



September 20, 2019
School Newsletter

WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT 2019

THANK YOU for making our 12th Annual PTA Walk-a-thon fundraiser a huge success. We couldn't have done it without your generosity and continued support! This event is crucial to our school as it helps the PTA enhance the educational experience for our students and staff. Walking With The Spirit is truly a community event and we appreciate the collaboration of everyone involved including students, staff, sponsors, pledge donors, and volunteers.

Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of all, we ask you to **use the wagon train or use back-in parking on the west side of the rectory.** Thank you, everyone, for your patience, kindness, and peacefulness in the parking lot as we strive for a swift and safe dismissal!

Blessing of the Pets

On October 11th, following our 8:45 am All-School Liturgy, Fr. Mark will lead us in a special blessing for our pets. Students are encouraged to either bring a picture of their pet or have an adult bring the animal to the light pole in the back parking lot for the blessing at approximately 9:30am. Once the blessing ceremony is over, please take your student's pet back home.

Box Tops and Aunt Millie's Labels

Cut and save those Box Tops, Tyson, and Aunt Millie's Bread labels. Our first turn in day is **Thursday, October 10th.** **This will be a free color day!** Please visit www.SchoolSpiritPrograms.com to find the brands eligible for earnings. **New this year for Box Tops** – Scan your receipt! We are now able to scan grocery receipts to record the products you've purchased containing Box Tops for Education labels. Simply log on to boxtops4education.com on your phone. Sign Up by creating an account, and select "Holy Spirit School" on Lake Michigan Drive. After shopping, use the Scan button on the app to take a picture of your receipt. It will locate the items eligible for box tops and indicate how much you earned. This must be done within 14 days of shopping.

Direct Your Dollars!

SpartanNash is continuing their fundraising program, **Direct Your Dollars.** Every time you shop at your local Family Fare or D&W, save your receipt (the entire receipt must be submitted) – and encourage your friends and families to do the same. Once we collect \$150,000.00 in eligible original receipts, we can turn them into a \$1000.00 check for Holy Spirit School!! We received our fourth \$1000.00 check during the summer. Thanks for turning in your receipts!

Important Dates:

Tues., September 24th
~PTA Meeting 7:00pm

Fri., September 27th
~Be Christ T-Shirt Day
~Mass at 8:45am
~1st Q Midterms Online

Wed., October 2nd
~WC 8th Gr. Info Night 7:00pm

Fri., October 4th
~All School Rosary at 8:45am

Thurs., October 10th
~Box Top Color Day

Fri., October 11th
~Mass 8:45am
~Blessing of Pets at 9:30am

Thurs., October 17th
~Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:45

Fri., October 18th
~Mass 8:45am

Sat., October 19th
~Evening of Worship 7pm

Tues., October 22nd
~PTA Meeting 7:00pm

Thurs., October 24th
~Mass 8:45am
~1st Quarter Ends

Fri., October 25th
~**No School** – CDC Open
Professional Development Day

Sun., October 27th
~Trunk or Treat 4-5:00pm

Thurs., October 31st
~Halloween Color Day
~Parade at 2:30pm

Fri., November 1st
~All Saints' Day Mass 8:45am

Welcome New Families!

We would like to officially welcome the many ***new students and families*** who have joined our school community this year. We hope that you and your children feel welcome and have had an opportunity to meet new friends and families.

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| Alt | Alt N. | Arsulowicz | Barajas | Brechting A. |
| DelRaso | DeSatterlee | Dill W | Djouguem | Freybler |
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| Johnson | Johnson R. | Jonaitis H. | Kamyszek | Kooistra |
| Kozlowicz | Krupp | Kukawski G | Martin | Nawrocki C |
| Nowicki J | Paparella | Parker | Patterson | Peralta |
| Pieri P. | Pittman A. | Ricord J. | Savage P. | Sedlecky |
| Sekelsky L. | Simon M. | Syrek | Terpstra | VanderHyde W. |
| Walberer | Wells, A. | | | |

Publishing Center News

The Publishing Center is prepping for the new year and will be open October 22nd. This year we will continue to publish one story per month in the HS Newsletter. The Featured Author will be treated to a fast food lunch. Also, students in Y5's-3rd grade who publish 2 stories (1 must be one author and 1 needs to be done before Dec.22) and students in Grades 4-8 who publish 1 story (must be 1 author) will receive an ice cream treat in early May.

