

February 16, 2018 School Newsletter

~Willy Wonka Jr. The Musical - Coming Soon!

Our cast and crew members have been working hard to present to you "Willy Wonka Jr." on Sat., March 17^{th} at 2:30pm and 7pm and at 2:30pm on Sun., March 18^{th} . Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and will be going on sale soon. You won't want to miss it! Parents of



cast and crew: Mr. Inbody has been sending weekly emails with schedules and updates so be sure to check your inbox. Also, just a reminder, that there are no rehearsals during mid-winter break, Feb.19th and 20th. Any questions, please contact the school office at 453-2772.

~Lenten Outreach - During Lent, we will be collecting school supplies for refugee children who attend The New American Club at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Please see the activity and supply list in this newsletter and on the back of the March paper calendar. Thank you for your generosity!

~Registration Materials - Registration materials for the 2018-19 school year will be sent home soon. In order to help us plan for next year, we ask that *you please return your registration materials to the school office no later than <u>Thursday, March 29th.</u> Please visit your SMART TUITION account to pay the Registration fee and update your contact information. Please remember that your tuition, envelope contributions and Child Care fees need to be up to date in order to register for next year. Please see the Links Box for quick access to Smart Tuition and Smart Aid.*

~ The Winter Carnival Committee would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with Winter Carnival. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you also to all of the families who attended the Winter Carnival. We hope you enjoyed a fun evening!

~2018-19 School Calendar - We have had a number of requests for the 2018-19 School Calendar. The finalized calendar will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, here are a few of the important dates you may need for next year:

Aug. 21First day of school;Dec. 24-Jan .4Christmas Vacation;Feb. 18-19Mid-Winter Break;Apr. 1-5Spring Break;April 19-22Good Friday & Easter MondayJune 7Last day of school.

~Student Council March Madness Color Day - On Friday, March 23rd, the Student Council is sponsoring a March Madness Color Day asking for at least \$1 per family to support the technology tutoring needs of refugee families from the St. Andrew's New American Club. Dress in support of your favorite team. Remember to follow all the color day guidelines.

 \sim Living Stations of the Cross - To assist you on your Lenten journey, we would like to invite you to our 7th and 8th grade students' Living Stations of the Cross. This moving presentation and Lenten reflection will be presented on March 2nd at 2:00pm and 7:00 pm in church.

~Uniform Reminders - As Spring arrives, parents, please be vigilant in checking that your children are following the dress code. A reminder to all girls about the length of shorts, skorts and skirts: Length no more than 4 inches above the middle of the kneecap. Also, leggings may be worn only with skirts or skorts. You can order uniforms locally at Educational Outfitter located at 2055 28th Street SE or online at: www.eductionaloutfitters.com/grand-rapids/

Important Dates:

Mon.-Tues., Feb.19th-20th

~Mid- Winter Break - No Scrip

Wed., Feb. 21st

- ~Mass 8:45am
- ~Conference Requests Due
- ~Boosters' Meeting 6:30pm

Fri., Feb. 23rd

- ~Boosters' Popcorn Orders Due
- ~Conference Confirm. Sent Home
- ~Easter Candy Color Day

Sat., Feb 24th

~YMCA Family Fun Night 7:15pm

Mon., Feb. 26th

- ~Conference Confirmations Due
- ~Y5 & Kdg Screening
- ~No School for Pre, Y5, Kdg

