



Holy Spirit

April 26, 2019
School Newsletter

2019-20 Registration

Thanks to everyone who has registered with SMART and returned registration materials for the 2019-20 school year. If you have not done both, please do so ASAP and feel free to call the office with any questions you may have. We're excited! It's going to be a great year!

National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10

We would like to wish a heartfelt **Thank You** to our staff. We are blessed and grateful for our highly qualified, dedicated teachers here at Holy Spirit and all those who help to provide a faith-filled, academically challenging, and enriching education for your children.

May Crowning

Please join us Friday, May 3rd, as we honor Mary, our Mother, during our 8:45am All School Liturgy and May Crowning. Students are encouraged to wear blue or white uniforms that day in honor of Mary.

First Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of our parish who will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 5th, and the young adults who will be Confirmed on Tuesday, May 7th. We pray for, support, and encourage them as they grow in their faith and become stewards of Christ in our community.

Student Council News

Thank you to all of the families who have participated in our Lenten Project by supporting our 16 new refugee friends from the Learning Cafe at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Our Student Council Members met with them for a couple of Board Game Nights, collected \$148.00 for technology needs, and collected board games and school supplies. We are in the process of planning an ice cream and soccer night here on our field once the weather gets warmer. Thank you!

We will have our last Student Council sponsored "Hats & Flip Flops" Color Day on May 16th. Cost is \$1 per family. Student Council would like to surprise a Catholic School family in need because of a recent loss, with donations and prayers. Casual attire is acceptable, but must comply with guidelines listed within the dress code. Leggings/spandex/yoga pants are allowed **ONLY** if covered by skirt or shorts no more than 4 inches above the kneecap.

Box Tops, Family Fare Receipts, Aunt Millie's Labels

Cut and Save those Box tops, receipts and bread labels! Our last turn in day is Wednesday, May 22nd. Please visit www.SchoolSpiritPrograms.com to find the brands eligible for earnings. Please cut out the Logos and UPC codes prior to turning them in. Your clipping at home will save our coordinators countless hours of clipping and snipping!

Important Dates:

Monday, April 29th

~Yearbook Orders Due
~Variety Show Forms Due

Friday, May 3rd

~ May Crowning Mass 8:45 am
~ 4th Quarter Mid-terms Online
~Spring Sports Pictures Due

Saturday, May 4th

~Evening of Worship 7pm

Sunday, May 5th

~First Communion Mass 2pm

Mon., May 6th – Fri., May 10th

~Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 10th

~Mass 8:45 am
~Sports Banquet 6-10p
(RSVP by 5/3)

Tuesday, May 14th

~Uccello's Give Back Night 4-8pm

Thursday, May 16th

~ Hats & Flip Flops Color Day
\$1/family

Wednesday, May 22nd

~Boxtop, Aunt Millie's, Tyson,
and Family Fare Color Day

Friday, May 24th

~Newsletter/Calendar

Monday, May 27th

~Memorial Day
~No School - CDC Closed
~No Scrip

Friday, May 31st

~Community Day/Variety Show
WWTS Shirt Color day
All Kdg and Y5 attend in AM

The Holy Spirit 2019 Sports Banquet will be held on **Friday, May 10th** from 6-9:30pm in the Activity Center. Cost is \$15 per family, which includes student athlete and parents. Dinner will be followed by a guest speaker, slide show of the year in sports, and fellowship and activities from 8-9:30pm. Please complete **the RSVP Form included** in this newsletter and return to the office **NO LATER THAN MAY 3rd**. Thank You!

Sports Banquet Slide Show Picture Request - Pictures are needed of all spring sports teams: baseball, soccer, tennis, track, lacrosse, and softball. Please submit pictures in digital format on a CD or flash drive no later than Friday, May 3rd. Also, please limit number of pictures to two per athlete and indicate grade/team on each.

PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

Awesome Authors Club

Congratulations to the following students who published books during the month of March:

- Y5:** Elin M.
- KDG:** Patrick S., Luke G.
- 1H:** Vera M., Marcus A., Sofia M., Nora L., June A., Jaxon R., Allison L.
- 1S:** Evelyn A., Brenna L., Maisie M., Skylar P., Erik H., Grace M., Keira G.
- 2F:** Avery N.
- 3K:** Max B., Issac E., Alex G., Nolan B., Gabby G., Ashton J., Gabe N., Declan A.
- 5C:** Katelyn A., Brady K.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Adam H. | Gabe N. | Brooklyn B. |
| Emma V. | Katelyn A. | Ethan L. |
| Nathan S. | Mason S. | Evelyn A. |
| Justin H. | Anastasia S. | Luca M. |
| Owen A. | Leo C. | Remington S. |
| Eamonn B. | Evelyn B. | Kayden K. |
| Amber W. | Anna M. | Crosby W. |
| Aislynn S. | Holly S. | Sophia M. |
| Ava D. | Riley B. | Charlie V. |
| Jacob W. | Mrs. Schoof | Mrs. Radlinski |
| Mrs. Carlstrom | | |

Third Quarter BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following 4th-8th grade Holy Spirit students who received the "BUG Award" at the end of the 3rd Quarter for Bringing Up a Grade, while maintaining all other grades.



- 4th – Yann D., Cole P., Natalie W.**
- 5th – Carter B., Philip C., Brady K., Cooper M., Sophia P., Kate S.**
- 7th – Kayla B., Grace F., Hailey N., Nick P.**
- 8th – Andrew M.**

In Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the **D. Smith Family** and **Mrs. Duffy** on the passing of their Grandfathers, the **C. Williams Family** on the death of their Great-Grandfather, the **VanderHyde Family** on the loss of their Uncle, and the **Krzewski Family** on the passing of their Grandmother.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.





Holy Spirit Child Development Center:
Summer Care Program 2019: Enrollment Information

It is that time of year again to be thinking about summer child care. The CDC staff members are very excited for our 2019 Summer Care Program. Summer Care will begin on Monday, June 10th and will end on Wednesday, August 14th. The Summer Care Program is available for Holy Spirit school children, and pending availability, other children attending Catholic Schools within the Grand Rapids Catholic Diocese. Children must be fully enrolled, including full enrollment on Smart Tuition, at Holy Spirit for the 2019-20 school year for Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8th grade. The center hours are 7:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday (closed Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5). Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. There are also weekly destination field trip opportunities for children using child care that will be entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall.

Due to the high demand for our Summer Care Program, we ask that all Holy Spirit students please turn in enrollment forms as soon as possible to ensure availability. For enrollment information and availability, please contact Melanie Francis at: mfrancis@hsparish.org.

HS HAPPENINGS and SAVE THE DATES

2019 Variety Show



Students: It's that time again! It's never too early to start thinking about how you would like to show off your talents. This year's Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31st. Please pick one talent to showcase. Parents, if you are interested, and available to help with the Variety Show, we are looking for your help during the scheduled lunch hour rehearsals from 11:45-12:15, on May 6-24. Please contact Elise Hollister or Paula Ryan. **The entry form can be found in this newsletter and online and must be returned, with parent signatures, no later than Monday, April 29th.**

2019 Community Day - Friday, May 31st, is our Community Day complete with Mass, Games, and Variety Show. This will be a *Walking With the Spirit T-Shirt Color Day*.

Walking With the Spirit will be Friday, September 20th, 2019. This is the 12th year that the Holy Spirit School PTA will be planning this exciting walk-a-thon style event to benefit all Holy Spirit School students. The funds raised by *Walking With The Spirit* are used to fund essential programs such as technology enhancements, school library, the Publishing Center, class field trips, and more. More information regarding volunteering and other opportunities will be available soon!

Walking With The Spirit 2019 Sponsorship Opportunities If you or your employer would be interested in supporting *Walking With The Spirit* with a financial or other contribution, please contact Kelly Clancy at holyspiritwalk@gmail.com. There are many unique benefits with sponsoring the event.

Library News

Congratulations to Mia S. and Samantha H., the newest members of our Birthday Book Club! They have each donated a book to the school library in honor of their birthdays and have received a color day pass for their generosity. Thank you! **The week of Monday, May 20th will be the LAST week to check out books** from the library. All books checked out will need to be **returned by May 28th**.

2019 Yearbook Sale

Last chance to order your 2019 yearbook! Cost remains at \$10 per book. Please complete the Order Form sent home with your child and return by **Monday, April 29th**.

Student Needs Survey To assist us with appropriate classroom placement for your child next fall, you may access the Student Needs Survey on our website. This survey will help us to understand your child's optimum learning environment from your perspective. Please complete and return to the office no later than **May 24th**.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder to check the Lost and Found bins the next time you're in the building. Before we know it, the school year will be over and all items not claimed **by June 7th** will be donated.

