



HOLY CHILDHOOD
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A Note From Mrs. Yarber

The annual dinner auction was a great success!! Thank you all who were able to attend and enjoy the wonderful evening.

The students enjoyed several events during October; the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat are just a few. It is great to have volunteers helping make special events come to life.

Our HCS community is truly a blessing, and we are so thankful! There are several opportunities, during the month of November, to share our blessing with others. Please see details below regarding our Thanksgiving community project and Veteran's Day project. Your support and prayers for our school and children make Holy Childhood School a wonderful place to learn and grow in our faith.

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Living Saint Museum

The 5th grade students have been researching and learning about saints. Each student will be dressing and presenting details about his or her saint on Nov 4 from 9:30-11:30.

School Hours

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
7:50 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
Bus riders leave at 2:30

Every Wednesday
7:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m
Bus riders leave at 1:30

Veterans Day

Fundraiser Alert! On Wednesday, Nov. 10, we will be having a dress down day/fundraiser in honor of Veterans Day (Nov. 11). The students may wear patriotic themed or red, white and blue clothes for a minimum \$1 donation. All donations collected will go to the GI Go Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps veterans from all branches of service with employment, collecting benefits, accessing higher education and finding adequate housing.

In honor of Veterans Day, we are going to create a display of the veterans to show our appreciation. If you have any family members who are veterans, please fill out the "Veterans Day Hero" papers and include a picture. Paper copies will also be distributed to the students. Please turn in by Nov 9th to homeroom teachers.



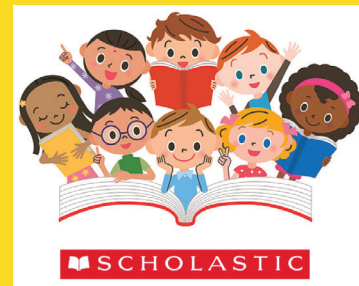
Cold Weather is Coming

Book Fair

The weather is changing, please make sure your students are prepared to go outside for recess or PE.



Nov 16-23, Evening sales Nov 18 & 22, Book Fair open Sunday Nov 21 after Mass. Mrs. Uhl is looking for volunteers to help with the book fair. Please contact Mrs. Uhl, wendy.uhl@holychildhoodchurch.com or call the office if you are interested.



Thanksgiving Community Project

"Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others."
PHILIPPIANS 2:4

The students and faculty of HCS will be gathering Thanksgiving meal items and donating them to the Mascoutah Food Pantry. To accomplish this act of service, we will be hosting a dress down day for donations on Friday, Nov 5th. The donations will be used to purchase perishable items and other food items needed at the food pantry. Additionally, we will be collecting Thanksgiving non-perishable items at school from Nov 5th-12th. The following are examples of items (canned vegetables, yams, pumpkin, cranberry sauce; stuffing; chicken or other broths; cream soups; boxed dessert items; pumpkin pie items; boxed potato casserole; instant potatoes; gravy mixes; etc)



Safe and Sacred

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, as well as our Diocesan Child Protection Policy, requires that all Catholic Schools and Parish School of Religion Programs offer to children (PreK to grade 12) within those programs, an age-appropriate presentation addressing issues of body safety. This program is also in compliance with Erin's Law regarding sexual abuse prevention.

Beginning the first week of November 2021, we will be utilizing the Safe and Sacred Children's Program to provide this information to your child's class. The presentation is age-appropriate and deals with the issue of sexual abuse. It stresses the importance that your child's body belongs to them and if anyone touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should #1: Tell them NO! STOP!, #2: Move away to a safe place, and #3: Tell an adult they trust. The main goal of the presentation is to teach children ways to keep their body safe. As age increases, topics of Internet Safety, Boundaries, Bullying/Cyberbullying and Grooming are introduced. A packet will be sent home to you after the session so that you can continue the conversation. These sessions will be taught by Mrs. Cozzi for grades Preschool - grade 4 and Mrs. Renth for grades 5-8.

Permission Slip

Special Persons Day

We will not have Special Person's day in November. We are working to reinvent Special Person's day and hope to enjoy this day in the spring.

Holy Childhood Winter Coat Drive

The Holy Childhood Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual winter coat drive. Please place new or gently used coats in the boxes located in the lobby of the School or Parish Center until December 12th.

