

### Conferences and Report Cards

Next Friday will mark the end of our first quarter. Report cards will be available online on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for Conferences on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Conference Request Slips will be sent home on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Trunk or Treat** Join us Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 in the back parking lot. Dress up the kids, decorate your car, bring lots of treats to share and join in on the trick or treating. Prizes awarded! See attached flyer.

### Student Council News

Our first Student Council Fun Day will be Patriotic Day on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. For a \$1.00 donation per family, students may wear red, white and blue or camouflage in honor of veterans. We are grateful for the help of many military service personnel in the wake of the recent fires, hurricanes, and earthquakes and will be donating the funds toward disaster relief. Thank you.

### Veterans' Day

Please join us on **Wednesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate our Veterans during Mass at 8:45am. Should you know a Veteran who would like to come, please provide the office with their name so we may recognize them during our service. **See the form provided in this newsletter.** Following Mass, any Veteran who would like to share their experience is welcome to speak (for 15-20 minutes) with our students. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all those who served and continue to serve for peace and justice in our world!

### Magazine Sale

Our Magazine Sale is in full swing, and orders and postcards are due Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The packets were sent home on Tuesday after the assembly. This sale supports many technology needs in our school. As always, thank you for all your support.

### Accreditation

Every five years, we are required to go through the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools Accreditation Process. A team of ten educators will be here on October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> to look over our self-study and guide us in the process of affirming and improving our school.

### Car Dismissal

Reminder ~ Cars in the wagon train take priority in leaving and should merge left when ready. Students cross **only** at the fire hydrant, should watch for their ride, and play in the grass only with parent supervision. No parking is allowed in the coned-off area as we do not want children crossing the line of traffic. Thank you for your patience as we try to dismiss students in a safe and timely manner.

### Financial Aid 2018-2019

The Diocese will again use **SMART AID** to provide the assessment for those applying for financial assistance. This is separate from Smart Tuition and can be accessed via <https://smartaidforparents.com/#/login>. The Aid process for 2018-19 opens Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

- If you're a first time Smart Aid applicant, please create an account and follow on-screen directions.
- If you already have an account, enter your user name and password to continue.
- If you have questions, call Customer Assistance at: [1 \(800\) 360-8027](tel:18003608027).

### **Important Dates:**

**Tues., October 24<sup>th</sup>**

~ PTA Meeting 7:00pm

**Wed., Oct 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

~ Accreditation

**Fri., October 27<sup>th</sup>**

~ No School – Prof. Dev. Day

**Sun., October 29<sup>th</sup>**

~ Trunk or Treat 4:00pm

**Tues., October 31<sup>st</sup>**

~ Halloween Color Day & Parade at 2:30pm

**Wed., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

~ All Saints Day Mass 9:00am

~ Conf. Request Forms due

**Thurs., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

~ CPR Class in MPR – 6pm

**Mon., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

~ Absentee Picture Day

**Tues., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

~ Report Cards Online

~ Conference Confirmations due

**Thur., Nov., 9<sup>th</sup>**

~ P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

**Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**

~ Student Council Color Day,

\$1 per family

**Tues., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

~ P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

**Weds, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

~ Veterans' Day Mass 8:45am

**Thurs., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**

~ Titan Toddler Time 10:15am

~ Student Council Mtg 3:20pm

**Tues., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**

~ Thanksgiving Mass 8:45am

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Thanksgiving Feast

**Weds.-Fri., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

~ No School Thanksgiving Break

### Holy Spirit Mission Statement

*Holy Spirit School promotes the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

*Students, parents and faculty form a Catholic family of faith.*

*Together, we challenge our students to achieve their fullest spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical potential*

### News from the Boosters

**Basketball Coaches Needed** - If you are interested in coaching boys or girls basketball for our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams, please fill out an application from the school office or school website and turn it in **NO LATER THAN Friday, October 27th**. Applications can be sent to Mark Nawrocki, Athletics Director, at [nawrockma@gvsu.edu](mailto:nawrockma@gvsu.edu). Practices for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams will begin November 6<sup>th</sup> and practices for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will begin December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Boosters' Meetings:** Please join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30 pm, in the Courtyard Conference Room.