Used Uniform Sale

We will again be offering the Used Uniform Sale on Community Day, **Friday, May 31st**. Items may be dropped off in the office the week of **May 28th**. Please pin an envelope to each item with your asking price, size, last name, and classroom. If you would like to donate your proceeds or leftover items, please indicate "donate" on the envelope. A table will be set up in the hallway on Friday. If you have any extra small sizes (4-7) that you would like to donate to the school office, they would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Activities & Summer Skills Sharpener

Be sure to check out the hallway and the link box included in this newsletter for area **summer camps/classes** being held, including those from **local colleges**. In addition, Holy Spirit will be offering the **Diocesan Summer Skills** program for students. This is a 20 day review packet of essential academic skills in math, reading and more. **Additional information is provided on the attached flyer, including instructions on how to order your packet.**

Summer Theatre Camp News!

Mr. David Inbody, our school musical director, will once again be holding a Summer Drama Camp this year. More information will be coming soon!

Our theater program, under the direction of Dave Inbody, continues to bear fruit as Holy Spirit 6th Grade student, Samantha H. recently performed in Stage GR's traveling version of the "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf." Samantha is pictured in the middle of the front row in all pink!



May the Month of the Rosary

To celebrate the month of the rosary, we will be praying a decade of the rosary every day during the month of May. In honor of Mary, students are encouraged to wear blue uniforms for the May 3rd May Crowning.

Scrip News

There will be no scrip on Memorial Day and the last week of scrip for the summer is June 10th. If you have not already done so, please set up your online account. That way, you can still shop while we're on break!

LINK BOX

[GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website](#)
[GR Diocesan SMART AID application link](#)
[Aquinas STEM Summer Camp](#)
[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)
[Calvin College Outdoors Inspired Summer Camps](#)
[Calvin College Sports Summer Camps](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (June 10-13, 6:30-8:30pm) registration forms were sent home with the children. This program is for children entering Young Fives through Fifth Grade in the fall. Registrations are due back with payment by May 24th. Please make checks out to Holy Spirit Religious Ed. Space is limited to the first 50 children. We are also in need of adult volunteers. If you would like to help, please email Diane Schoof at dschoof@hsparish.org. Thank you!

New Altar Server Training

~Current 3rd Graders and Higher – Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Church.

What EVERY Catholic Should Know about Annulments!*

~Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room with Rev. Kevin Niehoff, OP, JCL.

*(Did you know that calling them annulments is incorrect!)



PTA

HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTA ELECTION:

During the March PTA meeting, our new Secretary and Vice President were announced! Please join in congratulating **Jeff Novosad** as the new PTA secretary and **Andrea Dewicki**! Jeff and Andrea will join Joylynn Kelly (President) and Phil Alt (Treasurer) to complete the officer roles for the 2019/2020 school year.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Thank you for to everyone that has turned in Spartan Nash receipts. We received a check for \$2000 this month. This check is in addition to the \$2000 that we have already received from Spartan Nash. And we have another group of receipts that will give us another \$1000 check before the end of the school year. We are all very thankful for this community program from Spartan Nash!! Keep shopping!!

TITAN GIVE-BACK EVENTS

Mark your calendars... Our next Titan Give Back Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th from 4:00-8:00 at Uccello's in Standale. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Plan ahead and buy Uccello's scrip to have for that evening.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

There are 2 PTA Committees in need of new chair people for the 2019/2020 school year: Social Committee and Paper Gator. Please contact a board member if you are interested in either of these positions.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

March 26, 2019

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Kristin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and said the opening prayer.
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION**
 - Kristin Adams - PRESIDENT – 616.893.9251 | kristin-adams@hotmail.com
 - Joylynn Kelly - VICE PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | joylynn6476@yahoo.com
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Andrea Dewicki - SECRETARY – 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Radlinski, Mrs. Null, Mrs. Carlstrom, Mrs. Leibler, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Carlstrom, Mrs. Stroh
- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PTA BOARD MEMBERS:** Kristin's term as president is ending, so Joylynn Kelly will become president next year. Andrea Dewicki will serve as vice president, and Jeffrey Novosad will be our new secretary. Thank you Kristin for all of your hard work and dedication!
- **READING OF GOALS:** Joy read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
 - Classroom Learning Lab
 - March 11, HS teachers went to other Catholic schools in the area to observe, get ideas to use at HS, critique both good and bad
 - March 8, teachers from other schools came to observe Mrs. Carlstrom and Mrs. Swider to do the same.
 - March is reading month
 - Special reading calendars, Whitecaps reading calendars were sent home to encourage reading
 - March book madness competition took place for kids to vote on their favorite books
 - "Read-o" on accouchements: Classes had bingo cards with titles of books, would mark off the ones that they had on their "read-o" cards.
 - Student Council Lenten Project with Rwandan refugees
 - Student council is collecting snacks, games and supplies for these students
 - April 9, they will come to HS for a social night
 - Great for our kids to appreciate what they have, make a difference in the lives of the refugees.
 - March 28 will be first reconciliation
 - 7th and 8th grade did a tremendous job with Living Stations of the Cross on March 22. Dave Faber was there at 7pm and met with kids to express how impressed he was with their performance.

