



September 27, 2018

Dear Parents,

Last week Bishop Braxton visited Holy Childhood School. He briefly met with me and then visited students in the classrooms for the remainder of the morning. Bishop Braxton had many questions for students and then invited them to ask him questions! He asked each group of students if they had eaten breakfast. Several children did not have breakfast and he talked with all of them about the importance of breakfast to give their brains and bodies energy to work in school. He also asked if the children go to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening). He encouraged all of the children to attend Mass on the weekend as well as the days we attend during the week. Bishop Braxton was very complimentary of our children and our school. I was extremely proud of our students and happy Bishop Braxton visited us.

We are completing our week Iowa Assessments. These assessments are very useful to evaluate a student's growth, strengths, weaknesses and areas that need improvement. Students enjoyed a week of no homework and a variety of activities. Next week we will return to the regular class schedule.

Father Paul will bless all pets on Tuesday, October 2 at 2:45. Please bring your pet to school at 2:45 if you would like it to be blessed. We will meet at the flag pole. If the weather is inclement, the blessing will be cancelled. Also on Tuesday is McTeacher Night at the Mascoutah McDonalds. Please visit McDonalds between 4 and 8 on Tuesday, have dinner and visit with Holy Childhood School teachers. HCS receives a portion of the sales (drive thru as well as dine in). Two years ago, we received \$800.00 from McTeacher Night. If everyone attends and has dinner, we could surpass that amount!

Yesterday Father Paul and I met with an auditor retained by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Throughout the country, Dioceses are audited for compliance of the Child Protection Program. The purpose of the Child Protection Program is to protect our children and we all **MUST** be in compliance. Monthly, I send notices to parents and relatives who need to complete one or more components of the program. These are not always returned and we are to the point of having to mark anyone who is not fully compliant inactive. The last notices were sent 2 weeks ago with a due date of 9/30/18. **If you received a notice and have not returned the forms to school, or completed the refresher course, you will be marked inactive on October 1.** You cannot volunteer, attend field trips, help in the classroom, coach, work with scouts, etc. unless you are in complete compliance and being marked inactive takes you off our list until you return items and we receive confirmation that you are once again compliant. CANTS forms may take up to 3 months for approval, so you cannot wait until the week before you wish to volunteer to turn it in. If you have questions, please contact me.

Since the weather is warm then cool and warm/hot, we will extend summer uniforms until October 31. Students may continue to wear shorts until then.

The Dinner Auction is quickly approaching! Be sure to make your reservations for an evening of good food, good friends and great fun, all to help Holy Childhood School! To reserve your place, please contact Mrs. Hulliung.

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. Tuition accounts must be up to date before the end of the quarter (October 12).

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thur-Fri, Sept 27-28	Vision/hearing testing
Friday, Sept. 28	Box Tops Turn in date
Tuesday, Oct. 2	Pet Blessing at 2:45 (cancelled if inclement weather) McTeacher Night at McDonalds 4-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4	HOPE meeting 6:30 Babysitting available
Friday, Oct. 5	No School – Diocesan Teacher Convention
Monday, Oct. 8	Columbus Day - No School
Wednesday, Oct. 10	Picture Retakes – students having their picture retaken may dress out of uniform
Friday, Oct. 12	End of First Quarter
Saturday, Oct. 13	DINNER AUCTION

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

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!

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 October 8. If you have a question, please contact Amy Uptergrove or Jody Cozzi. Thank you!

*****DESSERTS NEEDED*****

Dessert Donations are needed for the HCS Dinner Auction "Sweet Tooth" Booth. Donations will be accepted in cafeteria on Friday, 12 October until 5-8:00 pm and Saturday, 13 October from 8:30 am -12 pm in the HCS cafeteria *We will have serving dishes and supplies ready to display and wrap your dessert * Note: Dishes/platters from years past that you would like to "donate back" are also welcomed. Contact Amy Uptergrove (314) 482-5565 or Jody Cozzi (618) 509-0027 if you have questions. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Everyone is invited to participate in the 30th annual Life Chain this Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 from 2:00-3:00pm in Mascoutah. Life Chain is a national one hour long peaceful and prayerful public witness to the sanctity of human life. We will be at the intersection of Rt. 4 and Rt. 177. Signs will be available. Bring your own chairs. Contact Ronda Beck at 618-975-3505 for more information. Come out and join us as we stand for life!

From the library:

Book Camp Ranks 2018-2019

Corporal- Laura Berthe- 8th; Travis Kinzel & Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th; Caroline Ross- 4th; Halle Brennan, Paisley Crow, Lucy Jean Christ, Avery Larson & Ivy Herbert. **All readers receive a Camo Bracelet during Library Week.**

Sergeant- Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th; Halle Brennan & Paisley Crow- 1st. **All readers may wear crazy socks during Library Week.**

Captain- -Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th. **All readers may wear a camo team t-shirt during Library Week.**

Major- Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th. **All readers may wear HCS Spirit Wear during Library Week.**

Colonel- Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th. **All readers earn a non-uniform day during Library Week.**

GENERAL- Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th. **All readers earn the End of the Year reward!!**

MILLION WORD READERS: Isabelle Uptergrove- 5th grade!!