



<u>~Catholic Schools Week is Jan 28th-Feb 3rd</u> - Please see the attached CSW schedule for details. We hope to see you at some of the daily activities! There is also a flyer from the Diocese regarding Catholic Schools Week included in this newsletter.

~Around the World with the Spirit Winter Carnival is Saturday, February 3rd from 6-8:30pm, with a Teen Game Night to follow from 8:30-10pm. Please join us for an evening filled with kids' games, food, prizes and more! If you would like to volunteer, please click this Sign Up Genius Link. Thank you!

~Adoration in the Chapel on Mondays - You are welcome to pray in the chapel during adoration times on Mondays after morning drop-off, during the day, before afternoon pick-up, or after school. There is a box in the back with cards for students, which we would like you to sign and fill in with a note of encouragement. The students will also be praying for you!

~Family Fare, Aunt Millie, Tyson & Box Top Color Day, Friday, Feb 9th Please clip, save and bring in your Box Tops and receipts for a color day!

<u>~Conferences</u> - Conferences will be held on Thurs., March 1st and Tues. March 6th. Conference request slips will be sent home Fri., Feb.16th. Report cards will be available online on Jan. 30th.

~Chess Club 2018 - Checkmate! The Holy Spirit Chess Club begins its 3rd season on Jan. 31st. Participation is open to 3rd -8th grades. The Club meets Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 pm through March 14th. There is no cost to participate and no prior experience necessary. Contact billclancy2@gmail.com by January 26th to register or for more details.

<u>~Boosters' Fundraising News</u> - The Boosters' will be holding a Popcorn Sale! All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to fund our program needs like new equipment, tournament fees, field maintenance, GRACEAC Fees and new uniforms. Order forms go home on Kick Off Day, Thurs., Feb. 8th. Order forms are due Fri. Feb.23rd and pick up will be March 14th from 3-6pm in the Courtyard Conference Room. Also, our next Boosters' meeting will be Wed., Feb.21st at 6:30pm in the 100 room. Please join us!

~SCRIP News - No Scrip on Feb. 19th due to Mid-Winter break.

No Pick-up on Fri. March 9 due to No School No Pick-up on March 30- Apr 1 due to Good Friday/Easter No Scrip on April 2 due to Spring Break

<u>~YMCA Fun Night, February 24th, from 7:15-9:30pm</u> - Add this event to your calendar for our night of fun at the YMCA! This is our reward for reaching the Walking with the Spirit goal this year. A flyer with additional details will follow shortly.

~<u>Stupendous Spellers!</u> – Applause goes out to this year's top spellers in our Annual Spelling Bee! Congratulations to Peter C who placed 1st, and to Hadley P runner-up.

<u>~Thank you Knights of Columbus</u> – A huge thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing classroom sets of rosaries and prayer pamphlets describing the mysteries of the rosary. Thank you for helping us to grow in our faith!

Important Dates:

