

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Together in Faith:**

**Strong in Mind, Body, and Spirit**

Together we live and learn at Howells Community Catholic School, not just for school but for life. Our time at HCCS is truly a community of cooperation, hard work, and some fun too, as we grow in mind, body, and spirit. Faith is a central part of our day at HCCS; may that faith carry you through to a safe and terrific summer.

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class! We will miss this energetic group of students as they move on to their next step in education. My hope and prayers for them is that they remember the values they learned during their time in Catholic education and make us proud by their future achievements.

We thank Miss Sarah Miller for her generous service to our school and wish her the best at her new school.

I would like to thank the teachers and staff, students, and parents for your support and cooperation to make this a successful year. Thank you to Father Stan for his support and for teaching religion in the classrooms each week. Thank you to the school board for your hard work and dedication to our school and for supporting me as Head Teacher. I am looking forward to another year as Head Teacher where we can make the good even better and learn from our past mistakes.

Thank you so much and God bless you all!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Carol Vogel*, Head Teacher

**THANK YOU!!!** to everyone for your time, dedication, and monetary support in all our efforts to make 2017-2018 a great school year for our students!

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**Janet's Jungle Plant Sales: Thank you!!!**

Sales were super! Thank you to everyone who supported the plant sales. After expenses, we netted over \$6000. Happy growing season!

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**GAO Magazine Fundraiser:** Did you renew magazines last fall online? Are you receiving reminders in the mail to renew your magazines? **HCCS is no longer** conducting person-to-person magazine sales; however, you may still renew magazines and purchase items and give your support to HCCS. **All magazine and gift item sales will be online only.** Anyone who wishes to renew his/her current subscriptions must log onto the website at <https://gaschoolstore.com/> and click on "Shop Now," enter the **school code 2519213** or click on "Find a School/Organization," enter a student's name (or if not registered, you may use "Carol Vogel") or continue without student's name. Search for the type of magazine or gift item that you want to purchase and follow the directions online to complete your purchase. Items will be delivered directly to your home. HCCS will receive 40% of the purchase price of magazines and 50% of the purchase price of gift items. Items may be purchased at any time of the year. Thank you for your support! God bless you!

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Thank you to everyone who supported the "Trash Bag" Fund Raiser. We netted over \$600 on trash bag sales. There are still rolls of trash bags available in 3 different sizes at \$11 per roll. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

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**SUMMER CLEANING: July 23 from 6:30-8:30.** If you cannot clean, please pay the \$50 cleaning fee by May 31.



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The **HCCS tuition** for 2018-2019 will remain the same for the coming year. Tuition payment information will be posted on the website. The \$50 book fee is included in the tuition payment.

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**Calendar for new school year 2018-2019** will be e-mailed early this summer. Please watch your email for it and also check the school website. <http://www.howellscommunitycatholic.org>

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**Spirit Catholic Radio winner:** The Catholic radio station sponsored its second annual calendar contest. Winners will get their saint pictures on one of the calendar pages for 2018-2019. First place winner of the grade K-3 category was Maura Cada with her artwork of St. Katherine Drexel. Congratulations!

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**GFWC Howells Woman's Club WRITING CONTEST:** Congratulations to the students who placed in this contest: **Poem:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reagan Bayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Levi Cada; **Story K-2 Winners -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Ava Koliha, 3<sup>rd</sup> Addison Heard; **Poem: Grades 3-4-5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Jade Bayer, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Grant Perrin; **Stories: Grades 3-4-5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Ember Hemmer, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Dylan Brichacek, **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Bella Koliha, tied with Lydia Dostal.

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The list of **Student School Supplies** for the new school year 2018-2019 is being sent home and will be available on the school website. Any changes will be posted on the website before the beginning of the new school year.

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**Box Tops for Education** brought in about \$200 this year. Please keep collecting those Boxtops over the summer. Boxtops may be dropped off at the church at any time. **Thank you for supporting HCCS one dime at a time! It adds up!!!**

Also please keep saving the beverage **can tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha, and recycled computer **ink cartridges**.

**Thank you to Chris Coday** for working with the ink cartridge recycling program, to help us acquire copier paper and miscellaneous office supplies. We do accept quality copy paper that is printed on one side. We can recycle this by printing worksheets on one side.

**Notice: Campbell's soup labels!**

The **Campbell's Labels for Education** has ended. We were able to purchase some playground equipment and Visa gift cards with our remaining points. Thank you for all the years of saving the Campbell's labels! It is much appreciated.



**LIBRARY:** All HCCS students voted for their favorite **2018 Nebraska Golden Sower Award Book** and waited in anticipation for the announcement of the **WINNERS** throughout the whole state. They are:

**Grades 1-3 Picture Book Winner:** *We Forgot Brock!* by Carter Goodrich; **Honor:** *Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman, illus. by Zachariah O'Hora; *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson **Grades 4-6 Chapter Book Winner:** *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar; **Honor:** *Baker's Magic* by Diane Zahler; *The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall.

**Golden Sower Novel Winner:** *House Arrest* by K.A. Holt; **Honor:** *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt; *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz

All 10 picture books were read to the students in Grades 1, 2 & 3 during library time with Mrs. Pat Recker. They listened for clue words and drew their favorite scene from the story while discussing characters, settings, the plot, and how the story ends. Their top votes went to "*Job Wanted*". The students enjoyed library games and treats at the end of the school year.

All students in Grades 4-6 read and summarized a minimum of 4 books, and were eligible to vote and celebrate with a popcorn and movie party. The movie they watched this year was *Wonder*, which was the Golden Sower Book Award of 2014. Each student was given the opportunity to answer two questions about the characters, settings, and plot. For correct answers, they were awarded extra minutes of free recess time. The chapter book with the most votes in our school was *Fuzzy Mud*.

There were 8 students in Grades 4-6 who read and wrote summaries for all the required Nebraska Golden Sower Chapter books this year. They were awarded a certificate and played Bunco for prizes.

Those students are:



Back row: Ember Hemmer, Jade Bayer, Natalie Pieper, Lane Belina

Front row: Eva Martin, Taylor Steffensmeier, Ethan Coufal, Noah Coufal

During the summer, students can check out the 2018-19 Nebraska Golden Sower books at the Howells Public Library, or contact Mrs. Recker to check out Golden Sower Books from the school.

The following is a message from the Nebraska Golden Sower Committee: "Thank you to all of the 71,939 students who read the Golden Sower Award nominees this year and voted for their favorite book. And also a big THANK YOU to all of the teachers, media specialists and librarians who promoted the books in their schools and libraries. You help make the program a success!"

*Kathy Schultz, Chair, Golden Sower Award Committee*

**Congratulations 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates!**



**Reagan Koliha, Austin Hegemann, Max Lange, Natalie Pieper, Nathan Hegemann, Oscar Dominguez, Lane Belina**



**Have a great summer everyone!**