### Religious Education News

#### Virtus – Protecting Gods Children Trainings

Attention Classroom Helpers, Coaches, VBS Leaders, Field trip Supervisors, etc., below are the next opportunities to complete your Virtus training. Please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to view and register.

**Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude's – 6pm**

**Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit – 1:30-4:30pm**

**Saturday, Nov.18<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's in Allendale – 9:30am**

#### Confirmation Dates for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Class 6:00-7:30pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Class 6:00-7:30pm

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Class 6:00-7:30pm

Ceremony TBA, 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Andrew  
(Candidates and sponsors arrive at 6:30pm)

#### Reconciliation & First Communion Dates:

January 10, First Reconciliation Ceremony 6:30 Church

January 24, Parent 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Class 6:45 Chapel

February 28, Reconciliation 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Rel. Ed Students 6:30

May 3, Frist Eucharist Practice w/parent 6-7:30 Church

May 6, First Eucharist Liturgy 1:00pm

### HS Happenings

#### SAVE THESE DATES:

**Saturday, Oct.21<sup>st</sup> – Picnic & Praise** 6pm followed by Evening of Worship 7:30pm.

**Sunday, Oct.29<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus Breakfast** – Please join us for a full breakfast with sausage, eggs, pancakes, etc, in the Multipurpose Room of church from 8:30-11:30am. Donations accepted.

**Friday, Nov.3<sup>rd</sup> – Mass for God's Children** (for parents who have experienced the loss of a child before baptism) 7:00pm at the Cathedral – See Link Box for more info.

**Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Evening of Worship Concert**

**Tuesday, Nov.21<sup>st</sup> – Meet Our Superintendent, Dave Faber**, on Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. He will be available to meet with parents at 2:45 in the Church Multi-Purpose Room. Welcome, Mr. Faber.

**Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - The HSEF Chicago Shopping/Museum Bus Trip.** See details in newsletter.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Advent Family Gathering/Potluck** 6pm.

**Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Breakfast with Santa** 8:30-11am

**Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - The HSEF will host the *Winter Carnival*** from 6:00-8:00pm.



**CPR/AED Training** We will be hosting a CPR/AED Training Class on Thursday, November 2nd from 6-7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Cost is expected to be no more than \$15.00 per person and RSVP is required. For additional information and to sign up, contact Melanie Francis at [mfrancis@hsparish.org](mailto:mfrancis@hsparish.org) or 453-3326 by Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Holiday Food Drive

As we strive to serve others throughout the year, one thing we can do as a community is to come together to provide those less fortunate food baskets for Thanksgiving. Students are encouraged to donate something from the list below.

Preschool	Macaroni & Cheese, Soups	4D	Tomato products, canned meats, Kleenex
Y5	Box potatoes, popcorn, peanut butter	5KC	Powdered milk, laundry soap, toothpaste
Kdg	Canned fruit, juice, toothpaste	6W	Cereal, deodorant, coffee, canned vegetables
1HS	Rice, meals in a can, cake mixes , tuna	6C	Spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, deodorant
2F	Peanut butter, jelly, bar soaps, tuna	7N	Canned meat, taco shells, refried beans
3K	Spaghetti, sugar, baby food, jello	7D	Flour, hamburger helper, toilet paper
		8W	Canned meat, cooking oil, toothpaste

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
Giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17*

**Christmas Breakfast** - Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30-11am. Enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet, crafts for the kids, holiday music, live nativity, community atmosphere, and of course...Santa! Tickets available at the door. While you're there, shop the Scholastic Book Fair located in the school Library! Books make great gifts! If you have Christmas decorations that you would like to donate to the Christmas Breakfast, please bring to the school office, where we will have a box available. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please email Holly Mullen [holly\\_bergman@hotmail.com](mailto:holly_bergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Foley [annfoley805@gmail.com](mailto:annfoley805@gmail.com).