Mon. Jan. 29th

~Music Mission Concert at St. Anthony's 9:30-10:30am

Tues. Jan. 30th

~Report Cards Online

Wed., Jan 31st

~Mass 8:45am

Thurs. Feb.1st

~3 Mile Project

~WWTS T-Shirt Color Day

~Y5's & all Kdg attend in AM

Sat. Feb. 3rd

~Winter Carnival 6-8:30pm

~Teen Game Night 8:30-10:00pm

Wed. Feb. 7th

~Mass 8:45am

Thurs. Feb. 8th

~Boosters'Popcorn Sale Kickoff

Fri. Feb.9th

~BoxTop/Family Fare Color Day

Mon.Feb.12th

~Early Childhood Info Night 6:30-7:30pm

Tues. Feb.13th

~St. Valentine Celebrations

Wed. Feb. 14th

~Mass 9am

Thurs. Feb.15th

~Titan Toddler Time 10:15am

Mon. Tues. Feb.19th-20th

~NO School

~ Mid - Winter Break

Wed. Feb. 21st

~Mass 8:45am

Fri. Feb. 23rd

~Easter Candy Color Day

~Midterms Online

~Boosters' Popcorn Orders Due

Sat. Feb. 24th

~YMCA Fun Night 7:15-9:30pm

Mon. Feb. 26th

~Early Childhood Screening PreSch, Y5, Kdg – No School

HS Happenings



Advent Haiti Water Filter Project ~

In total, students, families, and parishioners very generously donated \$4,287, providing 142 water filters which the high school students will install during the spring break trip. The Penny War was an amazing success! These filters will improve the lives of hundreds of our brothers and sisters in Sequin, Haiti. Thank you so much!!!

<u>Wellness Corner</u> - Holy Spirit School is committed to creating a healthy school environment that enhances the development of lifelong wellness practices to promote healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement. Our Wellness Committee recently reviewed our Wellness Policy. You are welcome to read the entire policy and any updates on our website. This month we want to highlight **Ms. France and her second graders** who exercise daily walking through the halls and doing GoNoodle movement activities in their classroom!

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Results

Congratulations to the winners selected at the local level:

Age 5-7 Elaina S. Age 8-10 Gabby G. Age 11-14 Megan K.

*Congratulations to all three who will move on to compete at the Diocesan level.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Please congratulate our HS Free Throw Division Winners: Jack H., Lexi S., Blake T., Cole B., Lucky T., and Colin H.

*They will now move on to the District Competition @ 10am on Feb.3 at Holy Redeemer Parish in Jenison. BIG THANKS to all the contestants that participated and the brother knights that volunteered.



Early Childhood New Parent Information Night Monday, February 12th ~ 6:30 – 7:30pm

Are you interested in learning how Holy Spirit School can help you "Empower your Child for Life-Long Learning?" This information night is open to all <u>new</u> parents who are interested in enrolling their child in our Preschool, Young 5's, or Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Children are welcome to attend and will have play activities available. Spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and relatives. Please call the school office at 453-2772 or email Paula Ryan at pryan@hsparish.org for additional information and to RSVP your attendance.

Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for December!!!

1H/S: Lily S, Drew S, Lucas A, Charlie S, Alex L, 2F: Annika B, Kelsey B, Parker P, Max B, Mackenzie C, Hannah V, Declan A, Elaina S, Dominic B, Ashton J, Alex G, Nolan B, Torey M, Bobby B, Gabe N 3K: Layla S, Emily H, Mason C, Jack S, Kate S, Kaitlyn C, Megan B, Caroline D

5K/C: Evelyn B,

<u>6C:</u> Brenna O, Hallie M, Agata S, Ava V, Owen W, Ava B, Hailey N

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to Helen K., Erik M., Drew B., Kylie S., Collin A., and Owen A. for donating a book to our library in honor of their Birthdays.

In appreciation for their generosity, they have each received a color day pass!

February Birthdays

Blake T.	Erik M.
Lizzy B.	Zackary W.
Blair D.	Alex L.
Owen A.	Collin A.
Noah B.	Lincoln S.
Layla S.	Lily S.

Caleb T.
Gabriel A.
Jaxon R.
Henry P.
Declan B. 💖
Mrs. Null

Annabelle S.
Rose P.
Elyse B.
Isabella P.
Aniah T.
Mrs. Clancy

Grace F. Ava V. Katherine S. Carson A. Tony C. Ms. Wright

Religious Education News

<u>Confirmation Updates</u>: The next Confirmation class session is February 11 at Holy Spirit from 6-7:30pm. The final class will be on March 4 here at Holy Spirit from 6-7:30pm. Saint papers are due by February 11th.

<u>First Communion</u>: Get your registrations (and baptismal certificates if your child was not baptized here at Holy Spirit) in soon. Optional commemorative platemaking will be on March 3 at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. Money is due by February 28th.

Adult Faith Sharing Group

We will be doing a book study of Fr. James Martin's *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* beginning February 7. Sessions are Wednesday evenings in the school from 6:30-7:45pm or Thursday mornings 9-10 am in the church lounge. Purchase your book prior to first session. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Michigan Church Supply. Register at 616 453-1591 or dschoof@hsparish.org.

