



September 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

The school year is in full swing and we are already posting Progress Reports for the first quarter. Students in grades 1-8 receive reports at this time. Please review your child's report by logging into Fast Direct and choosing Progress Report. You may gain more information by looking at your child's gradebook which has all of the details for the progress report grade.

This past week, all classes had a guest speaker from Call for Help. Please ask your child about the discussion, video, or book the speaker shared. This program is the Children's Education Component part of the Diocese's Child Protection Program. Notices will be sent next week to parents who are missing components. Please return all forms to the school office and we will forward them to the Diocese. If you are not compliant with the Child Protection Program, you may not attend field trips or volunteer.

Please be very cautious when driving on the school parking lot. Children do not always pay attention to the vehicles and we want to keep our students safe. During morning drop off, have your child cross in front of your vehicle; if you park and walk your child in, please have him/her look both ways to be sure it is safe to cross.

Next Thursday, September 20, Bishop Braxton will visit Holy Childhood School. We are excited for Bishop Braxton to see our school and to meet our students, faculty and staff. Next Thursday is also our monthly Feeding God's People sandwich making day. We will make sandwiches beginning at 7:30 in the cafeteria. Please join us and, if possible, bring meat, bread and cheese. **Spirit wear day is next Wednesday, not Thursday. Students should dress in uniforms on Thursday.**

School pictures will be taken on Sept. 17 and 18. Preschool 4 year olds and group/class pictures will be on Monday, September 17. Preschool 3 year olds and grades Kindergarten thru 8 are on Tuesday, September 18. All ordering will be available on-line. Students may dress out of uniform for their individual picture (4 year olds on Mon. Sept 17 and 3 year olds, kdg thru 8th grade on Tues. Sept. 18).

Iowa Assessments will be administered to all students in grades 2-8 the week of September 24. These assessments are very useful to evaluate a student's growth, strengths, weaknesses and areas that we can work to improve. Please help your child "test well" by getting good sleep each night, a nutritious breakfast and encouragement to do their best.

During our first service project, HCS families donated 1,265 food items to the Mascoutah Food Pantry. Classroom winners are: 1st place – Kindergarten, 2nd place – 8th grade and 3rd place – 7th grade.

Reminder: tuition that is paid monthly is due by the 1st of the month for preschool and 15th of the month for grades Kindergarten thru 8. Please consult the Parent/Student Handbook for the Holy Childhood Tuition Policy.

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

Calendar:

Saturday, Sept. 15	Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Edge Kick Off and Family Pot Luck – information below
Monday, Sept. 17	Kindergarten and 1 st grade – field trip Final day for Magazine Sales
Monday/Tuesday Sept 17 & 18	School Pictures
Wednesday, Sept. 19	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, Sept. 20	Feeding God's People – join us to make sandwiches Bishop Braxton visits Holy Childhood School School Board meeting All students wear regular uniform
Mon-Fri, Sept 24-28	Iowa Assessments (Grades 2-8)
Wed. Sept. 26	Bowling Alley Fund raiser
Thur-Fri, Sept 27-28	Vision/hearing testing
Friday, Sept. 28	Box Tops Turn in date

*****PLEASE PRAY DAILY, THE ATTACHED PRAYER FOR HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN.*****

Mark your calendars for the Little Flowers, Blue Knights and Edge 2018-2019 Youth Ministry Year Kick-off and family potluck on Saturday, Sept. 15 right after Mass!!

Please **RSVP** to [Ronda Beck 618-975-3505](mailto:dabex97@gmail.com) or email dabex97@gmail.com **by Sept. 13** with the number of people from your family who will be attending the potluck or if you have any questions.

If your last name begins with **A-J** please bring a salad to share, **K-S** bring a side dish, and **T-Z** bring dessert, meat and drinks will be provided.

If you want to learn more about these youth ministries visit the school's website under 'Clubs/Organizations'.

If your child is interested in joining please come and fill out a registration form at the kickoff.

Parents are encouraged to stay – toddlers and babies are welcome!

Car Clings! The HCS School Board has designed and purchased two HCS Apache "Window Clings" for every HCS family. Use of these car window clings is a great way to further boost our Apache "School Spirit" and further spread awareness of our outstanding HCS Community! Car clings will be sent home today. If you cannot use both, please pass it on to a friend/family/parish member or return to the HCS office. Extra car window clings will be available for purchase for \$1 in the school office.

DISHES NEEDED!!!!: The Sweet Tooth Booth Committee is collecting new or used dishes to be used to display the Sweet Tooth Booth treats at the dinner auction. We are looking for a wide variety i.e. small plates, large platters, cute holiday designs, large mugs, unique serving dishes, etc. There will be a drop off box in the HCS Office, at the Parish Center and the 3-yr old classroom until 24 September. If you have a question, please contact Amy Uptergrove or Jody Cozzi. Thank you!

Marketing Meeting--need volunteers!!! Would you like to help spread the word about our fantastic school and faith-filled community? The HCS School Board Marketing Subcommittee is looking for volunteers to help with expanding the marketing of HCS to our local community and Scott AFB. You do not necessarily need marketing experience as we are looking to for individuals to contribute in various capacities i.e creating flyers, taking photos, creating FB posts, writing testimonials, creating short video vignettes, writing articles, etc. We will be having a meeting 18 September at 6 pm in the 8th grade classroom to discuss ideas and further develop our marketing plan. Please contact Amy Uptergrove, 314-482-5565 if you are interested.