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A Note from Mrs. Yarber

What a beautiful beginning to the Easter season we've had! Entering into the spring season brings about a sense of freshness and hope for the months to come. Just as the Resurrection brings us a path to follow in hope, the days of spring also lead us to a path of warmth and sunshine.

The next several months are full of wonderful activities and events at HCS. Besides the Beacon, please check the school calendar on the website as well as your teacher's weekly newsletter for dates and details regarding the events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating Easter. During this special time with family and friends, I hope everyone's hearts are filled with the joy of the Resurrection and the hope of all that is to come in our families, school, community, and in our world.

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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 April School Board Meeting will be held on April 27th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.
- The CDC announced that it no longer will require that individuals wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems.

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.

April 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/>

April Virtue Prayer

Heavenly Father,

your son Jesus showed us how deeply he loved us when he gave his life on the Cross so that we could live forever in Heaven. Help me to show that kind of love.

-Amen



April Virtue Saint

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. According to the earliest Christian traditions, he was a carpenter or woodworker. The Gospel of Matthew calls him a "righteous man," meaning he was an observant Jew who obeyed God's law. Joseph was engaged to Mary, but when he discovered that she was pregnant with Jesus, he decided to call off the marriage. However, the angel of the Lord told him in a dream that he should go ahead with the marriage because Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

This was the first of four divinely inspired dreams that are recorded in the Gospel of Matthew; for this reason, he is sometimes called "the dreamer." After each of these dreams, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matthew 1:24)

The Gospel of Luke tells us that when Jesus was twelve, Joseph took him and Mary to Jerusalem to visit the Temple. They became separated, and Mary and Joseph spent three days looking for him. When they found him, Mary said to Jesus: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?" (Luke 2:48-49) Mary referred to Joseph as Jesus's father, honoring his role in caring for and protecting Jesus, and raising him in the Jewish faith; the reply of Jesus refers to God as his Father, and introduces a common theme in his preaching; Our faithfulness to God must come before even our closest human relationship.



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

HCS is so blessed to have Mr. Shiner who is always willing to step up and share his amazing talent with us all - singing in mass, MCing the dinner auction, commentator for Munchkin Basketball and DJ for daddy daughter dance just to name a few. He is a loyal and faithful servant. Thank you Steve for all you do!

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](#)

Athletic Department Board

The Athletic Department is looking for three new members to join the board.

Requirements are that you have a student eligible to play, regardless of whether or not they actually play. Meetings are once a month and terms are three years. If you or someone you know is interested please contact:

Heidi Kilian at
athletics@holychildhoodschool.com

Purple Up

April is designated as Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. HCS will have special events planned during the week of April 25th.

Month of the
Military Child

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.

Click here for more information.

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.

HCS Church

The church renovation is finished, and our spiritual home once again renewed!! Beginning on April 5th, our Kindergarten through 8th grade students will attend Mass each Tuesday and Thursday morning.

(The first Masses in the renovated church will be Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd)

If a family member is attending church on any Tuesday or Thursday, students are able to join and sit with their family.



Special Person's Mass



On Tuesday, May 17th students are encouraged to invite a special guest or two to attend mass with them. All K-8 will attend mass; preschool students are welcome at mass as well if they have a special guest to accompany them. After mass, students and their special guests can enjoy donuts, juice and coffee in the cafeteria and visit their classroom. Regular classes resume at 10:00am.

Water

To Continue to hydrate students, please remind your students to bring in a water bottle. We have water bottle refilling stations on each floor. We will continue to give students water bottles if they happen to forget. If you would like to donate a case of water, please feel free to drop it off in the office. We have gone through over 40 cases this school year.



HCS Spotlight

We are pleased to announce HCS's 1st Annual, "HCS Spotlight!" It will be held at the Mascoutah High School Auditorium and will feature our very own students in this special performance event! Hope you can join us for a night of fun as we spotlight our amazing students on the big stage!



Mother and Son Bowling



HOPE Mother-Son bowling is Saturday, April 9th from 5-pm. A game of bowling, shoe rental, refillable soft drink and pizza will be provided for all those registered. Click the link below to find your time and lane. It's guaranteed to be a night of fun! Check **HERE** for Lane Assingments and Times.

Ascension Presents:

God wants our brokenness. He wants everything that makes us imperfect in the eyes of the world. In this video, Fr. Mike Schmitz offers a revealing truth about God's paradoxical love for us, how he loves us—not in spite of our weaknesses—but because of them.