Wed., Feb. 28th

~Mass 8:45am

Thurs., March 1st and Tues., March 6th

~Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:30-7:30pm

Fri., March 2nd

~Living Stations of the Cross- 2p & 7p

Thurs., March 8th

~Grade 4 Songfest at WC @ 7:00pm

Fri., March 9th

~No School – Prof. Develop. Day CDC - Open

Wed., March 14th

~Boosters' Popcorn Sale Pick-Up 3-6pm Courtyard Conference Rm

Fri., March 16th

~St. Patrick's Day – Color Day

Sat., March 17th

~Willy Wonka Jr. 2:30pm and 7:00pm

Sun. March 18th

~Willy Wonka Jr. 2:30pm

Thurs., March 22nd

~Gr.5 Living Wax Presentation

Fri., March 23rd

~March Madness Favorite Teams Fun Day \$1.00 per Family

Thurs., March 29th

~18-19 Registration Due

HS Happenings



<u>~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive</u> – During the weeks of Lent, we are collecting donations to go into the Easter Food distribution baskets. For variety, the children are asked to contribute according to the following categories:

Pre Sch Peanut Butter, Jelly, Flour Y5's Toilet Paper, Baby Food

KK Cake Mixes, Toilet Paper, Hamburger Helper

1H/S Laundry Soap, Bar Soap, Toothpaste
 2F Canned Meat, Deodorant, Kleenex
 3K Tomato Products, Refried Beans,

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4D Spaghetti, Sugar, Bar Soap, Jello, Cooking Oil

5K/C Cereal, Laundry Soap, Soups
6C Macaroni & Cheese Tuna, Rice
6W Cereal, Soups, Boxed Potatoes

7D Canned Fruits, Juices, Toothpaste7N Coffee, Laundry Soap, Canned Stew

8W Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter

~Easter Candy Color Day – On Friday, February 23rd, there will be a color day offered in exchange for Easter Candy. Any bag of individually wrapped candy will be collected and used for Easter Baskets assembled by the Parish as part of the Easter Food Drive.

2nd Quarter BUG Awards

Gr. 4: Tessa B., Philip C.

Gr. 5: Evelyn B., Tanner C., Will C., Samantha H., Michael N., Sophia S.

Gr. 6: Ava B., Brenna O., Jacob W.

Gr. 7: Nora A., James C., Lexi G., Adam H., Dom I., Luke K., Karlie K., Andrew M., Alec N., Dylan P., Trenton R., Tyler W.

Gr. 8: Joey M., Reagan N., Connor P., Paul S., Lauren T.



MARCH IS READING MONTH

Lots of fun activities are planned to encourage reading: guest readers, bookmark contests, and book trivia on Mondays. Read, read, read especially during this March is Reading Month!

SAVE THESE DATES

- ~YMCA Fun Night Saturday, Feb.24th from 7:15-9:30pm
- ~Living Stations of the Cross March 2nd at 2:00 and 7:00pm
- ~Evening of Worship Saturday, March 10th at 7:30pm in the Church
- ~7th Grade Parent Mtg. Graduation planning meeting, Monday, March 12th at 7pm in the Art Room
- ~8th Grade Parent Mtg. Class Trip planning meeting, Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm in the Cafeteria

Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following published authors for January!

Y5: Allie M. KDG: Vera M.

2F: Lucy E., Rogue C., Alex G., Gabe N., Isabella P., Helen K., Declan A., Torey M.

3K: Cole P., Elizabeth F., Kate S., Megan B., Kaitlyn C.

6C: Brenna O., Owen W.

Congratulations to Torey M., in Grade 2F, Our <u>Featured Author of the Month!</u>

Be sure to read her story featured in this month's newsletter.

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to the following students for donating a book to the library in honor of their birthdays:

Alex L., Kaitlyn C., Mackenzie C., Caroline D., and Drew B.

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

LOCAL NEWS

~FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Get hooked on West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays! WC will be holding their LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS from Feb.16 thru March 23 from 4:30-7:00 pm in the WC High School Cafeteria. Dinner choices are Famous Fried Lake Perch, Fried Shrimp, Perch and Shrimp Combo, and Baked Salmon. All are served with fries or baked potato, home-made coleslaw, garlic toast, dessert and beverage. Cheese pizza, macaroni & cheese and a 2pc Perch plate are also available for children. Dine In, Take Out, or Drive Thru! Adults \$10, Seniors and Students \$8, Children \$5, and those 5 and under are Free. Baked Salmon is \$10 for everyone. For more information, please visit www.grwestcatholic.org or view the flyer from our link box.