**Direct Your Dollars** -Direct Your Dollars fundraising opportunity. Simply collect your Spartan Nash (Family Fare, DW Fresh Market, Forest Hill Foods, & Valueland) receipts and drop them in the collection drawer outside the office. Our volunteer will tally the receipts and submit them for cash rewards for our school.

## Library Birthday Book Club

We will continue to trade you a color day pass for a new book for our library, in honor of your birthday. If you would like to purchase a NEW hard cover book for our library, the kids would love to see the more of the "Llama Llama" series. Also, a big thank you to Cayden A., Rylie B. and Rose P. for decorating our library bulletin board.

## LINK BOX

[Mass for God's Children Info](#)  
[WC Youth Basketball Camp](#)  
[Partners In Faith Flyer](#)  
[Medication Admin Release Form](#)  
[Smart AID 2018-19 Instructions](#)  
[Diocesan Concussion Awareness Forms](#)

## Christmas Shopping in Chicago!

### BUS TRIP – NOV. 25, 2017 - COFFEE, DONUTS & FUN!

Invite your family & friends to enjoy a fun filled day of shopping, museums, dining, & Christmas decorations in Chicago. The bus departs from the Holy Spirit parking lot at 7:00 am & returns no later than 11:00 pm. Three drop off points include: The Field Museum of Natural History, Macy's on State Street, & downtown on Michigan Avenue.

For reservations call/text Colleen Roth at (616)-340-0575  
or email [quadsmom@gmail.com](mailto:quadsmom@gmail.com).

Tickets are \$55.00/person. Checks payable to:  
Holy Spirit Educational Foundation.

Seating is limited, so reserve your seat soon!



Andrew L.  
Paige S.  
Brenna O.

## November Birthdays!

Michael M.  
Hallie M.  
Bryce D.

Allesandra M.  
Bobby B.

Izzabella B.  
William A.



## PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

The Publishing Center is up and running! We will be starting a new contest this year. *Ice Cream Contest Part I* begins on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and goes through Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> (end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester). The class with the most stories published wins an ice cream party! Also, beginning with the next newsletter, we will have one author's story printed in the newsletter. The "Featured Author" will have a fast food lunch brought to them at school.

Now is the time to create that one and only personalized GIFT for your parents, grandparents, brother, sister, favorite aunt or uncle, for their Birthday or Christmas! We can't wait to see how creative and inspirational our students here at Holy Spirit can be! We love to see single stories, a set or series, poem books, memory books, prayer books and more! You can also submit your story on a flash drive or by email, sent to [publishing@hsparish.org](mailto:publishing@hsparish.org). We leave room to add pictures, photos and illustrations! Pick out a cover or design your own! Sign up soon! **PC hours: Tuesday 9:10-11:00 am AND Wednesday 9:50-2:30pm**

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### SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

In the event that it is necessary to delay the start of school or cancel classes, Holy Spirit School will communicate with you through Grand Rapids area radio and television stations. You may also access school closing announcements thru the following Web Sites: [www.woodtv.com](http://www.woodtv.com) or [www.wzzm13.com](http://www.wzzm13.com).

Every effort will be made to make one of the following announcements by 6:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter...

<i>Situation/Condition</i>	<i>Response/Policy</i>
If the announcement is Holy Spirit School is closed:	Students do not report for school that day. This always includes Preschool and Child Care Programs as well.
If the Public School District you reside in is closed in your area:	No Catholic Schools Transportation in the A.M. or P.M. into the closed Public School District areas.
Catholic Schools have a two-hour delay:	Catholic Schools Transportation will begin transporting two hours after regular time. There will be no AM Preschool or Y5's or AM Kindergarten. Child Care will open at regular time for those enrolled in the program.
If the Public School District you reside in has a two-hour delay and Catholic Schools are on a regular schedule:	No Catholic Schools Transportation into the delayed district for the A.M. ONLY.