Empower Illinois

Invest in Kids Act was a law which provided up to \$100 million in scholarships for children. Empower Illinois' scholarships provide opportunities for families to apply for tuition assistance. We are extremely fortunate at HCS to have about twelve individuals donate last year, which raised a little over \$30,000. With an anonymous matching donation from a catholic family in northern Illinois, HCS was able to support numerous families with tuition for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you donors!

Donations for the 2022-2023 school year begin December 1. Donors who give to Empower Illinois receive a 75% state tax credit for the amount of their gift, up to \$1 million. In addition, any portion of the tax credit may be carried forward for up to five years. Donors are able to select Holy Childhood School as the place to receive the donation.

If you or someone you know would like to make a donation and take advantage of this state tax credit please guide them to call HCS.

Impact of Empower Illinois

Empower Illinois Donation Info

Announcing Reservation Night 2022!

Mark your calendars! Reservations for a 2022-2023 tax credit scholarship will open Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30pm.

Like previous years, the reservation will be a two-step process. At 6:30pm, the reservation form will open, giving families time to enter their information before submission at 7pm. Once families reserve their time stamp, they will receive an email to log into their EmpowerXChange portal and complete the application when it opens on Friday, January 14.

The graphic features a green background with the Empower Illinois logo at the top. Below the logo, it says "RESERVATION OPENS 6:30 PM" and "CLICK TO SUBMIT 7:00 PM". At the bottom, it says "For more information, visit EmpowerIllinois.Org/Apply". To the right, there is a calendar icon for January 12, 2022, with the text "2022-2023 TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP RESERVATION OPENS" above it. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are at the bottom.

Keep an eye on subsequent newsletters for updated resources. In the meantime, please direct any questions to our helpline (800-616-7606, schools@empowerillinois.org).

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

All children between the ages of 5-14 are invited to participate. HCS students and PSR students may pick up the poster paper at school or PRS. Other children may pick up the poster paper at the rectory office or parents may contact Jim Cornman. The posters are due by Dec 10th 2021. The Knights of Columbus will award 1st and 2nd place posters in three age categories.



Angel Tree

November 12th through December 12th

Our Parish Friends of Cairo will sponsor the Angel Tree for families in need in the Cairo, IL area. This sustaining project is essential for the families in need and we need your assistance in providing new clothes and toys for our delivery to Cairo in early December. Please pick an angel tag from the tree and return your gifts under the tree. The Angel Tree will be located in the lobby of the school. Please look for opportunities to help in preparing the gifts for delivery. Contact Stacie Cornman to join the Angel Tree team.



Service Shout Outs

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

- HOPE and Kim Satterfield for a wonderful Fall Festival.
- Jr Beta, Jody Cozzi, and Amy Uptergrove for a fantastic family trunk or treat event.
- All the Athletic Coaches who lead our students during early fall seasons, baseball and soccer.
- Thank you to the following volunteers for your dedication and service in the cafeteria: Kathy Roberts, Vicky Binsbacher, and Diane Hobbs.
- For several years, Beth Gordon, has been volunteering her time in Kindergarten and supporting the teachers by making copies of material for the classroom. Recently, she has been covering the office for lunches as well. Thank you, Beth Gordon, for your service and dedication to our school.

Dates to Remember

Please check the school website for the most up-to-date calendar. The calendar is under "Current Students" and "School Calendar".

Nov 2	ACRE testing for 5th grade
Nov 3	Early release Wednesday
Nov 5	Dress down donation day for Thanksgiving community project
Nov 5	Jr Beta 2:50 PM - 4:00 PM
Nov 10	Early release Wednesday
Nov 10	Veterans Day dress down for donation
Nov 10	Hope Parent meeting 6:00 PM
Nov 11	No School - Veterans Day
Nov 12	Angel Tree & KofC Coat Drive Begins
Nov 17-23	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 17	Early release Wednesday
Nov 17	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov 18	Progress Reports (Please check Option C)
Nov 19	Spirit day
Nov 19	Jr Beta 2:50 PM - 4:00PM
Nov 19	EDGE 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM @ HCS
Nov 23	Early Dismissal 10:50 AM (NO After school Bus Services & No Aftercare)
Nov 24-28	No School Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3	Polar Express Day - provided by HOPE
Dec 15	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Dec 17	Early Dismissal 10:50 AM
Dec 17	End of 2nd quarter
Dec 18 - Jan 2	Christmas Break

Lanyards

As a reminder, please check your child's temperature each morning and verify that he or she does not have any symptoms. Please have your student wear the lanyard into school to signify he or she is symptom free.



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