Dates to Remember

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

April 2	Confirmation Retreat 11:00am
April 2	Ties and Tiaras/Daddy-Daughter Dance 7- 8:30pm
April 5	6th grade DARE graduation - Parish Center 2:00
April 5	Penance Service for HCS students 12:30 in the church
April 7	Progress Reports - Please check grade in OptionC
April 7	\$1 Dress down day-wear St Louis Cardinals gear (7th grade fundraiser)
April 8	Athletic Fish Fry
April 8	EDGE Jr and Middle meetings (Little Flowers/Blue Knights)
April 9	Mother Son Bowling 5-9:00pm
April 11	Dress Down Day-wear blue/yellow to support Ukraine
April 12	Mass of Chrism - 8th grade 10:00-1:30pm (11:30 Mass at the Cathedral Belleville)
April 13	Stations of the Cross
April 14-18	Easter Break
April 22	Spirit Day
April 22	Jr. Beta 2:50-4:00 pm
April 25-29	Week of the Military Child
April 27	School Board meeting 6:30pm
April 29	Military Child assembly
April 29	Practice - First Communion 4:00pm
May 1	First Communion 2:00pm
May 2	No School for 2nd grade
May 2-6	Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	EDGE Jr and Middle meetings (Little Flowers/Blue Knights)
May 7	HCS Confirmation 1:00pm
May 10	Middle School Band and Choir 6:30-8:00pm
May 13	HCS Spotlight @ Mascoutah High School Auditorium 6:00pm
May 15	Retirement Open House for Kathy Renth & Nancy Raben (more info to come)
May 17	Special Person's Mass 8 - 10:00am
May 18	School board Meeting
May 20	School Picnic - Last day of School for 8th grade
May 21	8th Grade Graduation
May 23	Last Day of School for Kindergarten and Mrs. Schneider's preschool
May 24	Last day of School for Mrs. Cozzi's preschool
May 25	Last day of School for Mrs. Beck's preschool
May 26	Last day of School 10:50 am

Dress Down Day to Support Ukraine

My name is Eli Woodrome and I am blessed to serve as the President of the Holy Childhood's Junior Beta. On behalf of our organization I would like to announce we will be holding a dollar dress-down day for the people of Ukraine. This is going to be happening on Monday, April 11. Your child(ren) are asked to bring a monetary donation into school on the dress-down day and to wear yellow and blue - the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

The money collected will go to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) organization and will be used to support Ukrainian refugees. If you can not afford to make a monetary donation, prayers for the cause are also greatly welcomed. All students no matter prayers or money are encouraged to wear dress-down in support of the Ukrainian people.

If your family would like to make a larger donation directly to CRS you can do so through this link: [Ukraine-CRS](#). Thank you to all who donate. Your donation, whether large or small is greatly appreciated. To all who help us fight for peace in our world we are eternally grateful.

*Sincerely,
Eli Woodrome*



Lanyards and Illness

At this time, students do not need to wear the lanyards to school.

Just as in the past prior to covid, if your child is not feeling well, please don't send them to school. Additionally as in the past, students who are sick need to be 24-hour fever free (without fever reducing medicine), 24-hour vomiting free, feeling better, and/or following the doctor's orders with any medications.

As always, please continue to follow the procedure of calling the school office to share the reason for the absence and if you would like the teachers to gather homework. With several bugs going around school and as a common courtesy, please let the HCS office know if you have a diagnosis from the doctor. (ie. strep throat) Homework will be ready at the end of the school day for students who are absent for one day. If you need multiple days of work due to extended absence, please allow 2 school days for the teacher to gather and prepare material for your child.

If your child is experiencing covid like symptoms, the CDC still recommends getting tested.

[As per CDC guidelines, possible COVID symptoms are: fever (100.4 or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches from unknown cause.] If you chose to test your child, an at-home test is acceptable. Please simply take a picture of the result, indicating date, and email to the HCS office. Any positive cases will need to follow the CDC guideline of testing positive with Covid. If you choose not to test, then your child will need to stay home for 5 days as well as being 24-hour fever free (without fever reducing medical), 24-hour vomiting free, feeling better, or following the doctor's orders with any medications.

School Picnic



Friday, May 20th is the annual school picnic. Students from K-8 will be separated into 'teams' and travel from station to station playing games such as corn hole, balloon launcher, minute to win it, bounce house, etc. Pre-K will have a modified version and have their own time with the bounce houses. Many volunteers are needed to make this day a success. We are in need of team leaders and game station leaders from 8:00am - 12:30pm, ending with a hot dog sack picnic lunch. In the afternoon, there will be yearbook signing, a Kona ice truck and a special farewell send off for our 8th graders. It's sure to be a memorable day! Please sign up to be a part of it if you're available.

School Picnic Volunteer Sign Up



Camp Invention®

Camp Invention® is coming to Holy Childhood School!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), Holy Childhood School is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering K through 6th grade. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

The week begins on June 13, 2022 with Tiffany Simon serving as Director. The all-new 2022 Explore program will thrill both new and returning campers with an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating "a-ha" moments!

Early registration discounts available! Register using SUM15 by May 18 to save \$15 off the \$245 registration fee.

Availability is limited, so visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!

During this dynamic, high-energy program, young innovators will:

- Dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animal, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their aquatic friend home in a mini tank.
- Discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and AstroArm devices, mine an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.
- Combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create.
- Experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades.



Featured Activities



Munchkin Basketball

After being canceled due to ice and snow in February, Munchkin Basketball was able to be rescheduled for March 11th. The evening was filled with laughter and fun as K-3rd graders played against their classmates with 8th graders as coaches. It was an unforgettable night for HCS.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - 4th in STATE

On Saturday, March 26th our 8th grade girls became the only girls volleyball team in HCS history to make it to state. They played four matches in one day to win 4th place in State Class S out of 101 teams.

Congratulations, girls - what an amazing accomplishment!!



Visit from CMT Engineering

Allen Smith of CMT Engineering visited HCS this past Tuesday to talk to the eighth-grade class about his experiences with bridges. During his talk, he talked about the different types of bridges, different engineering methods, and some of his own fun experiences with bridges. The eighth graders immensely enjoyed the talk and hope to have him back in the future.

Submitted by Owen Dressler, 8th grade HCS student.