~West Catholic 9th Grade Orientation – Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Orientation is designed for the entire family and you will receive your documents to register for classes at this time. Check-in will begin at 6:30pm and the program will run from 7pm – 8pm. If you have any questions, please email Todd Peters at toddpeters@grwestcatholic.org.

~Walker Recreation

Walker Recreation is now holding open registration for Girls Spring Softball & Soccer. Also the 2018 Spring Season of the **NW Youth Soccer Association** is signing up players. Please see the links in our Link Box for further information.

LINK BOX

GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website
GR Diocesan SMART AID Financial Aid Application
Diocesan 18-19 Welcome Scholarship English App
Diocesan 18-19 Welcome Scholarship Spanish App
Walker Rec Soccer & Softball Registration Info
Holy Spirit Apparel Website
West Catholic Fish Fry Flyer
NWYouth Soccer Association

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.

March Birthdays!

Matthew B. Agata S. Will S. Jared B. Nolan B. Eleanor A. David B. Harper K. Nicholas J. Owen W. Maxwell B. Emily H. Mrs. Kooistra Mrs. Kellv Mrs. Berndt Mr. Thompson

Jack S.
Declan A.
Carter B.
Amelia P.
Henrik S.
Mrs. Stroh
Mrs. Kalahar

Carter A.
Will C.
Kiera G.
Veronica M.
Brady K.
Mrs. DiGiovanna
Mrs. Szotko



Religious Education News

- <u>~ Grade 2 First Eucharist Plate Making</u> Saturday, March 3rd 9am.
- <u>~ Confirmation is Scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018.</u> All candidates need to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation.
- ~ Last Confirmation Class- Sunday, March 4th from 6-7:30pm.

Boosters' News

- <u>~ Coaches Needed</u> If you are interested in coaching a spring sport of 5/6 or 7/8 baseball, 5/6 or 7/8 softball, 5/6 or 7/8 girls soccer, or 5th − 8th grade track, please pick up an application on the school website or pick an application up in the school office. Please return the completed application to the school office or to Mark Nawrocki, Athletic Director, via email, NO LATER than March 1st to be considered. nawrocma@gvsu.edu.
- ~Sports Banquet Slide Show Please turn in to the coaches, a CD or flash drive of pictures from your winter sports teams by March 21st. These pictures will be used to produce the year-end Sports Banquet Slide Show which recaps our sports seasons here at Holy Spirit. Thank you!
- ~ Popcorn/Cookie Dough Order Pick Up Thank you for supporting the Boosters' by ordering from our Goodies Factory Fundraiser! Orders are due May 23rd. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 14th from 3-6pm, to pick up your orders in the Courtyard Conference Room. All items are perishable and must be picked up at that time.

Recess/Hot Lunch

A Heartfelt Thank You to Phil and Beth Bott who have retired from their recess supervisor positions. We greatly appreciate all the time and dedication that they have given to us. You both will be missed!

Just a friendly reminder that Hot Dogs will NOT be served on Fridays during Lent.

Free or Reduced Hot Lunch/Milk is available to those who qualify. See the office for an application to apply.

In Sympathy



Please keep in your prayers the
Berndt Family on the loss of
their Great-Aunt. May the memories of their loved
one live on in their hearts and bring them peace.





TITAN GIVE BACK NIGHT: Thank you to everyone that attended the Titan Give Back night at Uccello's last month. We raised \$215.49!!!! Mark your calendars: Our next Titan Give Back Night will be on May 9th. Hope to see you there!

YMCA NIGHT: We look forward to seeing everyone at the YMCA Night on **Saturday, February 24**th! This is a great way to celebrate our students for meeting their WWTS Fundraising goal.

