



September 1, 2016

Dear Parents,

We could not have asked for more beautiful weather for the Parish Fish Fry and Picnic! It was a marvelous weekend! Many thanks to the Picnic Committee and each person who worked planning, working, and cleaning up. It was truly a wonderful weekend and brought the parish, school and Mascoutah community to Holy Childhood for a fun event!

If you plan to volunteer in any way at school, you must complete each component of the Safe Environment program before you begin. If you are in doubt of your compliance, please call the school office.

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 and Associate Pastor for birthday and Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate money to this gift, would you please send it to school with your child in an envelope marked "Priests' gifts"? I know both Father Paul and Father Jerry do not expect anything, but are grateful for the gifts they receive.

If you have not returned forms for your child/children, please do so next week. New this year is the "concussion form" which must be returned for each child. Please be sure to read the parent/student handbook with your child/children and return the acknowledgement form.

This year, each child will receive a yearbook. To help defray the cost of purchasing these, we are collecting Box Tops and hope to earn enough to pay for all of the yearbooks. Be sure to **Save Box Tops!!**

Tonight is the first HOPE meeting of the year. For new parents, HOPE stands for Holy Childhood Organization of Parents & Educators. All parents are invited to attend the meetings, beginning at 6:30 on the first Thursday of the month. Babysitting is available.

School picture dates have changed. Pres school 4 year olds and group/class pictures will be on Monday, September 19. Preschool 3 year olds and grades Kindergarten thru 8 are on Tuesday, September 20. All ordering will be available on-line this year. Information will be sent out next week. Students may dress out of uniform for their individual picture (4 year olds on Monday, Sept 19 and 3 year olds, kindergarten thru 8th grade on Tuesday, Sept. 20).

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

Thursday, Sept. 1	HOPE meeting 6:30 in cafeteria – babysitting available
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day – no school
Tuesday, Sept. 6	Magazine Drive kick off assembly
Thursday, Sept. 8	Good touch/Bad Touch class for all students
Friday, Sept. 9	Skating Party at Fun Spot – 5:30-7:30
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Faculty meeting 3:00
Thursday, Sept 15	Feeding God’s People Sandwich Making School Board Meeting K-1 field trip Spirit day – students may dress out of uniform in HCS colors
Monday, Sept 19	PreK 4 year old pictures, groups and class pictures
Tuesday, Sept 20	Preschool 3 year old, kindergarten thru grade 8 pictures
Wednesday, Sept 21	School Spirit store open 7:40-8:15a.m.

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!

Mark your calendars for the 2016-2017 Youth Ministry Kick-off Friday, Sept. 16 at 6:00pm

This year’s Edge (5-8 gr. boys and girls) Little Flowers (K-4 girls), and Blue Knights (K-4 boys) clubs will have a family potluck as part of the kick-off. Please **RSVP** to Ronda Beck call 566-3034 (home phone) 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. Parents are encouraged to stay – toddlers and babies are welcome!

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, print off the appropriate registration form to the organization your child wants to join, and fill it out and return it to the appropriate leader through the school or at the meeting with the registration fee **NLT FRIDAY, Sept. 16.**

Looking forward to another year of growing in our faith through fun, fellowship and food!:)