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to **Katie V.** for donating a new book to the library in honor of her birthday. She has received a color day pass in return for her generosity!

Halloween Costume Guidelines

*Costume guidelines for PS – 3rd grade: Please keep the costumes simple. No weapons or colored hair are allowed. The attire must be Christian appropriate and the responsibility rests with each parent for acceptable costumes. If you have any questions, please ask.

In Sympathy



Please remember in prayer the **Gottleber** Family on the death of their Grandmother, the **Sweedyk** Family on the passing of their Great-Uncle, and the **Kasperek** Family on the passing of their Grandmother. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.



September Birthdays

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| Morgan B. | Santiago M. | Madison W. |
| Jack R. | Cole P. | Maisie M. |
| Jade N. | Matthew G. | Katherine V. |
| Sam B. | Cooper M | Andrew S. |
| Tim W. | Hailey N. | Lucia L. |
| Luke G. | Marcus A. | Brady F. |
| Jacob B. | Mason C. | Hunter N. |
| Charlotte J. | Jack L. | Hanna B. |
| Aubrianna W. | Chase J. | Ashton J |
| Alex B. | Sophia B. | Mrs. Liebler |
| Ms. Nawrocki | Mr. Warner | Mrs. Feist |

October Birthdays

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Russell A. | Annabelle H. | Cailyn J. |
| Alys K. | Celeste S. | Charlotte S. |
| Max B. | Skylar P. | Landon P. |
| Matthew A. | Makayla B. | Aiden G. |
| Riley A. | Katelyn K. | Dominic B. |
| Avery N. | Brenna L. | Mia H. |
| Charlotte P. | Margaret A. | Clara B. |
| Rebecca T. | Eli R. | Lily P. |
| Alicia B. | Elin M. | Elyse F. |
| Ella W. | Gabrielle G. | Ms. France |
| Fr. Mark | Mr. Wood | |

News from the Boosters

Fall sports are off to a great start! Schedules will be in the bulletin and on the Holy Spirit website soon! Even though this season just started, winter sports registration is open and the deadline to register is Friday, October 4. [CLICK HERE](#) to register. As we prepare for our winter season, if you or someone you know is interested in coaching a basketball team at Holy Spirit, please connect with me. Likewise, if any high school student is interested in helping with basketball games, please contact me at athletics@hsparish.org. Positions include scorekeeper, scoreboard operator, and ticket sales.

Religious Education / Parish News

The “Protecting God’s Children” (Virtus) class now is available on-line. This on-line version (1-1/2 hours) is for volunteers only. Parish and school employees, substitute teachers, high school coaches, and anyone that is paid by the parish or school (lunchroom, teacher’s aide, etc.) still needs to attend the live training. If you do the on-line training and later start working in one of these positions, you will have to take a live training. To take the on-line class or register for a live training, go to www.virtus.org and complete the registration process. Please note that there is a limited time to complete the on-line class once you have registered for it. All volunteers must complete a Background Check authorization form and read/sign a Standards of Ministerial Behaviors for Holy Spirit before you may volunteer or go on field trips. Also, anyone that has lived outside of the state of Michigan since turning age 18, will need an additional national background check. Email dschoof@hsparish.org if you need either of these forms.

Confirmation: There will be a parent class for those whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th grade) on Sunday morning, September 29, in the school library at 11:00 am; and Wednesday evening, October 2 in the Multipurpose Room at 6:45 pm. Please attend only **one** of these sessions. **Save the date for the Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, November 10, beginning at the noon Mass.** Ending time will be determined as program details are finalized.

First Reconciliation Parent Class is on Wednesday evening, October 9, at 6:45pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Any Adult interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact dschoof@hsparish.org for more information or call (616) 453-1591.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word team is looking for at least 6 more volunteers to lead this program during the 10:00 am Mass. Each team is usually scheduled for 5-6 times during the school year. This is an easy way to share God’s Word with children and still attend the 10 o’clock Mass. For more information, email dschoof@hsparish.org.

HS Happenings

Adoration in the Chapel on Mondays You are welcome to spend some prayer time in the chapel on Mondays during adoration which is 8:30am-6:00pm. Some of our classes pray there each week. Thank you for your prayers!



