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A Note from Mrs. Yarber

It doesn't seem possible to be entering the last month of the school year. Even though school will be coming to an end, we have many exciting events and learning opportunities ahead.

The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week!!! Please take a moment to send a positive email or note to your teacher(s) to show your gratitude. Additionally our 2nd and 8th grade students will be receiving the sacraments of First communion and Confirmation. With all the upcoming events, please refer to the "Dates to Remember" section below for the details. We will continue to make memories as our eighth graders complete their final month at HCS.

To our 8th graders: Even though your elementary and middle school chapter at Holy Childhood is coming to an end, the memories and friendships will last a lifetime. You are always a part of and welcome at HCS.

Finally, thank you for your patience with our shift to a new student information system where the registration will be online. I will send the link to all families via an email.

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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

May Virtue Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I pray for all the souls on this planet that feel like they are not accepted and loved by others.

May they feel Your love, comfort, and peace all around them. I pray for all the souls that feel like they are alone and they have nobody else in this world. May they feel Your almighty and unconditional love.

For all the people out there who struggle with self-acceptance, allow them to feel Your loving presence, Your comfort, and Your peace.

- Amen

May is the Month of Mary

Why Mary, Why May?? Traditions are very important in Catholic celebrations. It is a way to stay connected with the past and celebrate the present. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary.

Mary is seen as a spiritual mother of Christians. As Jesus gave His mother away to the Apostle John from the cross (John 19:26-7), Catholics believe that in a symbolic way He was giving His mother Mary to be the mother of the whole Church. Catholics do not pray to Mary as they pray to God; there is only one mediator between God and humanity, Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5). We do ask for her intercession, believing that her prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, and the world have power because of her unique relationship with Jesus.



May Virtue Saint

Saint Rita, who lived in Italy, wanted to be a nun from the time she was a young child. But her parents had other plans. Rita was their only child and they wanted to have grandchildren! The idea of her being a nun wasn't an option. This made Rita sad and she prayed about it and asked guidance from a priest. After much prayer, Rita chose to obey her parents, believing that God wanted her to sacrifice her desire to be a nun and to marry as her parents wanted.

Unfortunately, the man Rita's parents chose for her husband was not a kind man. This was the late 1300s and marriages were arranged by parents. At the age of twelve, Rita married Paolo Mancini, a man with a violent temper. When he got angry, he often would say mean things to Rita. With God's help, Rita stayed kind and loving towards her husband; over time, her husband became a loving, caring, God-fearing man. They had two children together, both sons.



Then the unthinkable happened. Paolo was murdered! It was common during those times for the family of the murdered to take revenge and murder someone from the family of the murderer. In this case, Rita's sons, along with their uncle and his family, wanted revenge for their father's death. So, they began plotting to kill someone from the murderer's family.

Rita begged them not to, but they wouldn't listen. So then she prayed to God. She knew that committing murder was a mortal sin. A mortal sin is a deadly sin, one that separates us from God. If her sons committed this horrible sin and died without turning back to God, then they could go to hell—and Rita definitely didn't want that to happen!

But her sons died before they could carry out their plot. Without her family responsibilities, Rita was free to enter a convent like she always wanted. Even though she was known as a very holy woman, she was denied entrance to the Augustinian convent. It was believed that since her husband's family and another were still upset with each other it would not be safe for the other nuns if she entered the convent. Rita had already made it clear to everyone that she had forgiven the murderer of her husband. This wasn't enough, the convent said. She needed to bring peace between the two families first.

It took a lot of courage and patience to work with both families and get them to become friends. But, through God's help, she succeeded and was allowed to enter the Augustinian convent.

Rita loved her life as a nun and lived a very holy life there. She spent much time in prayer and always did God's will. Jesus appeared before Rita many times. Because of how much she loved Jesus, she begged Him to be able to suffer some of the pain of his crucifixion. This request was granted by him. He sent her one of the thorns from his crown and it pierced her forehead. She had this wound the rest of her life. It never healed and caused her great pain which she gladly suffered.