HOLY SPIRIT APPAREL: Don't forget that the Holy Spirit apparel website (<u>www.holyspiritapparel.com</u>) is open year-round! If there are clothing or other apparel items that you would like to see available in the future, please feel free to pass along your suggestions to the PTA.

PTA ELECTIONS: There will be an opening for the Treasurer position in the 2018/2019 school year! The PTA application form will be sent home in Friday folders in the next couple of weeks. Applications will be accepted until March 28th, at which point an assignment will be made.

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

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING Minutes – January 23, 2018

- Kristin called the meeting to order at 7:00 and said the opening prayer.
- BOARD IDENTIFICATION
 - o Kristin Adams PRESIDENT 616.893.9251 | kristin-adams@hotmail.com
 - o Joylynn Kelly VICE PRESIDENT 616.301.4514 | joylynn6476@yahoo.com
 - o Angela Dusseau TREASURER 616.735.0316 | dusseau5@comcast.net
 - o Andrea Dewicki SECRETARY 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
- STAFF in attendance: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Duffy, Ms. West, Mrs. Clancy
- READING OF PTA GOALS (Joylynn Kelly)
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Pat Kalahar)
 - Next week is Catholic Schools week. (January 29-February 2)
 - Paula will be presenting prior to each mass the weekend of January 27-28 and kids will be doing the reading during mass.
 - Monday the students will go to St. Anthony for a concert
 - Tuesday will be teachers v. students academic trivia
 - Wednesday students will attend mass and pray the rosary
 - Thursday students will go to the 3 Mile Project.
 - Friday morning there will be a Be Nice presentation for the older students.
 Several courageous students will be presenting.

- Two seminarians came to visit. Students have been writing letters to them and praying for them.
- There have been many compliments on the advent musical, The Jesse Tree. Thank you to those of you who made this possible.
- 142 water filters were purchased for Haiti! \$4,287.00 was raised! Thank you to Ms. West and Mrs. Duffy for taking this on!
- Early Childhood Information Night: Potential new HS students and their families were invited to do a scavenger hunt in the school. This will take place on Monday, February 12 from 6:30-7:30 in the multipurpose room in the church. Please RSVP to the school office or email Paula.
- o Accreditation went well and the visitors were impressed.
- February 14-15 we will have a free and reduced lunch audit. We are working on our wellness policy which includes physical education and nutritional education. We are looking to improve our nutritional education, please contact Pat if you have ideas.
- Video Cameras- We have added cameras for increased security. We now have 17 in total. They are always recording if there is motion and can be watched live. There are 2 in the hallway, 3 in back of the school, one at the main entrance, one in the gym and several in the church. The CDC has 5 cameras which were purchased through the auction. We would like to add a camera in the cafeteria.
- There have been many compliments on our Holy Spirit apparel.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Joylynn Kelly filling in for Angela Dusseau)

- o PTA paid for the Be Nice Program and 3 Mile Project for Catholic Schools Week
- PTA donated gift cards to the winter carnival raffle. We went with a "Family Day Out" theme. The gift cards were for Buffalo Wild Wings, Craig's Cruisers, Celebration Cinema, and Dave and Buster's.
- Money was also spent for Christmas gifts for staff, camera installation, 8th grade trip to Camp Henry and Be Nice t-shirts for the student council members.
- We received a payout from Holy Spirit apparel for \$450.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Apparel (Emily Bouma/Kristin Inbody)
 - We welcome feedback and always appreciate your suggestions!
 - The "mitten" shirt runs small so size up! We may try to add this to the site.
- Birthday Board (Val Schwallier) No news, thank you for beautiful boards!
- Book Fair (Carrie Miedema/Beth Bott)
 - 1st Saturday in December w/Santa Breakfast- scheduled for next year
 - Purchases were down slightly from last year.
- Box Tops/Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's (Barb Caputo/Mercedes Barnum)
 - No news for box tops.
 - There will be a color day on Friday, February 9.
 - We have turned in another \$150,000 in Spartan Nash receipts! We will receive another \$1000 check!
 - Aunt Millies is submitted in October.

