

## A Note from Mrs. Yarber

It is hard to believe that March has arrived and the end of the 3rd quarter is March 4th. Report cards will be ready to view on March 15th.

This month will hopefully bring us more signs of spring as we journey through Lent. We will focus on the season of Lent during our Religion classes and special activities in the classroom. During Lent, we prepare for Easter. This is a time of prayer, restraint and questioning of what is really important in our lives. We will encourage our children to think about how they might want to live Lent... this might include giving up some things that they like to help them appreciate their blessings or it could include extra acts of kindness and compassion during the season of Lent.

As always, I thank you for your support. Please feel free to call at any time if you have questions or concerns

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## 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

## FYI

The CDC announced that it no longer will require that individuals wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems.

As CDC updates become available, I will continue to share information via email.

## FORMED

FORMED is an on demand collection of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, children's videos and studies for the entire family designed to help each of us grow closer to Christ and His Church. Check out these wonderful resources during Lent! Please click on [this link](#) to find out more.

## March Community Service Project

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the CRS Rice Bowl Program, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.



For more information, please visit  
<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

## March Virtue Prayer

Dear God,

I want to be kind. Help me to be kind even when I don't feel like it or when I don't think the other person deserves it. Please show me if one of my family members (or friends) need me to be extra kind to them today. You tell us not to pay back wrong for wrong, but to always try to be kind to each other. Even when I feel someone has done something wrong, please help me to be kind. God, You are so kind to us. Thank you. Please put Your love in my heart so I can be kind to others.

-Amen



## March Virtue Saint

Saint Rose of Lima was a very beautiful young woman who wanted to be a nun. She was so beautiful that many people wanted to marry her. She did not want to marry them so she cut off all her hair to try to be less attractive. This made her parents very upset because they had hoped that she would marry a rich man.

Rose refused. Instead she grew, and sold flowers, to help her family with money. After 10 years, her parents finally let her become a Dominican of the Third Order but still did not let her live in a convent. Rose moved into a hut in the backyard and did a lot of penance.

She kindly dedicated her life to others by opening a medical clinic to help the sick who were too poor to get medical help. She devoted herself to the sick and hungry and brought them to her hut to take care of them.



## Mascoutah Improvement Association

Once again, the Mascoutah Improvement Association is looking for young ladies and young men in the 8th grade going into high school to the age of 21 to run for Homecoming King or Queen. This is not a beauty contest but a way to raise money for the Mascoutah Improvement Association. The Mascoutah Improvement Association puts this money back into the Mascoutah Parks System. Also, there is an opportunity for the young ladies and young men to earn money for their participation. The young lady or young man must reside in the Mascoutah School District. If interested, please contact LeeAnn Funk at (618)566-4610 (no texts) by May 1st.

## Athletic Calendar



Under the "Current Students" tab on the school website, you can find the "Athletics Program". Added to this page is a link to the Athletic Calendar.

[Click Here for Link](#)

## Reminder



Munchkin Basketball has been rescheduled for Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> with the Kindergarten game starting at 5:30pm.

## 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*

What a blessing Tiffany Simon is to our staff!! She is extremely helpful, generous, and flexible!! She has helped me and many others at a moment's notice and does it with a happy heart! God Bless her!

## Upcoming HOPE Events



## Dates to Remember

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

March 2	Ash Wednesday (Mass-watched or attended by K-8th students & will receive ashes)
March 3	\$1 Dress down day - sponsored by 7th grade (Attire appropriate for church)
March 4	10:50am early dismissal (Bus service 10:30)
March 4	End of 3rd quarter
March 7	No AM or PM bus service (HCS has school)
March 11	Munchkin Basketball/Fish Fry
March 14	Empower Illinois informational meeting (regarding donations and state tax credit) @ 5:30 HCS
March 15	Report cards will be available through Option C
March 16	School Board Meeting 6:30pm
March 18	Spirit Day
March 18	Little Flowers/Blue Knights/ EDGE Jr/Middle meeting
March 31	Field trip Althoff - Performance of "Little House on the Prairie" - 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade
April 2	Confirmation Retreat 11:00am
April 2	Daddy Daughter Dance 7-8:30pm
April 7	Progress Reports - Please check grade in OptionC
April 8	Athletic Fish Fry
April 9	Mother Son Bowling 5-9:00pm
April 13	Stations of the Cross
April 14-18	Easter Break



# Featured Activities From Catholic Schools Week



Karl Zimmerman and his band filled our students' hearts with joyous worship music on Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week.



Put on your thinking cap day  
3rd grade



Spelling Bee Contestants:  
Alanna Nelson, Olivia Athy, Kate Brennan, Reese Roustio, Henry Link, Travis Kinzel, Luke Beck, Rylee Smith, Isabella Kilian, and Ethan Kinzel



Spelling Bee Winner:  
Henry Link



Rolling into the 80's Day for Catholic Schools Week was totally rad! 117 of the HCS student body was in attendance. A special thank you to HOPE for funding and organizing this with Skate City for our students.



## Featured Activities From Catholic Schools Week, contd.



HCS students were treated to a live theater performance from Bright Star Touring Theater. This program was brought to HCS through a generation donation from the Mascoutah Public Library.

The students saw "Black History Heroes, Soldiers, and Spies." Our students enjoyed learning and seeing the actors share stories "of brave Black Americans who made history in some of the most dramatic ways imaginable."

## Empower Illinois

***Would you be interested in learning more about funding catholic education through a scholarship program called Empower Illinois?***

Empower Illinois expands quality education options for low-income and working-class families of Illinois by granting scholarships to students attending private schools.

