



January 18, 2023

Wednesday Weekly

Notes from the principal ...news you need to know...

- * **Happy birthday** this Sunday, Mrs. Bryant!
- * Tonight at 6:30pm, the application for the **Tax Credit Scholarship** through Empower Illinois will open at 6:30pm.
 - Go to [EmpowerIllinois.org](https://empowerillinois.org) to access the application.
 - You will have 30 minutes to gather your information and complete the first page of the application.
 - AT 7:00pm on the dot, the application can be submitted. You will be given a time stamp, which determines your place in line for the scholarship.
 - After you receive your time stamp, you will be directed to the second page to complete your application.
 - The application can be done on a phone, tablet, or computer. Select the device and location that gives you the best internet service.
 - A "cheat sheet" is printed on the back side.
- * The *Chicago Catholic* did a wonderful article about the renovation of our gym and our new scholarship fund. The article includes some beautiful pictures of our students at gym class. <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2022/12/14/alumni-raise-over-340-000-in-scholarships-to-honor-gym-teach-1>
- * The **Lawyers in the Classroom** program visited our junior high today to discuss rights under the United States Constitution.
- * **Grades 4-5** will take a field trip to the Shed Aquarium this Friday – thank you to Big Shoulders for funding the trip.
- * **Bernie's Books** is making a delivery to our school on Friday. Students in ECC through Grade 6 will go home with a bag of books for their home libraries.
- * Congratulations to **Coach Funches and our girls' basketball team**. Last weekend they finished a successful season in the St. John Vianney league.
- * **Progress Reports** will be available by the end of next week. Rather than sending printed copies home, we ask that parents check student grades in PowerSchool. Contact the office or your child's teacher if a log-in is needed.
- * All tuition issues must go through our Finance Department at finances@catherinelucy.org or 773.449.3553

Dates to Remember:

- 1/18 – EI TCS application opens at 6:30pm
- 1/20 – Field Trip to Shedd for Gr 4 & 5/Bernie's Books delivery
- 1/21 – Boys' BB-2pm
- 1/22 – Mrs. Bryant's birthday
- 1/23 – National School Choice Week/Learning Edge Tutoring
- 1/24 – Fenwick Tutoring
- 1/25 – Mass-8:30am/Fenwick Tutoring
- 1/26 – Fenwick Tutoring
- 1/27 – Progress Reports available/Afterschool Arts&Crafts
- 1/29 – Boys' BB-8:30pm
- 1/30 – Catholic Schools Week begins/Graduation pictures



Last Monday, we honored Martin Luther King, Jr. an incredible man who changed the world through love, kindness, and courage. "We thank you, God, for his leadership and vision in the struggle to dismantle racism and for his tireless work to promote justice and peace for all human beings. Help us listen with our hearts to his words. Help us sing out with conviction that, with your grace, we will overcome all that separates us



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

▶ **The application is a two-part process:**

A reservation available January 18, **01.** 2023, at 6:30pm with submission at 7pm.

The complete application, which **02.** requires household documents, available January 20, 2023.

- Visit EmpowerIllinois.org to access the reservation form and begin your application.
- Similar to last year, the reservation will open at 6:30pm, half an hour before the submission time, to allow families 30 minutes to enter their information. On page one, families will enter their information. On page two, families will review and confirm their information.
- Once you complete the form and click submit on page two, you will receive your timestamp. **Your timestamp matters and may impact your chances of receiving a scholarship.**
- You will be notified by email when the complete application is available on January 20. You can complete this step whenever you are able, but Empower Illinois **encourages you to submit your application before January 27 to increase your chances at receiving a scholarship.**

▶ **Before April 1, some applicants receive priority.**

Per Illinois law, priority will be given to students who meet any of the following categories:

- Are members of a household whose total annual income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level (\$49,025 for a family of 4 in 2021); OR
- Reside within a focus district (for a list of focus districts, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/programs/InvestInKids/Schools/Documents/FocusDistricts.pdf>); OR
- Received a scholarship from a scholarship granting organization during the previous school year (Category 0); OR
- Are siblings of students currently receiving a scholarship.

▶ **For part two of the application, choose your most recent household and income documents. Use documents from the same year throughout your application.**



PROOF OF ILLINOIS RESIDENCY

Examples: Illinois driver's license, Illinois & 21, 1099/s or W-2.



ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

Examples: Federal tax return, (pages 1 identification card or W-2