- Tyson Project A+ is new! We get 25 cents per label, and there will be a new collection box for them.
- Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle)
 - Let us know if you know of someone that is in need of help from this committee.
- Paper Gator (Lori DeBruyne) Reminder to recycle your phone books! If you know of someone who is unable to bring their paper to the receptacle, Lori is willing to pick it up from them.
- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy) No news.
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm/ Erin Gottleber)
 - Erin reported that this has been a record year for the lower elementary! 3rd grade is in the lead with 38 books published, 2nd grade has published 31 books, 1st grade is next with 23, kindergarten has published 4 and young fives 1.
 - Upper elementary has published a total of 129 so far!
 - Rose has put in a lot of time, thank you Rose!!
 - The grand prize of an ice cream party has been changed a bit due to the high volume of books being published, and there will be one for upper el and one for lower el.
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year so parties will be on the 13th.
 - The birthday party for Jesus was a huge success! May do coffee for the teachers next year.
 - PTA is sending a thank you note to Magnum Coffee Roasters for their generous donation of hot chocolate.
 - Lent's theme will be welcoming immigrants/refugees.
 - 16 immigrant/refugee children will be matched with classrooms
 - Will be invited to mass
 - Will host a get together for board games, to help them learn English.
- Social Committee: (Carrie Miedema)
 - 155 people came to the roller skating event, up 20 people from last year's numbers.
 - Booked for 2019
 - Titan Give-back nights: Uccello's will be on January 25, takeout is fine but you must have the flyer. Another Uccello's night on May 9 from 4p to 8p
 - March 24 we will host an adult bowling night at the Clique! \$10/person, 7-9pm
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen)
 - Nothing to report.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber/Shelley Hoffmann)
 - Will take place May 7-11 this year.
- Teacher's Conference Meals (Michael and Andrea Dewicki)
 - Creating menus for March conferences. Will send sign up genius link to committee volunteers for help and donations.

- 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)
 - Will take place in 2018 on September 14 with festival weekend.
 - This will be our 11th annual Walking with the Spirit!
 - YMCA Family Fun Night will be February 24 from 7:15 to 10pm.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Wellness Plan: Pat touched on this. Working to develop the nutrition portion.
- Election year for PTA Treasurer
 - Please consider being a part of the PTA.
 - A flyer will be sent home mid-February, applications due March 27.
 - You do not need to be a math whiz, we use QuickBooks.
- Suggestion to move PTA meetings to after school
 - Childcare wouldn't be provided so where would kids go?
 - Committee chairs cannot all attend both meetings
 - We may broadcast meetings via Facebook Live so people who cannot attend can still watch.
 - We understand 7pm is bad for sports
 - We are open to suggestions on this!
 - Color day passes would only be awarded to those physically attending the meeting, not watching live.
- O Next meeting is March 27, 2018 at 7pm in the Library. It's the last for the school year.



Holy Spirit School Calendar, March, 2018 Lenten Project ~ School Supply Collection for Refugee Families March is Reading Month

<u>Lunch Supervision, Grade 3 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org</u>

