



## Jan 24, 2020 School Newsletter

### Important Dates:

**~Catholic Schools Week is Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** - Please see the attached CSW schedule for details. Fr. Mark would like all students to wear their uniforms to Mass this weekend, January 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout this Catholic Schools Week!

**~Holy Spirit Parish Winter Carnival** will be held on Sat.Feb.1 from 6-8pm in the school. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30pm in the school Activity Center. Dinner baskets are available for \$5 each (includes hot dog, pizza, or sloppy joe, chips and a cookie); a la carte menu items: hot dog or pizza, \$2 each and popcorn or cookie, \$1 each. Complimentary water and lemonade will be available. See attached flyer for information on games, raffles, prizes and more!

**~HS Middle School Students Game Night** will follow the Winter Carnival. Students in grades 6-8 can stay to participate in Game Night from 8:30-10pm. Bring money for concessions (snacks starting at \$1 and up), your favorite card or board games, and sign up for the Corn Hole Tournament! Sign up sheets for the tournament will be in your classrooms. Brackets will be made before the event and there will be gift card prizes for the winning team!

**~Volunteers for the Winter Carnival and Middle School Game Night are needed!** Please click [HERE](#) to access the Sign Up Genius site that we are using for this event. We have LOTS of fun opportunities (ticket sales, kids' games, bounce house, food serving and sales, etc.) for you to get involved. This opportunity can also be used for service hours! Contact Tammy Szymanski at [ibtammy@aol.com](mailto:ibtammy@aol.com) with any questions.

**~Family Fare, Aunt Millie, Tyson & Box Top Color Day, Wednesday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Please clip, save and bring in your Box Tops and receipts for a color day!

**~Conferences** - Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups will once again be done on Meet the Teacher beginning Feb.7. Report cards will be available online on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**~SCRIP News** – No Scrip on Feb.17<sup>th</sup> due to Mid-Winter break.  
No Scrip pick up on March 13<sup>th</sup> due to No School  
No Scrip on April 6<sup>th</sup> or April 13<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break

**~YMCA Fun Night, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:15-9:30pm** - 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.

**~Stupendous Spellers!** – Applause goes out to this year's top spellers in our Annual Spelling Bee! Congratulations to Max B., in grade 5K/C who placed 1<sup>st</sup>; and to Will C., in grade 7, runner-up.

**~Thank You Parents** – A huge **Thank You** goes out from the teachers to the Holy Spirit parents for the very generous Christmas gift cards your donations purchased for all of us. We really appreciate you thinking of us!

**Tues. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
~Report Cards Online  
~PTA Mt.g 7pm

**Wed. Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**  
~Mass 9am with the Bishop  
at St. Anthony's

**Fri. Jan.31<sup>st</sup>**  
~CSW Altitude Trip  
~WWTS T-Shirt Color Day  
~Y5's & All Kdg attend in AM

**Sat. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
~Winter Carnival 6-8pm  
~MS Game Night 8:30-10pm

**Mon. Feb.3<sup>rd</sup>**  
~Early Childhood Info Night  
6:30-7:30pm

**Wed. Feb.5<sup>th</sup>**  
~BoxTop/Family Fare Color Day

**Fri. Feb.7<sup>th</sup>**  
~Mass 8:45am  
~Sign Up Begins for Meet the Teacher

**Fri. Feb.14<sup>th</sup>**  
~St. Valentine Celebration Color  
Day Shirt with Uniform Bottoms  
~Conference Sign Ups Due on Meet  
the Teacher by 8am

**Mon. Tues. Feb.17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**  
~NO School /Mid- Winter Break

**Wed. Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**  
~Gr.8 Orientation at WC 7pm

**Thurs. Feb.20<sup>th</sup>**  
~P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30

**Fri. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
~Mass 8:45am  
~Midterms Online  
~Newsletter/Calendar

**Sat. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
~YMCA Fun Night 7:15-9:30pm

**Tues. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
~P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30

**Wed. Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**  
~Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45

**Sat. Feb.29<sup>th</sup>**  
~Evening of Worship 7pm

## HS Happenings



### ***Advent Haiti Water Filter Project ~***

*In total, students, families, and parishioners very generously donated \$4,378 providing 146 water filters. The Penny War was an amazing success! These filters will improve the lives of hundreds of our brothers and sisters in Seguin, Haiti. Thank you so much!!!*

