

Holy Child Network of Schools

<http://www.shcj.org/amer/hcn.html>

Objective: To enable students to learn more about the Holy Child Network of Schools.

Students will become familiar with the Holy Child Network of Schools, the Goals of the schools and the other Holy Child schools in the network as well as a better understanding of their own school.

There are many different ways to present this to students. This can be an activity that happens periodically or presented as a complete unit.

Here's a few suggestions...

Visit the Network website <http://www.holychildschools.org/>

The Network

Students may work on this individually or in small groups.

Choose "Network" and read about the Network and the Philosophy of Holy Child Schools.

- Discuss what the philosophy stresses
- How does your school live this philosophy?

The Goals: Students can explore the pages on the goals. Students can work in small groups with each group working on a different goal. If the class will look at each goal periodically, there can be individual assignments or small group assignments.

Students can read about each goal and discuss what that goal means. Students can identify how this goal is lived out in the school. Students can explore the criteria for each goal in the same way.

Some possible activities....

- How does each goal reflect the philosophy and legacy of Cornelia (be sure the students understand that Cornelia did not create these goals)?
- Write a letter to Cornelia describing how your school lives (or strives to live) out this goal.
- Write an imaginary letter from Cornelia to your school commenting on how this goal is lived out

The Schools

Choose "The Schools" and go to School List.

Some suggestions....

- Students can visit the website for their own school. What does the website say about the school as a Holy Child school? A list can be prepared of things to look for (mention of Cornelia Connelly, details of her life. Her educational philosophy/legacy, Goals for the schools of the Holy Child)

Imagine that you are visiting this site for the first time. What impression can you get about your school?

- Select the other Holy Child schools and visit the websites for each (again, this can be done in groups). Prepare some questions or use the same list and questions as above.
- Compare/contrast each Holy Child school and yours.
- What makes a school a Holy Child school today?

Contributions

Invite the students to explore the contributions from each Holy Child school (including their own) found on the website. Be sure to highlight the contributions of your own school.

- The Students: art, drama, writing, and drama

- Faculty: spotlight, news, views
- Pray With Us: view daily prayers for the month that were written by students