After School Supervision Please note that your children are well supervised at Holy Spirit from 8:00am-3:20pm and that coaches supervise your children during practices. However, if there is a lapse between school hours and other events happening here at school, please make supervision arrangements for the safety of your children.

Be Christ You are welcome to join us for Mass on Friday, September 27th, at 8:45am. Please continue to pray with us as we strive to *Be Christ* all year long!

Children’s Choir Love to sing? Love having fun? Then the choir needs you! Choir is open to anyone in 3rd-8th grade. Meet new people and create new friendships, all while using your voice to praise God! Choir meets 3-4 Tuesdays per month from 3:20-4:20pm. We sing approximately once a month at weekend Masses, and every other week at school Mass. We have the unique opportunity to join West Catholic for their Christmas concert, and also to provide music for the Living Stations of the Cross, as well as other events throughout the school year. Feel free to contact Mrs. Houdek at khoudek@hsparish.org with any questions. Our next rehearsal is Tues. 9/24. Hope to see you there!

CPR Training We will be hosting a CPR Training Class on Thursday, Nov. 7th @ 6 pm in the MultiPurpose Room. Cost is **\$40.00** for HS parents. Please sign up in the office or contact Melanie Francis at mfrancis@hsparish.org or 453-3326 with questions.

Daytime Appointments If your child must leave school during the day, please call or email the secretaries and teachers in advance and remember to sign-in/out your child at the school office.

Infinite Campus Infinite Campus is a wonderful resource for finding information about your children's academics, progress, attendance and hot lunch balance. If you have never logged in to Infinite Campus or have used your log in in the past, but have forgotten your password, please call the school office, and we will have your password reset for you.

Medications – It's COLD & ALLERGY SEASON!!!

By school policy, all medications (prescription and over-the-counter, including aspirin related products and cough drops) *must be* dispensed from the school office and parents/guardians are required to bring the medication into the school office. It also requires parents and/or a physician to complete a Medication Administration Release Form for prescription medication to be administered to your child by school personnel. **If your child uses an inhaler, Epipen or other medicine for allergic reactions, we need to have authorization to treat, and the medicine in the office or in their backpack.** (Without parental permission, school personnel may not dispense medication.) Medication Administration Release Forms may be found on our school website at www.holyspiritschoolgr.org.



Pesticide Treatments

As part of Holy Spirit's pest management program pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be notified of any pesticide application made to the school grounds or buildings. Most applications are completed while school and sports are not in session. If you need prior notification of an application, please contact the office. Thank you!

Recycling Please continue to turn in your used ink cartridges, toners and cell phones to the school office. These items are recycled and the "cash back incentive" supports our school.

Room Reservations Please reserve your room at least one month in advance of your event so it may be included on our school calendar.

Screenagers

The Office of Catholic Schools is hosting a local premiere, *Screenagers The Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience*. This is about helping young people thrive in our screen- and stress-filled world. After the movie, panelists from the Franciscan Life Process Center, All Belong Center for Inclusive Education, and Kent ISD will take audience questions.

- When: Monday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
- Where: Celebration Cinema North, 2121 Celebration Dr. NE
- Tickets: \$7 (must buy in advance at bit.ly/DOGRMovie)
- The film is intended for adults and youth starting from age 10 and up.

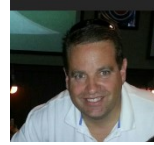
Scrip News **New** this year: Scrip orders may **only** be placed **online**. To place your scrip orders you need to set up an account at www.shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment code is: 163AF71B131. If you have any questions regarding the scrip program, please email Holli Sweedyk at hsweedyk@hsparish.org.

Spring Musical – Peter Pan, Jr.

Our spring musical this year is Peter Pan, Jr. directed by Mr. David Inbody. The performances will be March 7th and 8th. Mark your calendars and watch the newsletter for informational meeting and auditions dates. Principal roles will be for grades 5-8. Grades 3-4 will be the chorus. Warm up your voices and join in the fun as we fly away to Neverland and meet Lost Boys, Mermaids, Indians, and Captain Hook.

