



September 8, 2016

Dear Parents,

Everyone seemed tired on Tuesday, following the Labor Day Holiday! Both students and teachers have enjoyed the short week.

School picture dates have changed. Preschool 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 (no forms to return to school). Information was sent via email yesterday. If you did not receive the email, please contact me. 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).

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.

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!!** The first turn in date is Friday, September 23. Turn your Box Tops in to your homeroom teacher. The class with highest number of Box Tops will have an out of uniform day.

Next Thursday morning, we will make sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul's "Feeding God's People Program". Please join us at 7:30 in the cafeteria and bring bread, meat and cheese. Your donations are greatly appreciated by those served by St. Vincent DePaul. (Last month, we made 889 sandwiches. How many can we make this month?)

Parents, grandparents and parishioners are always welcome to pray with us. The student body attends Mass every Tuesday and Friday. Please join us!

If you plan to volunteer in the school, on field trips, coaching, or in any other capacity, you must complete all components of the Child Protection Policy. Please contact the school office if you are in doubt about your compliance.

Magazine Sales have begun! This is a fund raiser for HOPE. Proceeds benefit your children through the various activities that HOPE sponsors. Please help us make this a great sale! Final day to return magazine orders is Tuesday, September 20. Tomorrow is the Skating Party sponsored by HOPE from 5:30-7:30 at Fun Spot.

Iowa Assessments will be administered September 26-30 for students in grades 2-8.

Blessings,

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

Calendar:

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!

DINNER AUCTION

Save the Date - HCS Mardi Gras Dinner Auction; Saturday, October 15th. HCS Gym - tickets \$35. Contact Christi Mugele for questions: (618) 530-5121 and Debbie Hulliung for tickets dhulliung@yahoo.com or 566-4196.

**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](tel: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!:)

Apache Book Ads

Apache Book Ads will be accepted through Friday, September 30th. Show your support for HCS Athletics by signing up to be a Booster or placing an ad in the Apache Book for your athlete. For more information, see the attached flyer.