



November 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated Special Persons' Day and Thanksgiving. I hope your child and his/her special person enjoyed the morning. We had a "full house" with all of the students and their guests. Special thanks to the faculty committee that organized the day and everyone who helped to make our guests feel welcomed and comfortable in our school. Special Persons Day ended with Mass and a musical performance by the students under the direction of Mrs. McCuddy-Bonsall and accompanied by Dr. Gibson.

Today and tomorrow is Santa's Cottage. This is a special time for your child/children to shop and purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends. The eighth grade students and parents assist the shoppers and wrap the treasured gifts. It is hard to believe that in a few short weeks Santa will be dropping off gifts as Saturday is already December first!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Many thanks to Mrs. Uhl for organizing and running the Book Fair and to her crew of volunteers who assisted students with their purchases!

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 Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a coat drive. If you have gently used coats that no longer fit, would you donate them? Boxes are in school and in church. All donations will be taken to Cairo.

We are also participating in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest. Students have received the paper and directions from their teachers for creating a poster. All posters need to be turned in by December 14 and will be judged by parishioners following the weekend Masses.

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 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.

Thank you to each person who helped in any way with the 2018 Dinner Auction. It was a marvelous evening and we are most grateful to all who organized, worked and purchased items. This year's Dinner Auction earned \$54,000.00 for Holy Childhood School! WOW!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 in the gym. Also, the date for the Variety Show is Friday, April 5.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thur.-Fri.

Nov. 29-30	Santa's Cottage
Thursday, Dec. 6	HOPE Christmas Party 6:30 in the Cafeteria. Babysitting Available
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Christmas Concert 7:00
Thursday, Dec. 13	Out of Uniform – for \$1.00 donation students may wear Christmas shirt/sweater and jeans
	Reconciliation – Grades 3-8
Friday, Dec. 14	Spaghetti Dinner 4-7p.m. and 8 th grade night during basketball games
Thursday, Dec. 20	Feeding God's People sandwich making and Spirit Wear
	School Board Meeting
Friday, Dec. 21	End of 2 nd quarter
	Christmas vacation begins at 3:00
Monday, Jan. 7	Classes resume

Parents and staff,

Please join us in the HCS cafeteria on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:30 for dinner and fun at our annual H.O.P.E. Christmas party/December meeting. We will provide the main course, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a dessert, salad, or side to share. We will have a very short meeting followed by food, fun, and socialization. Babysitting will be provided, and we will have pizza for the kids.

Please RSVP to Shelby Brennan on Facebook or at shlbybrennan@yahoo.com by December 1st so that we can plan accordingly.

In lieu of a gift for a gift exchange this year, we ask that you consider bringing a gift card for a HCS family in need whose child was born prematurely 2 months ago and just arrived home last week. She is doing well, but we would like to help the family as they face numerous medical bills and many more doctors appointments in the near future for their baby. In order to support this family we are asking for donations of gift cards for gas, groceries or Target or Walmart to help them out at this time.

Purchasing gift cards in the office through our Scrip program would also benefit the school. If you cannot attend the Christmas party but would still like to donate, simply bring your donation to the office.

THANK YOU *FAIRY* MUCH!! The Scholastic Book Fair- *The Enchanted Forest* was a TREE-mendous success!! Your *magical* support will help our HCS

library grow and blossom!! Special thanks to all our *enchánting* volunteers who helped at the book fair. We are so blessed to have you at HCS!!

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.