd Friday in the week, so that is nice!

As my email from last night indicated, we have several people within our school community who have tested positive for COVID-19. We are following all guidelines and procedures. This morning, a person from the public school called as they heard we have a huge outbreak. I shared we do not have an “outbreak” and if you hear comments such as this, please dispel the rumor with the truth.

Thank you for your continued support with all the rules and protocols we follow to keep our children safe. We continue to stress good hand hygiene, wearing masks (covering both the nose and mouth) and social distancing. Please continue to monitor your child at home and register him/her in the Miinehealth app. **You must register your child using the app daily, and it would be very helpful if you log in before 7:30 a.m.** Children who are not registered through Miinehealth will need to go through the COVID screening with me before entering the building which slows down the carpool line.

As we move into cold and flu season on top of COVID, students are coming to the office with complaints and symptoms. They will be sent home. We are erring on the side of caution in all cases for their return to school. Our goal is to keep every person in the building (students, teachers, and staff) as safe as possible. Your help is needed to meet this goal!

Due to COVID concerns we will not be participating in the Box of Joy campaign this year. Instead, we will be supporting Mary’s Meals. Mary’s Meals is an organization that seeks to provide at least one meal a day in the place of education for children in some of the poorest countries in the world. Students in 5th thru 7th grade watched the video [Child 31](#) on YouTube about the work of this organization. Many of our students were moved seeing what these children deal with on a daily basis. One of the things we learned is that it costs only \$21.00 to feed a child for a year in these countries. Only \$21!! \$21 to change the life of a child. We encourage you to allow your child to earn money to help provide meals for a child for a year. Although the benchmark we are using is \$21, we will accept any and all donations for this worthy cause. Would you please consider helping these children? Please send your donation to school in an envelope marked “Mary’s Meals” no later than December 1. Checks may be made payable to Holy Childhood School. We will send our gift to Mary’s Meals organization December 4th. Please visit the website marysmeals.org and YouTube for videos about the work of this organization. God bless you and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Last week many parents received a letter with lunch balance or overpayment. Thank you to those who have returned these letters. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so tomorrow so that we can complete this process. Several parents have asked to have their overpayment donated to Mary's Meals. Thank you very much for your kindness and we will include your lunch credit donation.

The Holy Childhood Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ In Christmas Poster contest. Participating students from HCS and PSR may create a poster supporting the Keep Christ in Christmas theme that displays the slogan, visual message, and overall impact. The KCs will award a \$30, 1st prize and \$20, 2nd prize in each age category. Posters must be turned in by December 4. The age categories are 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14 as of November 1, 2020. Paper is provided by the KCs.

Next Thursday is Family Reading Night in Illinois. Please take some time to read with your child/children.

Mrs. Elmore has sent notices for missing forms. If you received a notice, please return the missing items tomorrow.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thursday, Nov. 12	Progress Report – access your child's grades in OptionC
Wed. Nov. 18 thru Monday, Nov. 30	Book Fair – On-Line sales (additional information in next week's N&N)
Friday, Nov. 20	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, Nov. 24	11:30 dismissal – begin Thanksgiving Vacation – NO AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE; NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Wed. Nov. 25 thru Sunday Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Vacation

Reading Time Machine

Holy Childhood School's annual **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming!! The book fair will be held ONLINE this year from November 18- December 1. FREE SHIPPING on book orders \$25 or more!! Help support the HCS Library and get a jump on your Christmas shopping. **Reading can take you anywhere!!**

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holychildhoodschool>

Scripts online ordering information in today's folder!