



October 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

Testing week is complete and we are back into our established routine of classes. Can you believe we are completing our 7th week of school and we are almost at the end of the first quarter? The first quarter ends next Thursday (October 8); report cards will be available on-line via OptionC on October 20 and Parent/Teacher Conferences are on October 21st and 22nd. Conferences are virtual this year. Your child's/children's homeroom teacher will contact you to sign up for a conference time. Conferences will be either by telephone or via Zoom.

Thank you for continuing to self-monitor your child/children via Miinehealth. I apologize for the issues encountered this week with the app. Hopefully these issues have been fixed and you will be able to log in with no problems which makes drop off much easier! If you need a "name plate" for your vehicle, please let me know. It is much easier for the teacher assisting with drop off if you display your name on the visor or dashboard.

We finally received approval for the USDA Summer Meals Waivers program. This approval allows us to serve free, reimbursable meals to all children from September 1 through December 31, 2020. All children from age 2-18 are eligible to receive lunch at no cost. If your child orders school lunch during this time frame, it will be at no cost to you and your OptionC account will be paid through the program. If you have other children at home, not receiving a lunch elsewhere (day care center, other school) you may order a lunch and pick it up in the school office. Lunches must be ordered by 9:00 by calling the cafeteria at 566-2880, and may be picked up at the school office at 11:40.

The Mascoutah School District will be returning to a hybrid in-person class schedule. Beginning on Tuesday, October 13 their full fleet of buses will be running. At this point, Holy Childhood students who live in areas serviced by the MSD buses may ride the bus to and from school. (There will be days when the service is not available and will be noted in the News and Notes – i.e. early dismissal days, Election Day etc.) Each bus will carry up to 44 children and they will be seated 2 per seat. Their plan is to seat students starting with the back seats first to the front of the bus and then unload front to back. **If you plan to use the bus service for morning or afternoon, would you please send an email to me (Claudia.dougherty@holychildhoodschool.com) listing morning, afternoon or both. I need to submit this to the bus garage early next week, so please let me know by noon on Tuesday if you will use the bus service.**

For several years, a middle school student in each grade has been named "student of the month". In light of the hurt feelings this may have caused and that we try to foster every child to do their best, work hard and be kind to others, we will no longer be naming students of the month.

Monday, October 5 is “**Fall Fest at HCS**” sponsored by HOPE and will run from 11:45-1:45. All students may dress out of uniform on Monday (a light jacket may be needed). Children in Pre-K thru 4 will visit a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, games and snacks. Middle school students will have an extra recess and snacks. Thank you HOPE organizers for planning this event!

Typically October 1 is the change from summer uniform (shorts) to winter (long pants). Due to the up and down temperatures, summer uniform will be extended until November 1. Students may wear shorts until then. Even when it is chilly outside, Mr. Cook does go outside for p.e. Be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt when needed.

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

Calendar:

Monday, Oct. 5	Fall Fest – Students may dress out of uniform
Thursday, Oct 8	End of First Quarter
Friday, Oct 9	No School – Teacher Convocation HCS Golf Scramble
Monday, Oct. 12	No School – Columbus Day
Thursday, Oct. 15	School Board
Friday, Oct. 16	Spirit Wear Day
Saturday, Oct. 17	Dinner Auction – Virtual
Monday, Oct. 19	Vision/Hearing testing for 4 year old and K-8 students
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Vision/Hearing testing for 3 year old students
Wed. & Thur. Oct. 21 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Virtual
Thursday, Oct. 22	11:30 dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO Afternoon BUS service , No LUNCH served
Friday, Oct. 23	No School

Dinner Auction Announcement: Raffle tickets for a chance to win \$500 in your choice of gift cards from Script will be on sale the next two weekends after mass for \$10 per chance to win. The auction opens for bidding October 14th @ 7:00pm and close for bidding October 17th @ 10:00pm except any item in a bidding war. A flyer will be sent home October 9th with more information to include the URL for the event and how to get registered. **Fund A Need** - If you would like to make a donation to Fund-A-Need you may do so by: dropping a check off to the school, mailing a check to the school, Paypal to hcsdinnerauction@gmail.com, or after mass at the raffle ticket table.

Youth Ministry

More information on youth ministry for all ages, grades K through 12, will be released soon. Youth ministry leaders are working diligently to re-launch in January. The Youth leaders agreed to rename their ministry EDGE Family. EDGE stands for Engaging Disciples, Growing Evangelizers and that is its mission too. It will include the following: EDGE Junior K-4, EDGE Middle 5-8, EDGE Teen 9-12, and newly formed EDGE Young Adults and EDGE Parent. Please pray for a successful re-launch of youth ministry as EDGE Family.

The **Apache Open Golf Tournament** is on October 9. We are looking for a few more sponsors and many more golfers. Get a team of 4 and register your team! This is a fund raiser for the school and also a fun event! For more information, log onto www.hcsapacheopen.com or contact Dr. Erik Taube at 309-714-0878.