- Renewed Marketing contract with Diocesan bulletins and Holy Family Radio for 10 months. There are promotional materials for people to take (Folders, dove logo stickers, brochures) and give to anyone who may be interested in sending their children to HS.
- Auction net this year was \$162,000.00.
 - 2017 auction was \$164,000.00.
 - 2015 Auction netted \$122,000.00.
 - \$5,000 was donated to San Juan Diego Scholarship Program
- Winter Carnival net was \$3,400.00. Previous year \$3,900.00. The intent of this event is to gather as a community for an evening of fun, not fundraising.
- Snow day make up possibility: We get 6 days, were given an extra 3. May have to make up 2 but also may be excused. We will find out in early May. This will not change anything for 8th grade.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Phil prepared an income statement to show expenditures, which Kristin presented.
 - Should end the year with excess revenue over expenses.
 - A budget meeting will take place in May.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
 - Moving forward with combining the boosters and HS apparel sites.
 - Will be ready for a re-launch next school year.
 - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier)
 - Thank you to Val and this committee for keeping the birthday board beautiful!
 - Book Fair (Kristin Adams)
 - New books have been ordered.
 - Currently still scheduled with Scholastic, no news on faith based fair.
 - Will coincide with Santa Breakfast in December 2019.
 - Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
 - October box top total \$400.00.
 - Waiting on checks 3 and 4 from Spartan Nash. Number 5 will be submitted by the end of April.
 - An announcement will be put into the bulletin again as the parishioners are very helpful in this effort.
 - As a reminder, \$150,000 in receipts turned in = \$1000 check to Holy Spirit. Can be receipts from Starbucks, but not gas receipts.
 - Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle) – No business. Let Mandy or Kristin know if you know of someone in need of help.
 - Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki)
 - Thank you to Mercedes for your help this year with serving and clean up!
 - HUGE thanks to all of the parents who donated ingredients to make this possible.
 - Paper Gator (Lori DeBruyne)
 - \$350.00 received for September to February.
 - This committee may need a new chair.

- **Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)**
 - We are looking for a new family dinner coordinator. This position requires you to purchase and cook the food (hot dogs and chili) and decorate for the new family welcome dinner. The first year you will be shadowing Kristine.
 - Idea was given that Knights of Columbus are always looking for ways to give back, maybe they could facilitate this dinner.
- **Publishing Center (Rose Worm and Erin Gottleber)**
 - 3rd and 4th grades are tied for most books published.
- **Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)**
 - Read-in on March 29: Room parents asked to coordinate snacks and water for classes.
- **Social Committee (Carrie Miedema)**
 - This committee needs a new chair to shadow Carrie for next year.
 - May 14 will be Titan Giveback with Uccello's. **BUY SCRIP TO USE!**
 - May 4 Ice Cream Social has been canceled due to the Parish serving meals.
 - Biggby Titan Giveback from Feb- we received a \$20.00 check, not in the financials that Phil prepared.
 - Ideas were given for having a Titan Giveback next year with The Local as the owner is a HS family.
- **Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen) No updates.**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber)**
 - Many fun things planned!
- **Variety Show (Elise Hollister)**
 - Elise is still looking for a co-chair. Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Houdek will be helping.
- **Walking With the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)**
 - T-shirt logo contest for next year's shirt design will take place after spring break.
 - WWTS 2019 will take place on September 20.
 - Movie Night Saturday, September 21
- **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**
 - **Coffee and Donuts At Mass: June 2, 2019 and December 8, 2019**
 - Pastoral Council wants to do coffee and donuts. Asked several groups to host.
 - Volunteers will pick up donuts, make coffee and monitor.
 - **Family Service Night:**
 - Mrs. Null had the idea to invite families to help community organizations
 - Part of our "Be Christ" mission.
 - Ideas included cards for shut-ins, decorating bags for Kids Food Basket,
 - This may be planned by the social committee next year, or may be its own committee.
 - **Classroom Project:**
 - In the previous PTA meeting, Vicki and Alan came and presented an idea to renovate an additional classroom with modular, ergonomic furniture.
 - PTA Approved the funds- we will match donations up to \$15,000.00.
 - Specific groups will be targeted to raise the funds, possible GoFundMe page.