Surviving Divorce

Holy Spirit Parish is pleased to announce a ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Program begins Monday, January 29, 7pm in the Church Lounge. Cost is \$15 for the workbook. To Register: Email dschoof @hsparish.org or call 453-1591. Let us know if childcare is needed.

Diocesan Women's Conference – "Love Always Wins"

All women, ages 18 and up, are invited to gather together for food, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment at the 9th annual Diocesan Women's Conference on Sat., March 17 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Belmont. The conference will feature Mary Lenaburg and Sisters of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary as the featured speakers. The conference cost is \$30; this includes morning hospitality and lunch. Registration will be available online at http://bit.ly/DOGRWomensConf

Small Groups Are Back!

This lent you will have the opportunity to again share in deepening your faith in a small group format. We will use the Paulist Fathers program, *The Journey*, to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. These 6-week sessions will begin the week of February 11. Sign-ups for the different sessions will be in the Narthex this weekend and next. If you would like to facilitate a small group, contact Fr. John for more information. Remember, we are all teachers and learners at the same time. We each have different faith experiences. Do not miss out on this opportunity to explore your faith and grow with others!

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.

Link Box...

Diocesan 18-19 Welcome Scholarship
GR Diocesan SMART Financial Aid Application
Walker Rec Soccer & Softball Registration Info
Holy Spirit Apparel Website
Champion Force Athletics – Cheerleading/Martial
Arts (Flyers available in school hallway also)
NW Youth Soccer Assoc – (Flyers available in school hallway across from office)

In Sympathy

Please Remember in Prayer, the Kurlenda Family, the Caputo Family, and the Roehr Family on the death of their Grandfathers, the Norder Family on the death of their Grandmother, Mrs. Kosnik on the passing of her Father, the Tietz Family and The Krzewski Family on the passing of their Great-Aunts and the Sekelsky Family and the Dewicki Family on the death of their Great-Grandmothers.







January 26, 2018

Thanks to all who attended the fun family roller skating night at Terry Hall and to **the PTA Social Committee** for your efforts in coordinating this fun night! We had 154 skaters and are booked for the same weekend next year!

BOX TOPS/FAMILY FARE/AUNT MILLIES/TYSON PROJECT A+: Added to this group is Tyson Project A+. You should have received a flyer home explaining this program, but if you have any questions please feel free to contact a board member or Mercedes Barnum. The next collection color day is scheduled for February 9.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 28 – February 3. On Thursday, Feb. 1, the PTA will sponsor our fun day at 3 Mile Project and will also provide drinks and snacks for the students during their visit. If you are able to volunteer some time to help distribute snacks during that day, please contact the office.

YMCA NIGHT: Be sure your calendars are marked for Saturday, February 24th for our YMCA Night! After all the hard work fundraising in the fall for WWTS, our students have earned every minute of this fun reward.

PTA ELECTIONS: This is an election year for the treasurer position. A flyer will come home soon regarding the responsibilities of the Treasurer, along with an application form. Applications will be received through Tuesday, March, 27th. The voting process will begin after March 27th, with additional information to follow regarding that process. Please consider applying for this position!!

Just a reminder that apparel orders can be made on the HS Apparel website throughout the year. Look for some new spring items coming soon!

The final PTA Meeting of this school year is **TUESDAY**, **MARCH 27**th at **7:00 PM in the LIBRARY**. Hope to see you there!

Publishing Center Ice Cream Contest

Due to the tremendous response and limited PC help, the contest has been adjusted from an all school contest to two groups with the winning class in each group receiving an Ice Cream party. The contest will now end on April 25. Listed below are the current totals of books published for each class:

Lower Elementary Group	<u>Upper Elementary Group</u>		
Y5-1	4D - 4		
KKAM-4	5K/C - 11		
1 H/S - 23	6C - 16		
2F - 27	7N - 1		
3K - 38			

Featured Author of the Month

Congratulations to Elaina S., in Grade 2F, for being the Featured Author of the Month. Elaina has won a lunch of her choice, and her story is featured below.

