January 10,2020

Greetings from Mrs. Roling:

We have had a wonderful week of learning, reviewing and strengthening habits!  Each day the classes have highlighted a 7 Habit or attitude to help them be their best self.  We are building a strong foundation in each student, with integration of our Catholic faith and implementation of new tools and mindsets.  Ask your child about growth mindset, the 7 Habits and the discussions during the class meeting.  On Monday the teachers will be talking with the students about the following quotes:

**Life is a series of Choices. Attitude is our most important choice.  Attitude is a mental outlook, a frame of mind. “Your attitude is what you say when you talk to yourself.”**

Catholic education makes a positive difference in your family!  Thanks for your support of our living out Christ's mission.  Students across the system will bring home today their Family Pre-registration form, in the backpack of the youngest child.  Thank you for checking the boxes and returning it to our office with a $50.00 per child registration fee.  The pre-registration information directly impacts the number of classrooms needed next fall and the number of teachers/staff.  We are committed to keeping class size low and providing the strongest education for your child!  Thank you for your help by returning the forms soon so we can lay out our plans.  If you have any questions PLEASE contact me!

*Blessings to you and your family,*

*Mrs. Barb Roling*

Upcoming Events:

* Map Testing begins January 6th- 31- look for notes from your teachers on the specific days
* Monday, January 13 **Parent Association meeting at 5:30-6:30pm in Fogarty Hall! (lower level of parish office/rectory, access from parking lot by garages)** We adjusted the date and site to accommodate parents who can not leave work during the day, and to provide a break away for moms home with little ones! Please come to learn about the 2nd semester happenings.
* January 14 & 15: Incoming K visits Kindergarten- holyfamilydbq.org/kindergartenvisit Please RSVP to the office or online
* Tuesday, January 14:  Wahlert Dance Team visiting during morning gathering, 8:20-8:30
* Geography Bee--1st round on Tuesday, January 14.  2nd round on Wednesday, January 15. Both are after school.
* Thursday, January 16--Early Childhood Open House and registration 4:30-6:30
* Thursday, January 16--Skate Party, 6:00-8:00.  Enjoy a fun night with friends!
* Accelerated Reader (AR) goals are due Friday, January 17.  Check how your 1st-5th grader is doing on his/her reading goal!
* No School- January 20- Professional Development Day
* Spelling Bee: written portion during school on January 21.  Oral bee is after school on January 22.
* Wednesday, January 22--Wahlert Show Choir and Jazz Band performance for 4th and 5th graders.  Due to times, we need parent drivers rather than taking a bus.

**Looking Ahead**

* January 27-31 Catholic Schools Week
  + Thursday, January 30 Family mass at 9:00, with an Open House following
  + Spirit Day is January 31
* Spring Break- March 16- 20th

**Check the**[**calendar**](https://www.holyfamilydbq.org/calendar/?calendar_feed=st-columbkille)**for full listing of events.**

 Mass Schedule:

**Mass is every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Church, unless otherwise stated.**

* January 16th- Prepared by Mrs. Colbert's Class
* January 23rd- Prepared by Mrs. Krueger's Class
* January 30th-  Prepared by Catholic Schools Week Committee
* February 6th- prepared by Mrs. Weig's Class
* February 13th- prepared by Mrs. Burke's Class
* Wednesday, February 19th- prepared by Mrs. Johnson

The tuition assistance application for next school year is now available at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid) and the deadline to apply is April 15, 2020.

Tuition assistance help nights are scheduled for:

* **Wednesday, February 26**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and
* **Thursday, March 26**, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

These sessions will take place in the Holy Family central office at 2005 Kane Street.  An optional informational meeting will be held during the first half hour each night.  If you plan to attend the informational meeting and/or need childcare for a session, please RSVP to Katie Tracy at [ktracy@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:ktracy@holyfamilydbq.org).

**Personalized Learning News**

Our 4th and 5th graders are excited to showcase projects they have been working on these past weeks!   ALL parents are invited to our Summit Showcase Open House after our Catholic Schools Week Family mass on Thursday, January 30 through 11:30.  Students will share their process of learning, their thinking skills and the cognitive skills on which they are assessed.  Our Kindergarten through 3rd graders will view the projects Wednesday afternoon.

Hello to parents of all current HFCS 5th graders --

Welcome to the new year! I hope you and your family had a blessed, restful, and uplifting Christmas season.

August of 2020 will mark the beginning of your child's middle school experience, from expanded friendships to increased academic challenges to exciting co-curricular activities. If it has not already arrived in the mail, you will soon be receiving a postcard inviting you and your child to attend an event at Mazzuchelli either Thurs., Jan. 23 or Mon., Jan. 27. Feel free to choose either date, no RSVP is necessary. A variety of community-building activities for 5th graders will be held in the gym, the Commons, and the classrooms from 6:30-7:30 on those evenings. Parents who are new to the middle school world are invited to an informational session and a Q&A with me in the school library during that time. Parents who have been through the middle school experience before are also welcome to attend .... sometimes they have the best questions and insights!

All of us at Mazzuchelli want you and your child to be comfortable with and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. This optional event is being offered to you with that goal in mind. I look forward to meeting you on the 23rd or the 27th and beyond. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions.

St. Columbkille Early Childhood is seeking a caring, nurturing, energetic and dependable early childhood associate to work part-time. We offer a competitive starting wage of $10.00 per hour.The following 9-month positions are currently available:

* Part-time associate
  + Monday - Friday, afternoon shift
* Part-time associate
  + Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our associates plan and carry out daily activities, which include supervising children, preparing materials and supplies, setting up learning centers and helping with general housekeeping tasks. Early childhood experience is preferred. Training will be provided for the right candidate.

Interested candidates should click on "Apply Today" to complete a Holy Family application and submit a resume. Any questions regarding this position should be directed to Marcy Weidenbacher, Early Childhood Director, at [mweidenbacher@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:mweidenbacher@holyfamilydbq.org) or 563-583-1620.

**Accelerated Reader Website Change**

We recently updated our Accelerated Reader program.  The website address for accessing your child’s progress towards their AR goals has changed.  You will still use your child’s same AR user and password to login to check their progress.  If you need any help with this, please contact Mrs. Malcom ([jmalcom@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:jmalcom@holyfamilydbq.org)).

Here is the new AR website address for parents:   <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=145051>