**GOT BLOOD?
The Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive**

**Holy Spirit's Blood Drive
Sunday September 22, 2019
7:30AM – 1:15 PM
Activity Center (Gym)**



Register now on-line: <https://www.versiti.org/michigan>

Or by calling **616-233-8509**

Walk ins are welcome, however, **pre-registration is highly recommended** to assure adequate staffing

For more information contact: **Matt Kilroy, Chair- 616-304-5718; John Simonds, Co-Chair- 616-785-1561**

***West Catholic Enrollment & Information Night
Wednesday, October 2, 7:00P.M. - 9:00P.M.
Check-in: 6:30-7p.m.***

At Enrollment & Information Night, we will cover important dates in the admissions calendar, how and when to apply for tuition assistance and scholarships, and learn about all of the wonderful offerings West Catholic provides for our students and families. Additionally, at Enrollment & Information Night, you will receive your Enrollment Kit, equipped with everything you need to take you through the enrollment process over the next year.

***RSVP for a chance to win a \$500 tuition credit @
www.grwestcatholic.org/enrollment-night - Must be in attendance to win.***

****If you are unable to attend Enrollment & Information Night, please contact Mr. Peters @
toddpeters@grwestcatholic.org / 616.233.5920***

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to learn, live, and share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.



September 2019

Special welcome to Jeffrey Novosad, who will be serving as PTA secretary for the 2019-2020 school year! We are excited for a great year for the PTA!

A big thank you to Erin Gottleber, Room Parent Coordinator, who has secured room parents for each of the classrooms this year. Another big thank you goes out each of these volunteers who have stepped into the room parent roles:

Y-5 – Emily Bouma
KK am- Terri Alt
KK pm- Vicki Bouwkamp
1st Houdek- Amanda Sekelsky
1st Stroh- Jen VanZyll, Michaela Debski
2nd- Melissa Radlinski
3rd- Charlotte Kufera
4th- Erin Gottleber
5th- Becca Stoddard
6th- Debbie Schultz
7th- Mercedes Barnum
8th Null- Lesley Brown
8th Mr. W. – Heather Abram

Congratulations to all students and families for kicking off the school year with another successful Walking with the Spirit Fundraiser! Walking with the Spirit is the PTA's main source of fundraising! A huge thank you to **Kelly Clancy and the WWTS committee** for your commitment, guidance, and encouragement that you provide to our students!

PTA MEETING: The first **PTA Meeting of the 2019/2020** school year will take place on **Tuesday, September 24th** at **7PM** in the **Library**. We are looking forward to a great school year and are encouraged by the exceptional lists of volunteers for PTA committees. We hope to see you there!



2019/2020 MEET YOUR PTA BOARD

JOYLYNN KELLY - PRESIDENT

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Students: Harper 5th

ANDREA DEWICKI – VICE PRESIDENT

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Students: Blair 5th, Aiden 4th

PHILIP ALT - TREASURER

616.862.8674 | philip.alt@altcc.biz

Students: Marcus 2nd, Owen 1st

JEFFREY NOVOSAD - SECRETARY

616.808.6057 | jnovosad@hotmail.com

Students: Kennedy 2nd, Anniston Young 5's

PTA Goals

- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, so parents and teachers may work together in educating children in a Catholic Christian environment
- To develop between teachers and parents such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.
- To offer through a well-planned program information of particular interest to parents in an effort to raise the standards of home life.

To accomplish these goals,

WE NEED YOU!!!!

Come to the meetings to share your ideas, have fun meeting new people and learn what is happening around the school. The PTA is a whole school partnership that can only be successful with everyone's participation.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR!

September 24

October 22

January 28

March 24

2019-2020

MEETING DATES

****Meetings are at 7:00pm in the library****

PTA Committees

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| HS Apparel | | Room Parent |
| Birthday Board | Hospitality/ Staff | Social Committee |
| Book Fair | Conference Dinners | Sunshine |
| Box Tops/Aunt | Paper Gator | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| Millies/Spartan Nash | Parent Ambassador | Variety Show |
| Family Outreach | Publishing Center | Walking with the Spirit |

****Volunteers for these committees are always needed! You can commit as much or as little of your time as you can manage. All help is welcome and needed. There are many things that can be done without even leaving home. The variety of committees and events makes earning your volunteer hours for school a breeze. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, contact one of our board members****

HOW IS PTA FUNDED?