**Holy Spirit Parish Instagram** – Do you and/or your student have the Instagram app on your phone? Well good news – Holy Spirit is now on Instagram too! We would love for you to connect with us on this platform, keeping up to date on our latest news and announcements throughout 2020. Make sure to tag our location when you find yourself at one of the numerous parish/school events. Let's show the Grand Rapids community how active our church truly is! Our username is: **HolySpirit\_Parish**.

### **News From The Boosters**

Registration is open for spring sports. This upcoming season offers baseball, softball, girls soccer, track, tennis, and boys and girls lacrosse. Please use this [link to register](#). Registration deadline is Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.



***Early Childhood  
New Parent Information Night  
In the Church Multipurpose Room  
Monday, February 3rd ~ 6:30 – 7:30pm***

Spread the good news to your neighbors, friends, and relatives interested in enrolling their child in our **Preschool, Young 5's, or Kindergarten** for the 2020-2021 school year ~ All **new** parents and their children are invited to learn more about the many opportunities Holy Spirit School has to offer children in growing in knowledge and love of God. Call 453-2772 or email Paula Ryan at [pryan@hsparish.org](mailto:pryan@hsparish.org) to RSVP your attendance.

### **Awesome Authors Club!**

Congratulations to the following HS Published Authors for December!!!

**KDG:** Leo H.

**1H:** Charlotte P., Lucia S., Henrik S., Alessandra M.

**2F:** Jakub K., Justin H., June A., Maisie M., Sofia M., Keira G., Erik H.

**3K:** Mia S., Lucas A., Lucy S., Alex G.

**5K/C:** Judy H., Megan B., Kaitlyn C., Sloane S.

### **Birthday Book Club**

Please consider donating a book to our library in honor of your child's birthday.

In appreciation for your generosity, your child will receive a color day pass!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Blake T.  
Mila S.  
Jaxson R.  
Collin A.  
Declan B.  
Evelyn R.

Annabelle S.  
Blair D.  
Elyse B.  
Isabella P.  
Ellory R.  
Mrs. Null

Ian H.  
Liberty P.  
Ashley J.  
Carson A.  
Layla S.  
Mrs. Clancy



Grace F.  
Russell J.  
Kate S.  
KT N.  
Lily S.  
Ms. Wright

Quinn H.  
Adeline H.  
Owen A.  
Lincoln S.  
Coraline P.

## Religious Education News

**Confirmation:** All paperwork and reflection sheets are now due. Please get them turned in. Confirmation is Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Candidates and sponsors must be SEATED at 6:30. Let me know if a sponsor has a mobility issue and needs to have a seat for the handicapped. Only sponsors and candidates will be sitting in the reserved sections of the Cathedral. We need greeter/ushers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, and altar servers for the Mass. Please contact Diane Schoof if you are able to help.

**First Communion:** The first parent class for First Communion will be on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45pm in the Multipurpose Room. Parent homework is due by March 2. Please read the booklet that came home in December and return the registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were not baptized here at Holy Spirit. The seating chart is filled out as the paperwork is received.

## GOT BLOOD? DONATE AND SAVE THREE LIVES!

The Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive  
Parish Of The Holy Spirit – Activity Center

Sunday January 26, 2020

7:30 AM – 1:15 PM

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

Or by calling 1-866-642-5663

Walk-ins are welcome; however, MiBlood staffing is determined by number of registrants  
For more information contact: **Matt Kilroy, Chair- 616-304-5718; John Simonds, Co-Chair- 616-785-1561**