- New paint and possibly carpet has been donated already.

FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Brenna L., in Grade 1 for being our Featured Author of the Month. Brenna has won a lunch of her choice and her story is featured below.

MY SLEEPOVER WITH GRANDMA

This book is dedicated to my Grandma.

I had a sleepover with Grandma.

The sleepover with Grandma was great!

We brought our sleeping bags.

We watched *Monsters Inc.*

I had fun with Grandma.

THE END

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brenna is seven years old. She has three sisters. Her favorite subjects at school are Art and Gym. She also enjoys taking Gymnastics. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. She is looking forward to going to the Vacation House with her family this summer.

FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PARISH

After an event as we celebrate the success, we also take the time for evaluation. What did we do that was great? What could use improvement? Is there anything we want to change moving forward? This year as Parish and Festival leadership discussed Festival we thought it might be time for a change. For that reason, there will be no Festival in the fall of 2019. Our parish festival will return in the spring of 2020, scheduled around our Parish celebration of Pentecost.

While there are several reasons we decided this was the best time to make a change here are a few that stood out:

- With the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and Diocesan Capital Campaign both happening this spring the parish took a look at how we could shift our priorities a bit. Alongside the other items it made sense that this be something we shift.
- The fall is a busy time of year! While we can make the argument that every time of year is busy, the time around which Festival is normally held is especially busy. Moving Festival will hopefully alleviate pulling people in a bunch of different directions, especially our hardworking volunteers!
- Finally, and perhaps the most important, sometimes events that have been around for many years just need a refresh. While Festival has been going on for many years and is a long-standing tradition at Holy Spirit, the people of our parish and our needs have changed over the years. The Educational Foundation auction did this a few years back and it really changed the face of the event and the impact on our community in a positive way. We are really hoping to reinvigorate Festival in this way too!

We know how much you love the cash raffle! We know you will miss it this fall, but we promise it will be back next spring. We are just giving you extra time to save some pennies and purchase an extra ticket!

For those organizations that have benefitted from the proceeds of Festival through volunteer hours, we will be following up with you to discuss a plan moving forward.

Finally, we want to be sure we mention Movie Night. Movie Night was added to Festival weekend last fall and despite the mosquitoes was a great night for families to come together in community and enjoy a movie outdoors. Movie Night will be something that continues on its own, separate from Festival. We are hoping to do three movie nights each year, one in the spring, summer and fall. Stay tuned for more details on this!

*****CUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT*****

2018-19 YEARBOOK SALE

Don't Miss Out! **Order now for a yearbook this spring!**

Return the following form to your teacher by Monday, **April 29**.

Please order ____ yearbooks for the _____ family.

I have enclosed \$10 for each book ordered.

Checks may be made payable to Holy Spirit School.

Please send the yearbooks home with _____

in _____ Grade/Class.

Parent's Signature _____



Holy Spirit School Calendar, May, 2019

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/22-5/17](#)

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 1](#) / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

			1 Gr. 4-5 Field Trip	2 <u>GOTR 3:15</u> 6:00 First Eucharist Practice	3 May Crowning <u>Mass 8:45</u> 4 th Quarter Midterms Online	4 Evening of Worship 7:00
5 First Communion <u>2:00</u> 3 rd Sunday of Easter Jn 21:1-19	6 Teacher Appreciation Week	7 <u>GOTR 3:15</u> Gr. 8 Confirmation 7:00 at St. Andrew's	8 Gr. 6 Field Trip	9 GOTR 3:15	10 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Sports Banquet 6:00-9:30	11
12 <u>Mother's Day</u> 4 th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:27-30	13 Y5 & all K attend 8:15-11:45 Field Trip	14 Gr. 4 <u>State Fair</u> <u>GOTR 3:15</u> Little Flowers <u>3:15-4:30</u> Uccello's Giveback Night 4:00-8:00	15 Gr. 2-3 <u>Field Trip</u> 6:30 Board Meeting	16 <u>GOTR 3:15</u> Student Council 3:30 Student Council Fun Day \$1 per family	17 Mass 8:45	18
19 5 th Sunday of Easter Jn 13:31-35 Band Concert @WC 2:30	20	21	22 Boxtop/ Aunt Millie's/ Tyson/ Family Fare Color Day	23 Gr. 8 Exams <u>Full Day</u> Gr. 5-6 Field Trips	24 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Preschool Picnic <u>11:00-1:00</u> Gr. 1 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 8 Exams <u>12:30 Dismissal</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	25
26 6 th Sunday of Easter Jn 14:23-29	27 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	28 Last day to return library <u>books</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal	29 Last day for 4-yr old <u>Preschool</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal	30 Last day for 3-yr old <u>Preschool</u> Gr. 7-8 <u>Field Trips</u> Used uniform sale tomorrow	31 WWTs Shirt <u>Color Day</u> <u>Community Day</u> 8:45 Mass 10:00 Games 12:45 Variety <u>Show</u> All K & Y5 attend in am	