For the last 11 years, the PTA has raised the majority of its funds through one major fundraiser each year...

WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT

The walk has been very successful in the past and hopefully it will be the same this year. If the goal is met, the students will be rewarded with a fun-filled YMCA night in February to celebrate. We have received four \$1000 checks for the receipts we have submitted as part of the Spartan Nash Direct your Dollars program. We will be participating in this again this year so ***SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!*** We also depend on some proceeds from our quarterly Titan Give Back Nights. These dinners are a fun time to get a good meal, socialize with other HS families, and generate revenue for the PTA.

WHAT KIND OF THINGS HAS THE PTA FUNDED LATELY?

- Classroom Periodicals
- Moby Max and Brain Pop Digital Learning Platforms
- *BE NICE* Renewal Material & Training
- Teacher Start-up Money
- Field Trips (\$5,100)
- Science Supplies
- Room Renovations
- Additional Security Cameras



TITAN TODDLER TIME

JOIN US
FOR MONTHLY
PLAY & LEARN
ACTIVITIES



You and your children (ages 5 & under) are invited to attend Holy Spirit School to explore learning in a faith-filled fun environment.

Each play & learn activity is led by Holy Spirit staff members. Enter through the west doors facing church and check in at the school office.

OCTOBER 17, Thursday, 10:15-10:45 ~
“Fall”...ing for Jesus in the Kindergarten Classroom

NOVEMBER 13, Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 ~
Celebrating Science in God’s Creation in the Young Five’s Classroom

DECEMBER 12, Thursday, 10:15-10:45 ~
Happy Birthday Jesus! Activities in the Church Multi-Purpose Room

Questions? Contact the school office at 616-453-2772.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!



Holy Spirit School Calendar, October, 2019

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 7 /](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org) For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

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| September 29 Gospel <u>Lk 16:19-31</u> Gr. 8 Parent Confirmation Meeting 11:00 in Library | September 30 | 1 Magazine Sale Kickoff Choir 3:20-4:20 | 2 Gr. 7 1:30 Mass at Covenant <u>Living Robotics 6:30</u> 8 th Gr. Info Night 6:300 at WC | 3 | 4 All School Rosary 8:45 | 5 |
| 6 Gospel Lk 17:5-10 | 7 Robotics 6:30 | 8 Choir 3:20-4:20 | 9 Y5 & All K Attend in am 8:15-11:15 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 2 Parent Reconciliation Meeting 6:45 in Church MPR Robotics 6:30 | 10 Box Tops, Tyson, Aunt Millie's, & Family Fare Color Day | 11 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Blessing of Pets 9:30 in the back parking lot | 12 |
| 13 Gospel Lk 17:11-19 | 14 All 4Pre attend in am 8:30-11:15 <u>Field Trip</u> Robotics 6:30 | 15 Magazine Sale <u>Orders Due</u> Gr. 5-8 Outreach <u>Field Trips</u> Choir 3:20-4:20 Student Council 3:30-4:00 | 16 Robotics <u>6:30</u> Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 | 17 Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:40 | 18 Mass 8:45 | 19 Children's Choir <u>5:00 Mass</u> Evening of Worship 7:00 |
| 20 Gospel Lk 18:1-8 | 21 Robotics 6:30 | 22 Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> PTA Meeting 7:00 Library | 23 Robotics 6:30 | 24 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Newsletter/ <u>Calendar</u> 1 st Quarter Ends | 25 <u>No School</u> Teacher Professional Development Child Care Open | 26 |
| 27 Gospel <u>Lk 18:9-14</u> Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:00 | 28 Robotics 6:30 | 29 | 30 Robotics 6:30 | 31 <u>Color Day</u> Halloween Parade 2:30 | November 1 All Saints' Day Mass 8:45 | November 2 |

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Come join us in praying the Rosary for our priests, teachers, students, political leaders and many other intentions!

Time: 8:20-8:40

When: Fridays before all-school mass

Where: Church Nursery

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”.

Come join fellow parents, grandparents and parishioners as we pray the Rosary. Experience not required! Come participate or listen and learn. This group will meet in the church nursery every Friday morning at 8:20. Feel free to pop in when you can, even if you can’t be there right away. Little ones are welcome to join us!

Please contact Beth Nicholson with any questions at elizabethj0y@yahoo.com.

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