**If school is closed because of inclement weather, all extra-curricular activities, including athletic events and practices, scheduled for Holy Spirit or for Holy Spirit teams on that day, will be cancelled. (Education Commission policy #2060.1)**

On those winter days when school is open but you feel weather conditions are unsafe for your child to go to school, you may keep him or her home. However, we ask that you call school and let us know that you are keeping your child at home. While we do urge you to call school when your child will be absent, please don't call the school to ask if classes will be cancelled because of the weather. Instead, we urge you to monitor Grand Rapids area radio and television stations, or their web sites, which will be informed immediately of any cancellations or delays.



Thank you to all the parents that attended our first PTA meeting of the year. We had a great turnout. It was great to see so many new faces coming out to support us! We hope to see you all again, as well as hopefully some more!

We have a couple of social events coming up in the month of October... A tentative reschedule of the Picnic and Praise before Evening of Worship on October 21 and the Trunk or Treat on October 29. Look for further information on these fun events.

The first couple months of the school year brought some great opportunities for learning outside the classroom, thanks to funds provided by the PTA! Our middle school enjoyed a visit to ArtPrize, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in their class retreat at Camp Henry, Young 5s and Kindergarten took a trip to Schwallier's Country Basket and the 4Yr Preschool explored Post Family Farm. Look to the PTA bulletin board for pictures of these field trips as well as future field trips funded by the PTA.

Check out the HS Apparel link on the HS website to see a few new clothing items that have been added, including Toddler Sizes!! We are also working on some new designs that will be available soon. These will be great for Christmas presents!

The next PTA meeting is next Tuesday, October 24 at 7PM in the Library. Hope to see you all there!



**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING Minutes–  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

- Kristin called the meeting to order at 7:01 and said the opening prayer.
- BOARD IDENTIFICATION
  - Kristin Adams - PRESIDENT – 616.893.9251 | [kristin-adams@hotmail.com](mailto:kristin-adams@hotmail.com)
  - Joylynn Kelly - VICE PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | [joylynn6476@yahoo.com](mailto:joylynn6476@yahoo.com)
  - Angela Dusseau - TREASURER – 616.735.0316 | [dusseau5@comcast.net](mailto:dusseau5@comcast.net)
  - Andrea Dewicki - SECRETARY – 616.350.0029 | [andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com)
- STAFF in attendance: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Duffy, Ms. West, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Kalahar
- READING OF PTA GOALS (Kristin Adams)
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Pat Kalahar)
  - Enrollment is up from 277 last year to 286 this year
  - The Young Five's, Kindergarten, and Mrs. DiGiovanna's rooms have been remodeled over the summer with funds from the PTA.
  - 3 new water fountains with bottle filling stations were installed- 2 in the hallway and 1 in the CDC.
  - There is updated signage on the doors and for the preschool.
  - 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades and staff received new iPads with keyboards which was partially funded by the PTA.
  - Several new staff members hired this year:
    - Kristen Mersino- Young Fives
    - Emily Anderson- Social Worker
    - Anna Russo is now the preschool aide
    - Amy Stuitje is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade aide
  - WWTS- this was a great even for the school, parish. Overall great opening to school year/festival weekend.
  - Titan Toddler Time: Starts this Thursday at 10:15
  - Accreditation: (Happens every 5 years) Will be Oct 25-26 this year
  - Budget: The school rec 31% of church offerings, only used 25% last year. Saved \$80k parish funds
- TREASURER'S REPORT (Angie Dusseau)
  - This year funds were given to teachers for classroom start up, used for technology items
  - Y5, KK, PS have field trips coming up this fall, funded by PTA