2019 Sports Banquet
Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Boosters
Dinner provided by: Three Men and a Grill

Date: Friday, May 10th
Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm
Cost: \$15 per Family

The annual Holy Spirit Boosters Sports Banquet will be held to celebrate another sports season which gives our students at Holy Spirit the opportunity to learn and play sports.

Dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm followed by a guest speaker and a short program recapping our year in sports and thanking the many people involved in making our year possible. **We request that all student/athletes sit with their parents during dinner. They can sit together during the slide show.**

Once again, we will have a slide show covering our year in sports here at Holy Spirit.

Athletes are invited to stay after the banquet from **8:00-9:30pm** to enjoy fellowship and planned activities in the gym. We ask that all students DO NOT leave the building. Parent Chaperones are appreciated and necessary.

Please fill out the section below for your reservation to the Banquet which will assist us in getting an accurate count of those attending the dinner and banquet. **Return to the school office in care of Damon Bouwkamp, Athletic Director, NO LATER THAN MAY 3rd.**

Thank you for your support.

Your Holy Spirit Boosters Board.

Reservation

DUE DATE: 5-3-2019

Family Name: _____

Attending: Adults _____ Students _____

Paid: Cash: _____ Check # _____

PARENTS AND ATHLETES ONLY PLEASE – NO YOUNGER SIBLINGS

2019 Holy Spirit School - Variety Show

The 2019 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31st.

Again this year, we are encouraging students to show off their special talents and gifts to perform an original act. Students may consider presenting:

- A dance routine
- A dramatic reading
- A stand-up comedy routine
- An instrumental or vocal piece
- The “sky's the limit!”

We are asking students to please refrain from lip syncs. All vocal pieces must have karaoke-style or live music for accompaniment.

The Variety Show entry form is to be turned into the school office by **Monday, April 29th**. Please be sure to fill out the form and read this letter completely with your parents, so you understand all the rules. Each participant must have his/her parent's signature.

Acts should be no longer than 2 minutes. Parents, please listen to the music your child has chosen as well as approving dance moves, jokes, and costuming. If deemed inappropriate and/or suggestive, your child will be asked to choose different music, dance moves, and/or costuming.

Please note!!! You must get your music to Mr. Joe Houdek jhoudek@hsparish.org in the form of iTunes or YouTube by Friday, May 10th.

Rehearsal and approval dates will be announced the week of **May 6th** and will be held during lunch hour from 11:45-12:15 in the gym. These dates are to give out information to all the acts and/or approve the content of the act. These are not open practice sessions. Students are responsible for organizing the members of their act and practicing at home or at times other than the final rehearsal and approval dates. Keep in mind during your practicing that the stage area is 16 feet long and 12 feet wide.

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help you.

Variety Show Committee

Elise Hollister
Holly Mullen
Holli Sweedyk
Lizzie Duffy
Paula Ryan

Music/Sound Equipment Coordinator

Joe and Kathleen Houdek

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
Variety Show Entry Form - 2019

TYPE OF ACT: _____

SONG TITLE/ARTIST: _____

Please Note: *All participants must be enrolled at Holy Spirit School.
Depending upon the number of interested participants –
students may be limited to one performance.*

	<u>List of Persons Participating:</u>	<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>	<u>Parent's Signature</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Length of act (**Not to exceed 2 min.**): _____.

Equipment Needed (provided by participant): _____.

Equipment Needed (provided by Holy Spirit): _____.

Parents are requested to help at the rehearsals or with show set-up – please include a phone number where we might contact you to schedule a time to help (i.e. assisting with 11:45-12:15 rehearsal sessions, making phone calls from home, decorating for show). Thank you!

