



November 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

Next week is Thanksgiving and so is Special Persons Day. Tuesday, November 21 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 in the gym at 9:00 (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 21.

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. 16-17 and Monday, Nov. 20 - 7:30-8:30, 11:00-1:00 and 2:30-3:30; Sunday, November 19 – 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!

This morning was our monthly Feeding God's People sandwich making day. We made a total of 816 sandwiches, which brings our total for the year to 2,800 sandwiches! Thank you to all who donated food and/or made sandwiches.

The state of Illinois recently passed the Invest in Kids Act to help provide families funding to attend the school of their choice. The Tax Credit Scholarship Program begins in January 2018 and will automatically expire in January 2023 unless it is changed by the legislature. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis and income criteria (beginning with household annual income less than 185% of Federal Poverty level, 185%-250% and 251%-300% of Federal Poverty level). Please see the attached program description for additional information. Applications will be accepted beginning January 2, 2018 (even though additional information still needs to be disbursed to us from the state about the process). There will be a short, informational meeting for interested parents on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 at Holy Childhood.

On behalf of 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:

Tuesday, Nov. 14 thru

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Book Fair
Thursday, Nov. 16 Feeding God's People
Spirit Wear
Progress Reports Available
School Board

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Special Person's Day
11:30 Dismissal – no afternoon bus service, no after school care

Monday, Nov. 27 Classes resume 8:00

Tuesday, Nov. 28 School Spirit Store is open 7:45-8:15

Wednesday, Nov. 29 McAlister's Fund Raiser (Sponsored by HOPE)

Thursday, Nov. 30 &
Friday, Dec. 1 Santa's Cottage (sponsored by 8th grade)

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!!

Online Book Fair Shopping ; Begins Thursday Nov 14 thru Nov 28th @
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holychildhoodschool1>

Did you know? Scholastic has a free app you can download on your phone or tablet. Use the app at the fair to scan books and read all the information about them.

FREE DONUTS! The HCS Library is raising money for books with the **ALL FOR BOOKS** contest. Bring your change starting Tuesday, Nov 14 and fill the buckets!! **"Do NUT"** let the other classes fill your bucket! Lowest amount wins a donut party!!

From the library:

All-Star Reader's Roster 2017-2018

Little League- Tom Beck, Abigail Bridegroom, Sydney Etter, Ella Fournie, Ella Lowry, Lance Miller, & Sam Norrenberns- 8th grade; Bella Hart, Emma Uptergrove, & Bronwen Zacharski- 7th grade; Ava Barttelbort- 5th grade; Eli Woodrome-4th grade; Emma Amann, Kate Brennan, Isabella Flores, Jordyn Fritz, Hannah Kilian, Darren Klein, & Caroline Ross-3rd grade; Henry Link, Frances Lowry, Dara Shininger, & Austin Wuebbles- 2nd grade; Katie Berthe, Raylan Cahill, Owen Elbe, Henry Faus, Natalia Flores, Brandon Klein, Olivia Uptergrove, & Lydia Winkle-1st grade. **All readers earn a Crazy Sock Day during Library Week.**

Junior Varsity- Sam Norrenberns- 8th grade; Bella Hart-7th grade; Wyatt Beer & Ian Moll- 6th grade; Kate Brennan, Christopher Mugele, & Caroline Ross- 3rd grade; Camille Dufault, MacKenzie Eschmann, Brandon Klein, Pete, Meng, Ethan Mueth, Hana Schroeder & Kylie Whitaker- 1st grade. **All readers may wear a sports team hat during Library Week.**

Senior Varsity- Kate Brennan- 3rd grade; **All readers may wear a sports team t-shirt during Library Week.**

Minor League- Isabella Uptergrove- 4th grade; **All readers may wear HCS Spirit Wear during Library Week.**

Major League- . **All readers earn a non-uniform day during Library Week.**

HALL OF FAME-. **All readers earn the End of the Year reward!!**

MILLIONS CLUB- Alyssa Housley has read over 2,000,000 words this year!