- We received \$1000 from Family Fare receipt turn in (Had to collect \$150k in receipts- we were the first school to do this!)
- April 18 there will be a career day
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Apparel (Emily Bouma/Kristin Inbody)
    - Some items leaving, new designs and items coming before Christmas
    - Toddler sizes being added (Tee's, hoodies and zip ups) as well as a couple men's and women's items
  - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier) Nothing to report, the board always looks great!
  - Book Fair (Carrie Miedema/Beth Bott)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December w/Santa Breakfast
    - Beth is taking over as main chair
    - Help is always welcome!!!
  - Box Tops/Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's (Barb Caputo/Mercedes Barnum)
    - Turn in day on Oct 6 (color day)
    - We recently received a \$1000 check from Spartan Nash and have collected \$50k in receipts so far for this year! 1/3 of the way to another \$1000 check!
    - Aunt Millie's labels are worth 10 cents each
  - Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle)
    - Recently did a meal train for a family. Email was sent first to committee members, then to mom's group list by Kelly C.
  - Paper Gator (Lori DeBruyne) Nothing to report.
  - Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)
    - Lots of new families!
    - Shout out to Kristine O. for preparing a great new family welcome dinner!
  - Publishing Center (Rose Worm/ Elaine Bertram)
    - Templates now available on Google Docs, students can access them from their iPads.
    - Want to do a featured monthly author based on great writing, will do a drawing for lunch to be brought in from a restaurant. Will run Nov-May
    - Teachers are being asked to help students with story prompts to encourage writing
    - Class competition- for each story written, 1 scoop of ice cream will be added on the class's cone on a bulletin board. Class w/most scoops gets ice cream treats at the end of the semester.
    - Lisa K had an idea to have a published author come talk to the kids to inspire creativity.
  - Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
    - Room parents are being encouraged to set up a social gathering for parents from each grade to meet/socialize with or without kids
    - A question was asked as to how room parents are chosen. It is something based on responses to the parent participation survey. There is typically not an overwhelming response for this, but more than one person can be room parents for each grade. More help is always needed, so contact the room parent for your child's grade if you'd like to help!

- School Supply Pre-Order: (Elissa Stong) This was our last order, so we are no longer doing this.
- Social Committee: (Carrie Miedema)
  - Scheduled another picnic and praise for October 21
  - Trunk or Treat is on October 29 from 4-5pm
  - Roller skating will be January 14
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Anderson)
  - Emily recently took over as chair for this committee
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber/Shelley Hoffmann)
  - Looking to make a few changes this year
- Teacher's Conference Meals (Michael and Andrea Dewicki)
  - They will begin to plan the menus very soon and will send a sign up genius link containing ingredients and volunteer time slots to the people who volunteered through the parent participation form.
  - If you would like to bring an ingredient or volunteer and are not on the list, email Andrea.
- Variety Show (Elise Hollister)
  - Elise is looking for a co-chair! Please contact one of the PTA board members if interested!
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
  - A BIG thank you to Heather Abram and Kristen Inbody for capturing the joy of this day in your photos!
  - Raised over \$20k, a new record! \$800 raised from the 10 exercise pages turned in by the students.
  - Lots of parents, grandparents, younger siblings attended
  - Thank you to Mr. Kalahar for his generosity in the incentives he gave to the students.
  - YMCA Night Feb 24- We will have private access to the Y from 7-10pm.
- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
  - Be Nice Program: (Ambassadors- Joylynn Kelly, Ms. West, Mrs. Duffy, Student Council Members)
    - Funded by Walking with the Spirit
    - Anti-bullying/mental health awareness program
    - N.I.C.E stands for Notice, Invite, Challenge, Empower
    - Program also encourages people to notice what is going well, encourage students to keep up the great work as opposed to focusing only on negatives and changing them.