## *Holy Spirit Mission Statement*

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

### Link Box...

[GR Diocesan SMART Financial Aid Application](#)  
[Walker Rec Soccer Registration Info](#)  
[SquadLocker- HS Apparel](#)  
[NW Youth Soccer](#) – Flyers are in school hallway  
[Champion Force Cheerleading/Martial Arts](#) – Flyers are in school hallway  
[Western Little League](#)  
[Is your phone hurting your child's communication skills?](#)

### In Sympathy

*Please Remember in Prayer, the  
DelRaso Family, the Leikert and  
Walberer Families, and the  
Pringle Family on the passing of  
their Great-Grandmothers. May  
their souls, and all the souls of  
the faithful departed, rest in  
peace. Amen.*



**January 24, 2020**

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!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 26 – February 1. On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, the PTA will sponsor our fun day at Altitude. This is another fun event made possible by WWTS and other PTA fundraisers throughout the year.

**YMCA NIGHT:** Be sure your calendars are marked for Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The next PTA Meeting is **TUESDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the LIBRARY.** Hope to see you there!

### Featured Author of the Month

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

### *The Small Unicorn*

*By Keira G.*

*Once upon a time there was a field of unicorns.*

*There was a small unicorn.*

*The other unicorns would tease her because she was small.*

*She ran away as fast as she could.*

*She went far away and met a butterfly. The small unicorn did not know what a butterfly was.*

*They had so much fun!*

*Soon it was time for her to go home.*

*She told all of her friends about the butterfly. Her friends weren't mean anymore!*

***THE END***

### *About the Author*

*Keira is seven years old and in the second grade. She really likes school so far and her favorite subject is Art. When she grows up she would like to be an artist. She really likes to draw. For Christmas, even though she knows she won't get one, she would like a real live puppy. She is the oldest in her family. She has a younger brother and a younger sister. Her favorite color is light aqua and her favorite Christmas cookie is a chocolate chip cookie. She is very excited for Christmas.*



## 2020 Catholic Schools Week

**Saturday and Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating our Parish**

Students wear uniforms and participate in Weekend Masses as lectors, commentators, and speakers

**Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating our Community**

Class Color Day ~ Determined by Each Class  
All School Kahoot Tournament

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating our Students and Families**

Holy Spirit Apparel Color Day  
Super Friend Activity and Thank You's to Parents  
Student Council 10:30 Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral

**Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating our Nation**

9:00 Mass with the Bishop and Students at St. Anthony's  
All School Rosary for our Nation at 2:30 in Church

**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating Vocations**

Be Christ Shirt with Uniform Bottoms  
10:00 Mass at Covenant Living, Grades 1-4  
Student Council vs. Teachers Volleyball Game

**Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Celebrating Staff & Volunteers**

Walking With the Spirit Shirt and Crazy Sock Day  
Altitude Trampoline Park

Grade	Pick Up Time	Altitude 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

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Celebrating Families**

Holy Spirit School Winter Carnival 6:00-8:00  
Middle School Game Night 8:30-10:00

**Thank you for choosing Holy Spirit School!**

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## SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

In the event that it is necessary to delay the start of school or cancel classes, Holy Spirit School will communicate with you through Grand Rapids area radio and television stations. You may also access school closing announcements through the following Web Sites:

[www.woodtv.com](http://www.woodtv.com) or [www.wzzm13.com](http://www.wzzm13.com).

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

<i><b>Situation/Condition</b></i>	<i><b>Response/Policy</b></i>
If the announcement is Holy Spirit School is closed:	Students do not report for school that day. This always includes Preschool and Child Care Programs as well.
If the Public School District you reside in is closed in your area:	No Catholic Schools Transportation in the A.M. or P.M. into the closed Public School District areas.
Catholic Schools have a two-hour delay:	Catholic Schools Transportation will begin transporting two hours after regular time. There will be no AM Preschool or 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, 2020

Lunch Supervision, Grade 4/For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

