

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

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As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I want to thank you for helping us. We truly are Catholic Schools that Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed. Let us continue to demonstrate these qualities as we move throughout the remainder of the school year. Catholic education is a gift to our Church, families, community, nation, and world. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of Catholic schools – students, families, teachers and staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local and national leaders.

We are especially grateful for the opportunity for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to attend Mass with the Archbishop in Norfolk and to celebrate with our larger community of faith of our neighboring Catholic schools of St. Wenceslaus in Dodge and St. John Neumann in Clarkson



*Mrs. Carol Vogel*

*A few thoughts on Living the Word of God:*

Jesus tells the disciples and us that we are the light of the world and that they must not hide this light, but shine it forth. Jesus says that our light must shine so that others may see their good works and thus give glory to God. This is a reminder that our actions and our words can be forms of light, or conversely, of darkness.



We might also consider how our attitude or interior disposition is a form of light. How can we be light for each other in our family life? (taken from *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*)

HCCS was host to the **HDC Speech Team** for the Jaguar Speech Meet on January 23. We were able to help out by hosting some of the preliminary competitions and show off our school at the same time. Congratulations to the HDC team for tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> at that meet! We wish the speech team the best of luck in all future meets.

On Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade traveled to Norfolk to attend Mass with the Archbishop. Ember Hemmer carried the HCCS banner in the entrance procession. All students were treated to a pack your own sack lunch and some faith sharing from the Norfolk Catholic High School students and Fr. Scott Schilmoeller.



**Upcoming Events:**

- Feb 6** – Fun Fest parent packets go home.
- Feb 11** – Fun Fest quilt raffle tickets go on sale
- Feb 14** – Valentine’s Day party 2:30-3:30 pm
- Feb 15** – No school; state wrestling
- Feb 18** – Parents turn in Fun Fest packets
- Feb 20** - No school HCCS; Staff meeting-am, School of Faith-pm
- Feb 26** – Last day to turn in Quilt Raffle tickets

*What's happening at HCCS?*

- ❖ **Valentine's Day parties** will be held on Thursday, February 14 from 2:30-3:30. Students do exchange Valentines with all the students in their class.
- ❖ **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** this quarter will be on an as needed basis. Parents and/or teachers may initiate the conference if they feel there is a need for a conference. More information will be coming home about scheduling a conference. Mid-term reports will be sent home on February 5.
- ❖ The **Scholastic Book Fair** sales are going well. Book fair is open every afternoon from 3:00-4:00; stop in to pick from our great selection. With the rewards of the Book Fair, we will receive a number of books required to update our libraries, be able to purchase the Scholastic News for the upcoming school year, and acquire resources for the classrooms. Thank you for your support!
- ❖ The annual **Coin War** was held the week of January 14-18. Students collected \$787.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to donate toward new books, not only for our library, but for needy children nationwide. First place winner was 5<sup>th</sup> grade; they received prizes from the Book Fair. Thanks to all for your help!
- ❖ **WOMAN'S CLUB ART SHOW:** The students' art will be on display for viewing in the Howells Catholic Social Hall after the Masses the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please stop in to see our talented artists.
- ❖ **Stay informed!** To check dates, event details, news updates, and other information, please visit our website [www.howellscatholic.org](http://www.howellscatholic.org).



**Winners of the Scholastic Book Fair Coin War: Grade 5-- Grant Perrin, Kelsie Coufal, Cash Renz, Nathan Tomacak, Eva Martin, Noah Coufal, Ethan Coufal.**



Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student received a free book and a visit from our annual Book Fair guest, SaDee. With 100% participation, all the students were able to pick out a small prize from the Book Fair. Total dollars brought in by the entire school was \$787.00.



Julie Kreikemeier, 4-H Educator from the Colfax County Extension Office, visited our school and presented “Unplugged Coding.” Students learned to write coding directions for doing the “Chicken Dance” and then got to act it out to see how accurate their



directions were. They discovered that one must be very specific when coding.

Please visit website for more pictures.

**FUN FEST - March 17, 2019**

Plans are well under way. The letters to the businesses you are to contact for donations will be sent home soon with the oldest child in your family. Please contact the businesses **as soon as possible**, and return donation slips to school no later than **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow enough time to prepare the list so that it may be available the weekend before the Fun Fest. The list is a way of advertising and thanking those who support our school. Please remember to pick up the list with the church bulletin on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

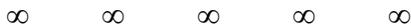
**Certificates** that were donated to the Fun Fest will be going on sale beginning March 10<sup>th</sup> at 100% of their value. More information will be coming soon.

The **work schedule** will be coming home in February. Please review all information very carefully, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call a School Board Member or Fun Fest Committee Member.

Families of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be asked to help with the Fun Fest. This includes either donating 2 cakes, selling cake raffle tickets, or assisting with table clean-up. Details will be attached to the Parent Work List. CCD students will also be helping on the day of Fun Fest



Everyone's cooperation is needed for a successful day!



**QUILT RAFFLE:** The 2019 Fun Fest quilt was made and donated by Mary Svitak and Ardith Svitak. Mary is great-grandmother of HCCS student Kelsi Corder.



**Students will be selling Quilt Raffle Tickets from February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>.** We will have family sales instead of individual student sales. A picture will be given to each family so that you can show the ticket buyers what the quilt looks like. Tickets can be purchased through the office after February 26<sup>th</sup>, and on the day of the Fun Fest. **All Quilt Raffle Tickets** that the students are given (sold and unsold) must be returned to school by **February 26.**

Each family will receive one envelope with **tickets that sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.** Please call the office or send a note if you would like more tickets. When your family is done selling, please enclose the money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets in the envelope in which they came home. **Make sure all purchased ticket stubs are filled in completely.**

The family who sells the most tickets will draw the winner of the quilt and will receive \$25 in Howells Bucks. Each family will earn one Fun Fest "game playing" ticket for every \$5 turned in by February 26<sup>th</sup>. All families will get their earned 'game playing' tickets the day of the Fun Fest.

Please pray for a nice sunny, super successful Fun Fest day!



**Fun Fest Committee:**

- Jesse & Kristen Svehla
- Brent & Rebecca Brabec
- Scott Brester & Anna Hays
- Jeremy & Kim Koenig
- Andy & Molly Cada
- Dan & Deanne Rocheford

Thank you for serving on the Fun Fest Committee. God bless you for donating your time and talent.

**Catholic Schools Week** – Celebrating Catholic Education from January 27-February 1, 2019  
Thank you for sending your children to HCCS and believing in the value of Catholic Education!