# Holy Spirit School Calendar, November, 2017

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 6 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

			<p>1 All Saints' Day <u>Mass 9:00</u> Conference Request <u>Forms Due</u> Robotics 6:00 Library</p>	<p>2 Magazine Orders and Postcards <u>Due</u> CPR Class 6:00 MPR</p>	<p>3 Conference Confirmations Sent Home</p>	4
<p>5 Confirmation Class <u>6:00-7:30</u> Gospel Mt 23:1-12</p>	<p>6 Absentee <u>Picture</u> <u>Day</u> Robotics Library 6:00</p>	<p>7 Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> Report Cards <u>Online</u> Conference Confirmations Due</p>	<p>8 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Robotics Library 6:00</p>	<p>9 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30</p>	<p>10 Student Council Patriotic Fun Day \$1 per family</p>	11
<p>12 Gospel Mt 25:1-13</p>	<p>13 Robotics <u>Library 6:00</u> Winter Carnival Meeting 6:00 Art Room</p>	<p>14 Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:30- 7:30</p>	<p>15 Veterans' Day <u>Mass 8:45</u> Robotics Library 6:00</p>	<p>16 Titan Toddler Time <u>10:15-10:40</u> Student Council Meeting 3:30- 4:00</p>	<p>17 Newsletter/ <u>Calendar</u> Fall Sports Pictures Due</p>	<p>18 Evening of Worship 7:30</p>
<p>19 Gospel Mt 25:14-30</p>	<p>20 Robotics Library 6:00</p>	<p>21 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Thanksgiving <u>Feast 1<sup>st</sup> Gr.</u> Superintendent <u>Mr. Faber visits</u> Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> Board of Directors Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>22 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open</p>	<p>23 Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24 <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed</p>	25
<p>26 Children's Choir <u>12:00 Mass</u> Feast of Christ the King</p>	<p>27 Robotics Library 6:00</p>	<p>28 Choir 3:20 -4:20</p>	<p>29 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Gr. 6-7 <u>Visit WC</u> Gr. 2, 3:15 <u>Little Flowers</u> <u>Robotics 6:00</u> Advent Family Gathering/ Potluck 6:00-7:45</p>	<p>30 Gr. 1 Little Flowers 3:20-4:30</p>		



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To: All Holy Spirit School Families  
From: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, and Mr. Wisniewski  
Date: October 20, 2017  
Re: Veterans' Day Mass, November 15, 2017, 8:45

Dear School Families,

To celebrate Veterans' Day, we would like to invite Veterans to join us for a special Mass in their honor on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

During Mass, we will honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. To do so, we need your help! **If you know a Veteran (Grandpa, Grandma, relative, parishioner, friend, neighbor) who has served in the Armed Forces, please ask him or her to consider joining us on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am, for our Veterans' Day Mass.**

Following the Mass, any Veteran who is willing to speak with a class/grade will join them in their classroom to briefly (15-20 minutes) share their experience and/or bring memorabilia with them to share with the students.


So we may recognize our Veterans during the Mass and have the right amount of coffee and donuts, please ask him or her to complete and return the attached slip.

Thank you for your help and assistance with our Veteran's Day Celebration, 2017!

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*So we may plan for our Veterans' Day Celebration, please return this slip to school by Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.*

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_, will be joining us on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, for our Veterans' Day Prayer Celebration Mass.

 Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

 Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

 Rank Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

 Place Served: \_\_\_\_\_

 Is related to/friends with the following child/ren at Holy Spirit School:

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ would be willing to briefly share his/her experience(s) as a Veteran with a small group of students.

# SPORTS BANQUET SLIDE SHOW

## Picture Request



Pictures are needed of all Fall sports teams  
Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, Football

Please make sure to take pictures of your teams and players for this important video that will be shown at the Sports Banquet in the Spring.