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number _____ Day _____ Evening _____

Date rec'd: _____ Rec'd by: _____ Act approved: _____

Please return this completed form to the school office by **Monday, April 29th**.

S³= Summer Skills Sharpener



Summer Skills Program

Summer Skills Sharpener (S³) is for those students who traditionally participated in the GRASP program through GRPS.

The objective behind this program is to provide a 20-day review packet of essential academic skills in: Math, Reading, and more! (5th - 8th grade program also includes Science). The program serves grades K-8th grade. This is a parent-friendly program allowing parent(s) and child(ren) to set the pace for this review and maintenance program, as well as providing answer keys for parent use.

Every grade level packet includes reading comprehension questions for at least one book (can be purchased at most bookstores or borrowed from local libraries), and basic math skills reinforcement.

How to Order: (must complete BOTH steps- Weebly step and Payment step)

1. Weebly step:

Go to www.summerskillssharpener.weebly.com

Click on "How to Order"

Fill in the Family and School Information Form (click submit)

Click "Buy Now" and proceed to fill in your credit card information

The cost of this program is \$17.50.

*If order is placed **by May 17th at 8am**- packets will be delivered to your child's school.*

(deliveries will be made from May 20-May 24)

*If order is placed **after May 17th at 8am**- packets available for pick up at Holy Spirit School.*

(pick up available from 8:00-4:30pm from June 3-June 28)

*Last date to order will be **May 31st at 8am**- There will be no late orders.*



Any Questions...

Feel free to contact me:

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*** One drink purchase per meal is required. Alcohol sales are not included in donation total. Valid only at specified locations during designated times. Flyers must be distributed prior to event.**

WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

You are invited to participate
in a t-shirt logo contest!

The winning design will be used on
Walking With The Spirit 2019 & 2020 t-shirts
and promotional materials.

RULES

❖ THE DESIGN MUST:

- Be the original work of the student
- Include the words
 - Walking With The Spirit
 - Holy Spirit School
 - 2019 & 2020
- Be submitted in BLACK ink or marker, no pencil
- On a piece of white 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Include the student's name on the **back** of the design in the bottom right-hand corner

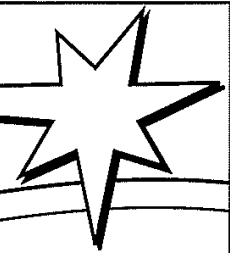
❖ SUBMIT DESIGN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 17

❖ NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

❖ WINNER ANNOUNCED AT COMMUNITY DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 31

❖ NEW THIS YEAR: Winner will get to HELP choose t-shirt color!





Thoughtful Moments

St. John Baptist de Rossi

Born in Voltaggio, Italy, St. John Baptist de Rossi was born to devout, middle class parents. An excellent student, he was invited to join the Roman College. Ten years later, John was ordained a priest. He spent his days serving the sick and his nights ministering to the poor people of the street. He was especially moved by the suffering of homeless women and bought a house as a hospice for them to stay in.



Make peace

No one wants to be bullied. As Christians, however, we have to be the ones to attempt peace. *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil ... If possible, on your part, live at peace with all"* (Romans 12:17-18). Our solutions must be biblical, not societal.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all" (Proverbs 31:28-29).



Mary gives us her Mother's heart

In the month of May, we honor Mary who was dedicated to bringing the Savior to humanity. Now that she is in Heaven, she continues to bring our concerns to her Son. Praying the "Hail Mary" honors our Heavenly Mother as our mother, too.

Hail Mary, full of grace. Conceived without Original Sin, Mary was predisposed to holiness. Grace helped her to live a difficult life sinless.

The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women: Mary was honored to be chosen as Jesus' mother.

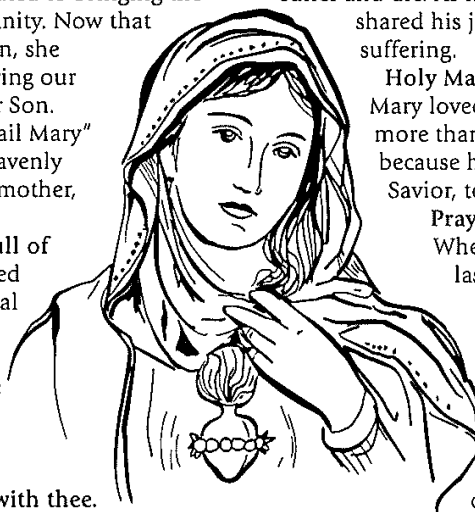
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Mary knew that her Son was divine but she also knew what the

prophets wrote about how he would suffer and die. As his mother, she shared his joys and his suffering.