February 25 2 nd Sunday <u>of Lent</u> Sunday Gospel Mk 9:2-10	February 26 Young 5's & K <u>Screening</u> No School Pre, Y5, K	February 27 Choir 3:20	February 28 Mass 8:45 Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	March 1 Conferences 4:30-7:30	2 Living Stations 2:00 & 7:00 Bookmark Contest Begins	3 Gr. 2 9:00 Plate Making Children's Choir 5:00 Mass
4 3 rd Sunday <u>of Lent</u> <u>Jn 2:13-25</u> Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30	5 Book Trivia Day	6 <u>No Choir</u> Conferences 4:30-7:30	7 Mass 8:45 3:15 Gr. 2 Little Flowers Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	8 Gr. 5 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 4 Songfest 7:00 @ WC	9 No School Professional Development Day Child Care Open	10 Evening of Worship 7:30
11 4 th Sunday <u>of Lent</u> Jn 3:14-21	12 Book Trivia Day Gr. 7 Parent Meeting 7:00 Art Room	13 Choir 3:20	14 Mass 8:45 Boosters' Sale Pickup 3:00-6:00 Chess Club 6:15-7:30 Library	15 Titan Toddler Time 10:15 Student Council 3:30	16 St. Patrick's Color Day Willy Wonka Jr. 2:00 Bookmark Contest Ends	17 Willy Wonka Jr. Musical 2:30 & 7:00
18 5 th Sunday of Lent Jn12:20-33 Willy Wonka Jr. Musical 2:30	19 Book Trivia <u>Day</u> 3:30 Gr. 6 Girls' Group	20 Choir 3:20 Board Meeting 6:30 Gr. 8 Parent Meeting 7:00 Cafeteria	21 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Winter Sports Pictures Due	22 Gr. 5 Living Wax Presentations Bill Bolen Scholarship Essays Due Tomorrow	23 March Madness Favorite Teams Fun Day~ \$1 per family 3 rd Quarter Ends Newsletter/ Calendar	24 PTA Parent Bowling Event @Clique 7:00-9:00
25 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Mk 14-15	26	27 <u>Choir 3:20</u> PTA Meeting 7:00 Library	28 Mass 8:45	29 18-19 School Registration <u>Due</u> 3 rd Quarter Report Cards Online	30 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	31 Easter Vigil

Lenten Project Sponsored by the Student Council ~ February 14th – March 29th

Welcoming the Refugee and Migrant ~ The Learning Cafe at St. Andrew's Cathedral





During Lent, we are going to get to know 16 children born in the Congo who spent years in UN refugee camps in Rwanda by ...

- Writing letters and praying for each other.
- Playing board games together and helping them learn English ~ The Student Council will lead this on February 27th and March 13th at St. Andrew's.
- Inviting them to our Musical on March 18th-19th and to our Ice Cream Social and Evening of Worship on April 14th.
- Raising money for technology needs at the tutoring center on our March Madness Color Day on March 23rd.
- Collecting the following supplies:
 - ➤ New or gently used **Board Games**
 - Dry Erase Markers and Erasers
 - Pens, #2 Pencils, and Sharpeners
 - Crayons and Markers
 - Notebook Paper, Drawing Paper, and Colored Paper
 - Pocket Folders
 - Clip Boards
 - > 3-Ring Binders with a clear plastic sleeve on the exterior with a circle above the clip
 - ➤ Healthy Snacks like cereal bars, crackers, apples, string cheese.

[&]quot;Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

THE PIG'S HEART

(This book is dedicated to Mrs. Rose Worm)

There once was a pig with a big heart. He always smiles. He always gives hugs. But one thing he does not do is fight. "I do not like to fight", said the pig. "I only smile."

"Fight me", said the bull.

"I will not fight you."

"Why?"

"Because I do not want to fight."

"Then I will fight you."

"OK", said the pig.

The bull said, "Bye."

"Why? We didn't get to talk."

"Why do you want to talk with me?", said the bull.

"Because we can be friends."

"Really?"

"Yeah, why not? Let's go have fun."

"Yeah. One thing, what are we going to play – tag, hide and seek?"

"Sure, why not? Let's go."

"I want to hide."

"OK, ready? 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10. Ready or not, here I come!"

"I think he won't find me."

"Found you."

"Good game."

"Okay, let's go play tag."

When they were done, they ate pizza and ice cream.

THE END

About the Author

Torey likes pigs. Her favorite restaurant is Little Ceasars – she loves the breadsticks. She is 8 years old. She has 1 brother and 2 sisters. She has 1 dog. She is in the second grade. She loves to sing – her favorite song is "The First Noel."