## Guidelines and Deadlines

1. Please turn in all photos for **Fall** sports to Tim Stong at [etstong@yahoo.com](mailto:etstong@yahoo.com) no later than **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** to be in the video. The video is an ongoing project, worked on throughout the year, enabling the editor to add pictures with each sports season.
2. Photos must be in a digital format on a CD or flash drive.
3. **Please** only send photos that are in focus and bright.
4. Get pictures of **all** the players on the team. Our goal is to have at least one picture of each player along with some team shots.
5. **Please** personally do this for your player. Most people are taking pictures of their child and not yours. It's important to the kids to be in the video, so please take a few pictures or ask someone to take some pictures for you.
6. **Please** do not send several hundred pictures for one team. Pick the best you have to send.

# HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL FALL FUNDRAISER

## WHY?

Proceeds from this fundraiser help to fund classroom technology.

## SALE DATES

**Sale starts:** October 17, 2017

**Sale ends:** November 2, 2017

## SHOP ONLINE

Go to: [gaschoolstore.com](http://gaschoolstore.com) shop and/or send emails & texts:

Enter our Online Store ID: **2684959**

## PAY LATER

**PAY LATER.** Customers fill out forms & **Collect No Money!** Place your top two copies in envelopes and return them on our final day, Tuesday, Oct. 31. Customers receive an invoice in the mail.



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## TURN IN DAY & STUDENT AWARDS

Thursday  
11/2

Turn in your orders with payments today! Online sales through today are added to your catalog orders for totals!



Earn a bag of candy for your first order turned in and a coop key chain for your 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> orders!

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Earn a cash draw for every five orders turned in today! (Bills are worth \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 & \$20)

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Earn your chart prizes

### END OF SALE PRIZES

RETURN A COMPLETED POSTCARD BOOK AND EARN A LIGHT UP COOP KEY CHAIN!

### CHART PRIZES

Earn prizes and/or cash off the Gear Up Prize Chart!

## BONUS STUDENT AWARD

### EARN MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

-\$100 in Product Sales = \$1,000 Tuition Rewards Points - Valid at **340+** participating colleges!  
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**PICNIC** & **PRaise**



Join us for an evening of Picnic & Praise!  
Meet in the back parking lot after 5:00 Mass for a community picnic and fellowship. Bring your own meal, tables, chairs, etc.  
After the picnic, stay and enjoy the incredible music and message during the Evening of Worship.

**WHEN**

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2017  
6:00 - 7:15 PM

**WHERE**

BACK PARKING LOT  
BEHIND CHURCH

Questions? Contact Carrie Miedema at [carriemikem@att.net](mailto:carriemikem@att.net)



# Trunk *or* Treat



..... **HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY EVENT!** .....

INVITING ALL HOLY SPIRIT FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH TO PARTICIPATE!

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017**

**\* Bring your costumed children & treats to share! \***

~ Park & Setup: 4:00 - 4:30

~ Candy Distributed: 4:30-5:00

~ Cars Dismissed: 5:10

## WHAT IS A TRUNK-OR-TREAT?

To promote a safe and fun Halloween environment for our children and families, Holy Spirit is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual trick-or-treat alternative. Kids can trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk in a line-up of vehicles parked in the church's parking lot with trunks or tailgates full of goodies.

Interested in decorating your car (not required)? Pick a theme for your car, dress up the kids and bring LOTS of treats to share with all! Cars will begin lining up in the back parking lot at 4PM and trick-or-treating begins at 4:30 PM.

**PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING TRUNK DECORATIONS!**

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY COSTUMES AND TRUNK DECORATIONS, PLEASE & THANK YOU!**

Questions? Contact Sarah Lake at [thegreatlakes1101@gmail.com](mailto:thegreatlakes1101@gmail.com) or 616.299.6262

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By my name and signature below, I acknowledge in accordance with Public Acts 342 and 343 of 2012 that I have received and reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents and Students provided by:

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School/Parish

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Student Name Printed

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Parent or Guardian Name Printed

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Student Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Date

Return this signed form to the School/Parish. The School/Parish must keep this on file for the Duration of enrollment/participation or until the youth athlete is 18 years of age.

Students and parents should review and keep the educational materials available for future reference.