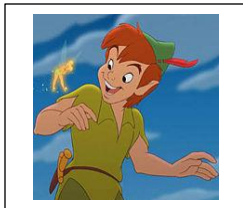


Important Dates:

~Peter Pan, Jr. The Musical - Coming Soon!

Our cast and crew members have been working hard to present to you "Peter Pan, Jr." on Sat., March 7th at 2:30pm and 7pm and at 2:30pm on Sun., March 8th. 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. Any questions, please contact the school office at 453-2772.



~Lenten Outreach - During Lent, we will be collecting baby supplies for the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. Please see the activity and supply list in this newsletter on the back of the March paper calendar. Thank you for your generosity! The Student Council will also be sponsoring a Color Day on Thurs., April 2nd to help support these new mothers and their babies. The cost is at least \$1 per family and please remember to follow all color day guidelines.

~Registration Materials - Registration materials for the 2020-21 school year were sent home on Feb. 7th. 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 Friday, March 13th***. 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 **Link 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!

~2020-21 School Calendar - We have had a number of requests for the 2020-21 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. 19	First day of school	Dec. 21-Jan .3	Christmas Vacation
Feb. 15-16	Mid-Winter Break	April 2	Good Friday
April 5-9	Spring Break	June 4	Last day of school

~Knights of Columbus News - Congratulations to the following winners of the **Keep Christ in Christmas** Poster Contest: Gabby G., Evelyn A., and Anna M. We also want to congratulate Collin A. who won our local **Free Throw Championship**, and will be going on to compete at the Regional competition!

~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 20th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm in the 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.educationaloutfitters.com/grand-rapids/

Sat., Feb 22nd

~YMCA Family Fun Night 7:15pm

Tues., Feb. 25th

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

Wed., Feb. 26th

~Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45am

Sat., Feb. 29th

~Evening of Worship 7pm

Thurs., March 5th

~Grade 4 Songfest @WC 7pm

Fri., March 6th

~Mass 8:45am

Sat., March 7th

~Peter Pan, Jr. Musical 2:30 & 7pm

Sun., March 8th

~Peter Pan, Jr. Musical 2:30pm

Thurs., March 12th

~Mass 8:45am

~Titan Toddler Time 10:15am

Fri., March 13th

~ Prof. Dev. Day – No School/CDC open

~20-21 School Registration Due

Thurs., March 19th

~Easter Candy Color Day

Fri., March 20th

~Mass 8:45am

~Living Stations of the Cross 2 & 7pm

~3rd Quarter Ends

Tues., March 24th

~PTA Mtg. in Library 7pm

Wed., March 25th

~Gr. 5 Living Wax Museum

Thurs., March 26th

~Winter Sports Pictures Due

Fri., March 27th

~Mass 8:45am

~3rd Qtr. Report Cards Online

~Newsletter/Calendar

Thurs., April 2nd

~Student Council Color Day \$1/family

Fri., April 3rd

~Mass 8:45am

HS Happenings



~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive – 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:

Preschool	Macaroni & Cheese, Soup	Gr. 4	Tuna Fish & Canned Meats
Y5 & K	Canned Fruit & Juice	Gr. 5	Canned Vegetables
Gr. 1	Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce	Gr. 6	Cereal & Soup
Gr. 2	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Gr. 7	Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
Gr. 3	Cereal & Rice	Gr. 8	Peanut Butter & