



“What good is the warmth of summer without the chill of winter.” -John Steinbeck



Happy New Year and welcome back to all our families. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday break. I look forward to getting back to our regular school routine and starting the New Year off with a bang. As we approach the end of the 1st semester I want to say thank you for all you do for your child's education. As a faculty and staff we appreciate that the children are prepared and ready to learn each day.

Prayer: A new year brings a new resolve for improving our lives and others. One way in which we can do this is to pray together as a family. Prayer is the foundation of the Catholic home and is one of the best ways to help your family thrive. We are living in a time which is full of trials and obstacles that can sometimes lead us to question faith.

When you pray together as a family, each member learns what it means to be intimate with God. It is a time they are communicating with God and it should be taken very seriously. While there is deep theological meaning in prayer, it doesn't have to be complicated and difficult. It's something anyone can do anywhere at any time. Teach your children that prayers do not have to be long and formal. When you are together, offer up short, spontaneous, conversational prayers. Make generous use of words like please and thank you. Do everything you can to help your children love Jesus. Cultivate an awareness of God's presence in the details of everyday life.

When your family gathers at meal time, say grace before the meal. Strive to make praying together as a family become your new year resolution. You will be teaching your children by example how to pray; how important prayer is; and that we rely on God for everything. These are the greatest life lessons you can give to your children.

Emergency Closings and Delays: If inclement weather or some other emergency requires that the school be delayed or closed, this information will be announced on the School Reach System. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY FOR THIS INFORMATION. You can also see a list of closing and delays on KDKA. We are listed as Holy Trinity School Robinson.

Two Hour Delay Information: The car rider doors will open at 9:45 am for all K – 8 students. Preschool can be dropped off at 10:00am. Our Morning Care Program will be available at 7:00am for parents who need to drop off their child on two hour delays for the cost of \$7.00 for 1 hour, \$11.00 for 2 hours and \$14.00 for 3 hours

Modified Half Day Kindergarten Schedule: When Holy Trinity School has a two hour delay all half and full day students will report to school by 10:00 am. At 12:30 pm the half day kindergarten students will be dismissed.

Modified Half Day Preschool Schedule: When Holy Trinity School has a two hour delay all half and full day students will report to school by 10:00 am. Half day students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm. There is no snack time on two-hour delays for half day students only, so be sure that your child eats breakfast.

School District Closings and Delays: If you do not receive a call that HTS is delayed or cancelled, but the public-school district which provides your child's transportation is, only those children should

follow the delay or cancellation. Children who ride the buses of other districts who are not delayed or who are driven should arrive at the normal time. PLEASE NOTE: Because our attendance registers are legal indicators of a child's presence at the times we are in session, children who arrive late or are absent because of busing when school is in session will be marked as excused tardy or excused absence.

Winter Dress: With the winter temperatures upon us it is extremely important to dress your children appropriately. If the temperature is 32 degrees or above the children will be going out for recess. It is important to allow time for the students to run off their penned up energy after sitting in class all morning even in colder temperatures. Also, it is best to dress girls in tights with their plaid uniforms or wear navy pants. Recess is twenty minutes long so the children must be dressed in winter coats, hats, and gloves. If your child does not wear a winter coat, they will have to remain indoors. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Camp Invention® is returning to Holy Trinity Catholic School: In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, Holy Trinity Catholic School is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children work together to create solutions to real-world problems and build critical 21st-century skills while rotating through several high-energy, hands-on modules. The week begins on **June 24, 2019** with the **ALL-NEW 2019 program, Supercharged!** Activities give participants the opportunity to explore, discover and achieve while having fun!

Here are how young innovators will be spending their time:

Exploring the electrifying relationship between frequency, circuitry, motors and gears through reverse-engineering and rebuilding their very own remote-controlled robot.

Unearthing hidden fossils then building ships and innovative equipment to embark on a research expedition to uncover more exciting information about their discovery.

Coding and programming robot, Bot-ANN-E, to take on duties and help turn a polluted wasteland into a fruitful farm and successful business

Collaborating with the Innovation Force®, a team of NIHF Inventors turned action-packed superheroes, to design superhero gadgets and disguises, explore the fields of engineering and fabrication and take on the sinister villain, the Plagiarizer.

Register using promo code INNOVATE25L to save \$25 (expires 3/22) or PLAY15LISTING to save \$15 (expires 5/10) OFF \$230. Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit www.invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!

Fundraising Opportunities:

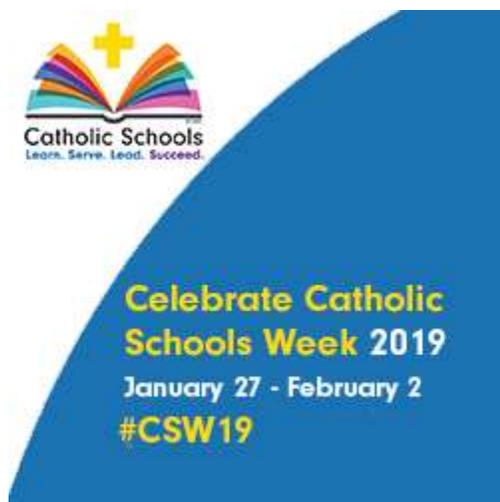


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If your new year resolution was to get into shape, here is a great opportunity for you. HTS has set up a Cycle Giving for Friday, January 11, 2019 at 6:45 PM. The cost of the bike is \$30.00 with \$15.00 going toward your fundraising assessment. Invite some friends and enjoy 45 minutes of spinning! To sign up for your bike use this link. <https://bit.ly/2B90rAF>

Super Bowl Pool: HTS will once again be offering the Super Bowl Pool Fundraiser. Squares sell for \$20.00. Credit of \$10.00 per square sold will be given to participating families. See the attached flyer.

Coming Soon! The schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week.



WE ARE PLANNING



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Mark your calendars

What: Family STEAM Night
When: Wednesday, January 30th, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Where: Holy Trinity School

Discover the fun of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through hands-on activities for our students and their families.

Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.