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Mary loved her child even more than the rest of us because he was her Lord and Savior, too.

Pray for us sinners. When Jesus took his last breaths on the Cross, Mary's job of being Mother of the Savior broadened to becoming Mother of the world. Now she cares for us.

Now and at the hour of death. On Earth, Mary brought her Son to us. Now she brings us to the heart of her Son. She prays for us always because that's what a mother does. Amen.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics call Mary "the Mother of the Church"?

Before he died, Jesus gave us his mother to be our mother. Looking down from the cross, Jesus saw Mary and St. John, and said, "Woman, behold, your son..." and to John, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27). Mary's motherhood for us is



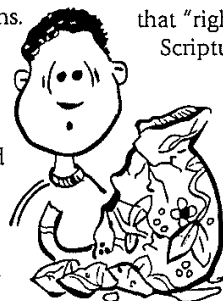
spiritual, yet very real. From the birth of the Church at Pentecost until her Assumption into Heaven, Mary nurtured and accompanied the early Church. She continues to support us today from her place in Heaven by her prayers.

Build up your child's conscience

Temptations come at our children from all directions. A strong conscience is a surefire way to help fight temptation. Here are some suggestions:

Obedience before understanding. Expect youngsters to do what is right at as young an age as possible, instead of waiting until they can understand why. Then good behavior is a habit that will be hard to break.

Right and wrong are not negotiable. Peers can devise clever arguments to justify sinful behavior, but right and wrong are absolutes. As Catholics we know



that "right" is anything God has told us to do, and we have Scripture, the Catechism, and other reliable sources from which to draw. Anything counter to this is wrong.

Repent and repair. If a child does something wrong, he needs to make amends. This means to ask forgiveness of the person hurt, repair the damage, and make things right with God through Confession. When wronged, he must forgive and move on.

Demonstrate love. When youngsters feel loved, they are more receptive to our guidance.

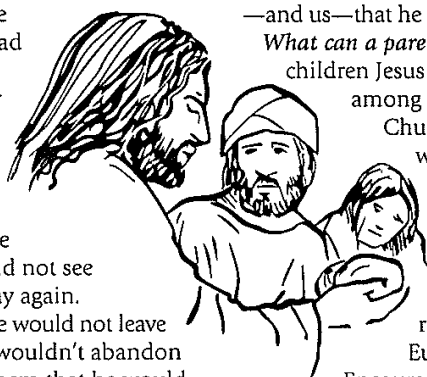
Scripture LESSON

John 14:23-29, "I will come back to you."

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' Farewell Speech at the Last Supper.

After spending three years together, he had to prepare the close-knit group for his departure. He was going to suffer, die, and rise again. After that night, everything would be different: they would not see him in the same way again.

Yet he promised he would not leave them orphans. He wouldn't abandon them. He assured them that he would remain with them if they loved him and kept his word. Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort,



teach, and remind them of all he had taught them. Lastly, he promised them—and us—that he would return.

What can a parent do? Remind children Jesus is still present among us today in the Church. Tell them that we meet him in prayer, encounter him in the sacraments, hear him in the Scriptures, and receive him in the Eucharist at Mass.

Encourage them to pray to him whenever they want. He loves them always and is never too busy or too far away to help them.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 14 – St. Maria Dominic Mazzarello (1881). Born near Genoa, Italy, she and a friend worked as dressmakers and started a boarding school for girls. Inspired by a vision, she worked with St. John Bosco to found the Salesian Sisters, and became its mother superior. She founded several houses in Italy and France.

May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions (1937). Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totatiche. Eventually, he was arrested, tortured, and martyred.

May 30 – Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.



Parent TALK

May Crowning has always been one of my favorite parish events and I look forward to it every year. Last year, we



were out of town and missed it for the first time in years. To make me feel better, my girls

decided to do our own May Crowning in our backyard.

First, they brought out the largest statue of Mary we have. We placed her in our garden and planted some colorful flowers around her to surround her with color.

After doing some research, they put together a service, complete with programs. We sang some of our favorite Marian hymns, like Ave Maria, and Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above. After reciting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we placed a crown of flowers on the statue's head and recited the Rosary.

While it was no substitute for the parish celebration, I loved honoring our Mother in this special way.

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