



October 8, 2020

Dear Parents,

Today is the end of the first quarter; 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 via zoom or telephone. Your child's/children's homeroom teacher will contact you to set up conference time.

With the approval for the USDA Summer Meals Waivers program, all school lunches from September 1 thru December 31 will be paid for through the USDA Summer Meals program. Your Option C account will still be charged for meals; however the charges will be credited as we receive payment from the USDA. All children from age 2-18 are eligible to receive lunch at no cost. 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.

Beginning on Tuesday, October 13 Mascoutah School District will provide bus transportation for our students who live in areas serviced by the MSD buses. (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. All students whose parents have contacted me about the bus service are on the MSD list. If you are planning to use the MSD buses and have not contacted me, please contact me as soon as possible.

Last Monday's "**Fall Fest at HCS**" was fantastic! The weather was perfect and the children enjoyed this special activity! Thank you HOPE organizers for planning this event!

Tomorrow is the Annual HCS GOLF Scramble. Thank you to Dr. Taube and his crew of volunteers for organizing this event! The weather predictions are for another perfect day!

Also tomorrow the teachers will be attending the Diocesan Teacher Convocation virtually from HCS. Bishop McGovern will celebrate Mass and will address all in attendance following Mass.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

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: The auction opens for bidding October 14th @ 7:00pm and closes for bidding October 17th @ 10:00pm except any item in a bidding war. A flyer will be sent home October 8th with more information to include the URL for the event and how to get registered. **Fund A Need** – This year's Fund A Need is to purchase laptops for the teachers. Our goal is \$20,000.00. 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. **Raffle Tickets** - There are now three options for raffle tickets and will be available through 10/17. Purchase a ticket for your chance to win: 1) \$10/ticket for a chance at \$500 in your choice of gift cards from the HCS Script program; 2) \$5/ticket or 5 for \$20 for a chance to win a Milwaukee Packout Rolling Toolbox (build your own \$500 rolling toolbox) OR choose up to \$350 worth of Milwaukee Tools from ACE Hardware in Mascoutah, 3) \$20 per chance to win an Apple 12.9 inch iPad Pro with Wi-Fi + Cellular - 256GB (space gray). You may purchase raffle tickets through PayPal at hcsdinnerauction@gmail.com (we ask that you add \$1 per transaction to cover fees and type a note of how many tickets and which kind you want). Tickets may be purchased after church masses this weekend or through HCS. Tool raffle tickets are also available at ACE hardware in Mascoutah.

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.

from the library: **Reading Counts/Next Generation Dashboards**- In the HMH Central program, students can test their reading comprehension and attain a lexile level for the school year. This will direct your child towards appropriately leveled books to help their reading skills continue to grow. **The logon for the Next Generation Dashboards** is the same as your student's logon and password for Reading Counts. Please encourage your child to access this program and complete the test, as it will benefit the teacher's with their instruction and assignments. This info will also be used during the BINGO game accountability each grading period.