Individual and corporate donors make contributions to qualified scholarship granting organizations, Empower Illinois, who then fund a scholarship. In turn, donors are eligible to receive a 75% state tax credit.

On March 14th at 5:30pm an informational Empower Illinois meeting regarding donations/state tax credit will be held at Holy Childhood School. (Please see documents within the beacon, with more information about the scholarship program and the state tax credit.)

Empower Illinois scholarships provide parents with a way to help their kids find success!



***Would you support the need to continue private school scholarships?***

Over the last four years, Holy Childhood School has averaged around 29 student scholarships every year. The scholarships are made possible in part by local donations and an anonymous donation to the schools in the Belleville Diocese.

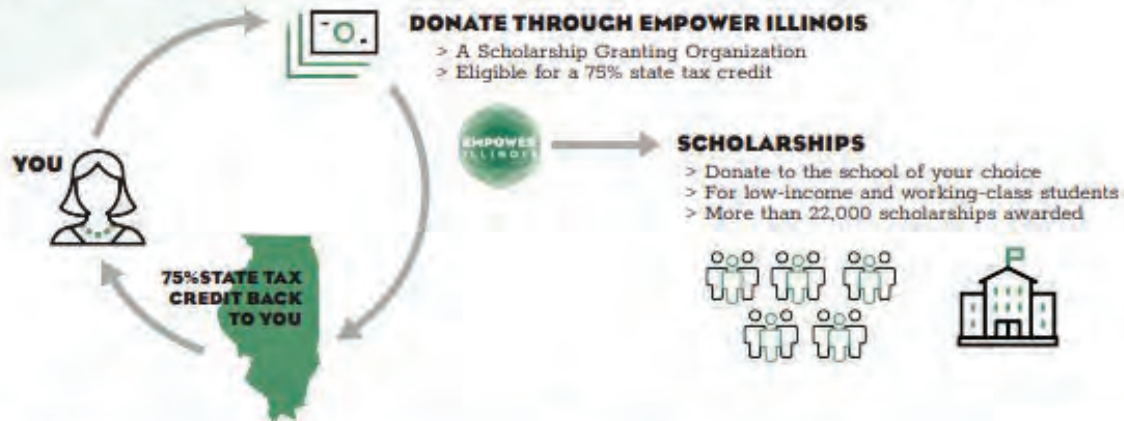
Please help share the impact of Empower Illinois by clicking the link to Phone2Action (<https://p2a.co/FKtpMYo>) to contact your state legislators. By contacting the elected officials, we will be sharing a unified message of support of HB 4126.



## KIDS ONLY GET ONE CHANCE AT A QUALITY EDUCATION

Empower Illinois expands quality education options for low-income and working-class families of Illinois by granting scholarships to students attending private schools.

Empower Illinois is the state's largest and most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization. To date, Empower Illinois has raised more than \$100M and awarded more than 22,000 scholarships. You can make a charitable investment in kids through Illinois' Tax Credit Scholarship Program.



### Who Your Donation Helps

- > Low-income and working-class kids across Illinois
- > Provide K-12 scholarships to quality, private schools
- > More than 22,000 scholarships awarded
- > 20,000+ kids on the waitlist who need your help

### How It Works

- > Donate through Empower Illinois, the state's leading Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)
- > By donating through an SGO, such as Empower Illinois, you earn a **75% STATE TAX CREDIT**

### Why Donate Through EI

- > You can direct your donation to the school of your choice
- > EI partners with more than 600 schools
- > Increase your impact through a larger donation, as you receive a 75% tax credit to offset your tax liability

### What's Next

- > Contact Empower Illinois' Donor Helpline at 800-616-7606 or [donors@empowerillinois.org](mailto:donors@empowerillinois.org)
- > Visit the Empower Illinois website: [www.empowerillinois.org/donate](http://www.empowerillinois.org/donate)



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## AN INTRODUCTION

### EMPOWER ILLINOIS AND THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### INVEST IN KIDS ACT

In 2017, bipartisan lawmakers passed the Invest in Kids Act. This historic law – the first of its kind in Illinois – transforms lives by providing up to \$100 million in scholarships for kids from low-income and working-class families in Illinois. Empower Illinois scholarships provide parents with a way to help their kids find success!

**\$100,000,000** in K-12 scholarships

Scholarships are funded through private donations to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), like Empower Illinois, who then administer the application and scholarship process. Donations to the scholarship program are eligible for a **75% State Tax Credit**.

#### EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Empower Illinois is the state's largest and most comprehensive SGO. We have successfully raised the most donations, received the greatest number of applications and awarded more scholarships than any other SGO in the state.

We serve approximately 91% of all recognized Illinois private schools in their processing of donations, scholarship awards, and program compliance. We also assist students and their families through the scholarship process in an effort to help kids access their best fit school.

**Empower Illinois' mission is to expand quality education options for low-income and working-class families of Illinois.**

#### HOW IT WORKS





## DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL

### INCREASE YOUR IMPACT

#### The OLD Way To Donate

Alexa would donate \$250 every year to her local private school. She owed the State \$750 in tax liability. Her total spend for tax liability and the donation was \$1,000.



TAXES OWED

\$750

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET

\$1000

#### The NEW Way To Donate

Alexa could increase her donation to her local private school to \$1,000 and decrease her tax liability to \$0. She **quadrupled** her impact at the school while paying the same out-of-pocket cost.



TAXES OWED

\$0

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET

\$1000

#### THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: HOW IT WORKS

INVEST IN KIDS ACT

**75%**  
TAX CREDIT

DONORS

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SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGS

SCHOLARSHIPS

STUDENTS

from low-income and working-class families

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a 75% income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), like Empower Illinois. The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

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