<p>26 <b>Catholic Schools Week</b> Gospel <u>Mt 4:12-23</u> Children's Choir 10:00 Mass</p>	<p>27 Class Color Day Determined by Each Class</p>	<p>28 Holy Spirit Apparel <u>Color Day</u> Student Council~ Mass at <u>St. Andrew's</u> Report Cards <u>Online</u> PTA Meeting 7:00 Library</p>	<p>29 Mass 9:00 with the Bishop at <u>St. Anthony's</u> All School <u>Rosary 2:30</u> Gr. 2 Parent Eucharist Meeting 6:45</p>	<p>30 Be Christ Shirt with Uniform <u>Bottoms</u> Grades 1-3 10:00 Mass at Covenant Living</p>	<p>31 Walking With the Spirit Shirt <u>Color Day</u> Altitude <u>Field Trip</u> Y5 &amp; both K classes attend 8:15-11:15</p>	<p>February 1 Winter Carnival <u>6:00-8:00</u> Holy Spirit Middle School Students Game Night 8:30-10:00</p>
<p>2 Gospel Lk 2:22-40</p>	<p>3 Early Childhood Info Night 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>4 Choir 3:20</p>	<p>5 Box Tops, Tyson, Aunt Millie's, &amp; Family Fare Color Day</p>	<p>6 Sign up opens tomorrow for Conferences on Meet the Teacher</p>	<p>7 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Gr. 2 Little Flowers <u>3:20-4:30</u> Registration Materials Sent Home</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Gospel Mt 5:13-16</p>	<p>10 Early Childhood <u>Screening</u> No school for Y5 &amp; K</p>	<p>11 Gr. 5-8 Outreach <u>Field Trips</u> <u>Choir 3:20</u> Student Council 3:30</p>	<p>12 Early Childhood <u>Screening</u> Gr. 7-8 11:30 Mass in the Chapel</p>	<p>13 Sign up for Conferences on Meet the Teacher by 8am tomorrow</p>	<p>14 St. Valentine <u>Celebration</u> Shirt Color Day with Uniform Bottoms</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Gospel Mt 5:37-37</p>	<p>17 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open</p>	<p>18 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open</p>	<p>19 Gr. 8 7:00 Orientation at WC</p>	<p>20 Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>21 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Newsletter/<u>Calendar</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterms Online</p>	<p>22 YMCA! 7:15-9:30</p>
<p>23 Gospel Mt 5:38-48</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>26 Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45</p>	<p>27 Gr. 5 Field Trip</p>	<p>28 Stations of the Cross 2:30</p>	<p>29 Evening of Worship 7:00</p>





# Holy Spirit Parish Winter Carnival

**When:** Saturday, February 1, 2020

**Where:** Holy Spirit School

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

## **A Family Friendly Event Featuring:**

**Dinner: Served from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Activity Center**

*\$5.00 Dinner Basket Includes:*

Choice of Hot Dog, Pizza or Sloppy Joe, Chips & Cookie

*A La Carte Items Available:*

Pizza or Hot Dog - \$2.00 each, Popcorn or Cookie - \$1.00 each

*Complimentary Drinks Include:*

Water & Lemonade

## **\$10.00 Carnival Passport Includes:**

Unlimited Games for ALL AGES,

Photo Booth, and Bounce House!!

## **Raffles: \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00**

Prizes include: Great Wolf Lodge package,  
Google Chromebook, Gift Card baskets, and much more!

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Please consider helping out in the following areas:

Ticket Sales, Kids' Games, and Kitchen/Food

This opportunity can also be used for service hours!

Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/8050f4ba4ab2ba02-winter>

Please contact Tammy Szymanski at  
ibttammy@aol.com with any questions about volunteering.



# HOLY SPIRIT STUDENTS MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Following the Winter Carnival  
Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm



**Bring cash – concession stand will be open!**  
Snacks starting at \$1.00 & up.



**Bring your school appropriate  
board games and/or card games!**



## **Back again – The Cornhole Tournament!**

You must sign up prior to the event. Look for the sign-up sheets in your classrooms. Brackets will be made before the event based on the number of teams that sign up. Gift card prizes for each member of the winning team!

## **Parent Volunteers Needed!**

Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/8050f4ba4ab2ba02-winter>

Please contact Tammy Szymanski at  
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