



November 15, 2018

Dear Parents,

Next week is Thanksgiving and so is Special Persons Day. Tuesday, November 20 is Special Persons Day. Your child/children may invite one or more Special Persons to spend time at HCS. Students should arrive at school at the regular time (8:00 a.m.). Please have your child's/children's Special Person meet him/her at 8:45 in the gym (last name beginning with A-M) or the cafeteria (last name beginning N-Z). (Prek special person should meet in the prek classroom). We will have activities, and time to visit the Book Fair before proceeding to Mass which will begin at 10:00. The special person will sit with your child/children during Mass. Following Mass, Mrs. McCuddy-Bonsall is preparing a short musical program featuring HCS students for our Special guests. Dismissal is at 11:30 following the Program in church (the Book Fair will be open following Mass). Your child will be dismissed with his/her special person. There is no afternoon bus service or after care on November 20.

We are registered as a nonprofit recipient for Amazon Smile. If you purchase from Amazon, please log onto [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and choose Holy Childhood Church as the nonprofit recipient. Amazon Smile donates one half of one percent of your purchase. Happy shopping!

The Scholastic Book Fair is open! Hours the Fair is open are: Today-tomorrow Nov. 15-16 and Monday, Nov. 19 from 7:30-8:30, 11:00-1:00 and 2:30-3:30; Sunday, November 18 – 8:30-12:00 noon. The Book Fair will be open for Special Person's Day before and after Mass. Please visit the Book Fair!

Progress reports are available on Fast Direct today. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher and she/he will be happy to have a conversation with you.

It has been a custom at Holy Childhood School that any parent/family who wishes to do so donates money that is given to our Pastor, Father Paul for birthday and Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate money to this gift, would you please send it to school with your child in an envelope marked "Priest gift"? I know Father Paul does not expect anything, but is grateful for the gifts he receives.

On behalf of Father Paul, the faculty, and staff, we wish you many blessings at Thanksgiving! We are thankful for our school families, students, and parish.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thursday, Nov. 15	Progress Reports Available School Board
Tuesday, Nov. 20	Special Person's Day – More information in this week's News & Notes 11:30 Dismissal – <u>no afternoon bus service</u>
Wed.-Sunday, Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving break
Thur.-Fri. Nov. 29-30	Santa's Cottage

SCRIPS

Gift cards may be purchased in the school office Monday thru Friday. Cards will also be sold in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. Purchasing gift cards is a great way to support Holy Childhood School! Thank you!

Howdy Pardners!

Holy Childhood School's annual **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming!! The book fair will be held in HCS's cafeteria from **November 15-November 21**. We will also be open **after Masses on Nov. 19** from 8:30-12:00. Start your Christmas shopping early!!

Book Lovers Wanted! Volunteers for the Book Fair are needed. Please contact Wendy Uhl at uhlw67@gmail.com if you are available. Thank you.

Online Book Fair Shopping ; Begins Thursday Nov 9 thru Nov 30th @ <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holychildhoodschool1>

Do you believe in magic? The **All for Books** coin contest begins Wednesday Nov 14 with the start of the Scholastic Book Fair- The Enchanted Forest. Students can donate coins during lunch hour all week to help purchase books for the HCS Library. With each donation, students can pull a sucker to win a prize. Don't be *dragon* behind- the class with the LEAST amount of dollars by the end of Monday Nov 19 will win a donut party! **GOOD LUCK!!**

The HCS School Board Marketing committee is working on a project that will highlight "HCS Alumni". We are wanting to highlight the accomplishments and lives of both recent alumni and alumni spanning multiple decades. Participation is easy and will simply entail a quick interview, a couple of written questions and a simple photo! We hope to have an alumni section on our website beginning in Jan. We will also be highlighting alumni on the official FB page. Please nominate yourself or someone you know by emailing Amy Uptergrove at amyuptergrove@yahoo.com or text/call 314-482-5565.