NOW THAT WAS WEIRD

(This book is dedicated to my Grandpa)

Today some weird stuff happened to me. It all started in the morning when I was getting dressed.

I went to look in my dresser and Gabby's clothes were in there!

Then when I got to school Gabby was wearing my clothes!

The teacher was wearing a Peppa Pig costume!

Then Dom was wearing pants! Well that isn't weird, but he always wears shorts.

Soon it is time to eat snack. It was weird, everyone was eating mosquitoes.

Then it was gym, the teacher was wearing a Minecraft suit.

Then it was lunch.

It was all normal until the lunch ladies came out and Mr. Kalahar danced with funky music and big puffy hair!

Finally it was the end of the day.

"Elaina! Wake up! You are going to be late for school!"

IT WAS ALL A DREAM!

THE END

About the Author

Elaina's favorite subject in school is gym. When she grows up she would like to be a teacher and a professional singer. Her favorite color is blue. After school she likes to go home and play Minecraft. She likes to play basketball and soccer.



2018 Catholic Schools Week

Saturday and Sunday, January 27th - **28**th ~ Students participate in Weekend Masses as lectors, commentators, and speakers about the importance of Catholic Schools.

The Student Council planned our week to go along with our mission statement:

Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to promote 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.

Monday, January 29th Music Mission at St. Anthony's, 9:30-10:30 Social Activity Wear Uniforms with Crazy Hat and Socks

Tuesday, January 30th Teacher vs Students Trivia Game in the Gym Academic Activity Dress up like Favorite Subject or Favorite Teacher

Wednesday, January 31st Mass and Rosary during Religion Classes Spiritual Activity Wear School Uniform

Thursday, February 1st 3 Mile Project

Physical Activity Wear Walking With the Spirit Shirt

Grade	Pick Up Time	3 Mile Time	Bus Load Time
Y5's-K	9:45	10:00-11:00	11:00
1-3	10:15	10:30-12:00	12:00
4-5	11:15	11:30-1:30	1:30
6-8	11:45	12:00-2:00	2:00

Friday, February 2nd Be Nice Activities in Classrooms

Emotional Activity 'This is Me' Favorite Clothes Color Day

Saturday, February 3rd Holy Spirit School Winter Carnival 6:00-8:30

Teen Game Night 8:30-10:00

Thank you for choosing Holy Spirit School!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 24, 2018

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Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids celebrate Catholic Schools Week Welcome Scholarships available for 2018-19

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – More than 6,600 students in 30 Catholic schools across the Diocese of Grand Rapids are celebrating national Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 3. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Events will highlight how Catholic education provides lifelong benefits for students and their communities. In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the diocese is pleased to announce that Welcome Scholarships will be available for new families for the 2018-19 school year. Welcome Scholarships provide \$250 at the preschool level, \$750 for K-8, and \$1,000 in grades 9-11 to students who are new to Catholic schools. Welcome Scholarships originally were offered through the three-year Bishop's Catholic Schools Initiative (2015-16 through 2017-18) and will continue under the "Catholic Schools: Bridging Faith and Future" strategic plan. Catholic schools in the diocese are also celebrating three straight years of enrollment growth and the decision to open the new independent St. Robert Catholic School in Ada this fall.

"Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to thank the families, faculty, school leaders, clergy and supporters who make our Catholic schools a success," said David Faber, superintendent of Catholic schools in the diocese. "Every day, I am grateful for their year-round dedication and service."

Catholic Schools Week activities at different schools include food drives for those in need, assembling thank-you baskets for emergency responders, and open houses, just to name a few. Additionally, several hundred student representatives and educators from across the diocese will gather for Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, to give thanks for the gift of Catholic school education. Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, will preside at Mass.

Mass is open to the media, and Superintendent Faber will be available for interviews beforehand at 9:45 a.m. on the Cathedral steps.