Medicine nowadays is much different than when St. Rita lived. The wound from the thorn got very infected and it began to stink. The smell from the wound was so bad that to spare the other nuns suffering through having to smell it, Rita would often stay in her room to pray. Later, even worms began to live in her wound which added to her torment. But never did she complain and she was always joyful. (Makes me extra glad for "modern medicine" being around. Could you imagine worms crawling in your wound?)

Saint Rita died in 1447 at the age of seventy-six. She is known as the Saint of impossible causes. Feast day: May 22

Service Shout Outs

Library News

"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

Our Dairy King fundraiser was a great success! DK donated \$425, which was 10% of that evening's sales. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us and to Dairy King for offering this event.

Shout out to Kristen Meng for executing an amazing week for our military students. Thank you for all your efforts with the details! Thank you also to Kim Satterfield for your support and creation of the daily dress down days.

Thank you to the mysterious person who helped beautify the front of the school with four beautiful flowers and adding petunias to the large planter containers.

Thank you to our military veterans, Colonel Richard Thompson, Major Thomas Beuschel, Captain Chuck DeLorme, and Major Dan Cozzi who joined us each morning to help us celebrate our Military students.

WHAT A GREAT BUNCH OF READERS AT HCS!!

We averaged 12-15 BINGO winners each month during the school year. WOW!!

LAST DAY TO CHECK OUT BOOKS - May 12

LAST DAY FOR STORE - May 10 & 12 All RC points must be used.

ALL BOOKS DUE BY MAY 19.

Happy Summer and KEEP READING!!



Dates to Remember

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

May 1	First Communion 2:00pm
May 2	No School for 2nd grade
May 2-6	Staff Appreciation Week
May 3	Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
May 5	1st and 8th grade field trip to the Zoo
May 6	EDGE Middle meeting
May 7	Confirmation 1:00pm
May 10	Middle School Band and Choir 6:30-8:00pm
May 10	2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade field trip
May 12	8th grade field trip
May 13	HCS Spotlight @ Mascoutah High School Auditorium 6:00pm
May 15	Retirement Open House for Kathy Renth & Nancy Raben after 9:00 am Mass
May 17	Special Person's Mass 8 - 10:00am
May 18	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
May 20	School Picnic - Last day of School for 8th grade
May 21	8th Grade Graduation 1:00pm
May 23	Last Day of School for Kindergarten and Mrs. Schneider's Pre-K
May 24	Last day of School for Mrs. Cozzi's preschool
May 25	Last day of School for Mrs. Beck's Pre-K
May 26	Last day of School 10:50 am
May 26	Athletic Banquet 6:00 pm @ Ag Building
May 28	School Pool Party 7pm - 9pm @ Mascoutah Pool

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!



Girls on the Run

We are excited to announce that Girls on the Run is coming to HCS in the fall of '22.

Girls on the Run, a national non-profit organization, designs programming that strengthens third to eighth grade girls' social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills to successfully navigate life experiences. More information and registration will be available in August.. The end of the season 5K will be on November 12th in Forest Park.



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 muffins, juice and coffee in the cafeteria and visit their classroom. Regular classes resume at 10:00am.



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, week-long 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.



National Inventors
Hall of Fame®

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!

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.**

Early registration discounts available! Register using discount code ‘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!

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 45 cases this school year.

Empower Illinois

Please join us as we continue the campaign to reach ALL of our students who have applied for the Empower Illinois Scholarship and are currently on the waiting list.

Your contribution is needed!

As of this time, we have funded only 3 of our 34 students on the scholarship list.

Click here for more information or go to <https://empowerillinois.org/donate/>

[Individual and corporate donors, who make contributions to Empower Illinois, are eligible to receive a 75% state tax credit.]



Vacation Bible School



Mascoutah Vacation Bible School is open for registration!

June 20-24 from 8:45 - 12:00

Volunteers - completed 6th-8th grade

Student Registration - age 4 by Sept 1, 2022

CHILD REGISTRATION:

[Click Here for Link](#)

School Pool Party



HCS Splashin' Summer Social



Featured Activities



April 25-29 HCS celebrated the Week of the Military Child.



Featured Activities, contd.



We are thankful each day for our wonderfully kind and sweet Administrative assistant, Mrs. Elmore.

Thank you for helping show all of our love and support with all the beautiful gifts.