Visit CatholicSchools4U.org for more information about Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids and to apply for Welcome Scholarships.

Nearly 2 million children across the United States attend Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 and is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids are an alliance of 30 vibrant learning communities (25 elementary and five high schools) serving more than 6,600 preschool through 12th grade students within a seven-county area of West Michigan. Our schools inspire young people to grow in Catholic faith and grace, achieve more in school and life, develop creativity and character, and feel welcomed and cherished for their unique gifts. We partner with parents to awaken the whole child to a world of light and life—that grows better and brighter when children reach their potential. ###

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 or 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...

Situation/Condition	Response/Policy
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	No Catholic Schools Transportation in the A.M. or
in your area:	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 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. (Board of Directors 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 home. While we do require you to call school when your child will be absent, please do not call school to ask if classes will be cancelled due to inclement weather. Instead, please monitor the Grand Rapids area radio and television stations, or their websites, which will be informed immediately of any cancellations or delays.

Holy Spirit School Calendar, February, 2018

<u>Lunch Supervision, Grade 4 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org</u>

January 28 Catholic Schools Week Children's Choir 10:00 Mass	January 29 Music Mission Concert at St. Anthony's 9:30-10:30 Wear Uniforms	January 30 Dress like favorite subject or teacher No Choir Report Cards	January 31 Mass 8:45 Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	February 1 3 Mile Project Walking With The Spirit Shirt Color Day	2 'This is Me' Favorite Clothes Color Day Be Nice Activities	3 Winter Carnival 6:00-8:30 Teen Game Night 8:30-10:00
	with Crazy Hat & Socks	Online	_	Y5 & all K attend in AM	in Class	
4 Sunday Gospel Mk 1:29-39	5	6 Choir 3:20	7 Mass 8:45 Gr. 2 3:15 Little Flowers Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	8 Boosters Popcorn Sale Kickoff 2:45	9 Family Fare, Tyson, Aunt Millie's Labels, & Box Tops Color Day	10
11 Sunday Gospel Mk 1:40-45 Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30	12 Early Childhood Info Night 6:30-7:30	13 St. Valentine Celebration Choir 3:20 Board Meeting 6:30	14 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	15 Titan Toddler Time 10:15 Gr. 1 3:20 Little Flowers Student Council 3:30	16 Newsletter/ Calendar Conference Requests Sent Home	17 Evening of Worship 7:30
18 Sunday Gospel Mk 1:12-15	19 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	20 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	21 Mass 8:45 Conference Requests Due Boosters 6:30 100 Room Gr. 8 7:00 Orientation at WC	22 Conference Confirmations Sent Home Tomorrow Boosters Popcorn Sale Orders Due Tomorrow	23 Easter Candy Color Day Gr. 5 Field Trip 3 rd Quarter Midterms Online	24 YMCA! 7:15-9:30
25 Sunday Gospel Mk 9:2-10 Conference Confirmations Due Tomorrow	26 Young 5's & K Screening No School Pre, Y5, K 3:30 Gr. 6 Girls' Group	27 Choir 3:20	28 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	March 1 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30	March 2 Living Stations 2:00 & 7:00	March 3 Gr. 2 9:00 Plate Making Children's Choir 5:00 Mass

THE FUTURE OF

West Catholic Varsity Hockey



3 SCHOOLS - 1 GOAL

YOUTH HOCKEY PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND A GAME FOR FREE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
WEST CATHOLIC/CEDAR SPRINGS/COOPERSVILLE VARSITY HOCKEY TEAM

MEET THE COACHES & PLAYERS

TOUR THE LOCKER ROOM

SIT ON THE BENCH DURING WARMUPS

WATCH OUR SENIORS CELEBRATE THEIR FINAL HOME GAME

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

TIME: 4:00 PM (Game starts at 5p)

LOCATION: GRIFF'S ICE ARENA

RSVP BY JAN. 31 TO: Jill Szyszko at jillszyszko@gmail.com

TO HELP US PLAN THE AMOUNT OF FOOD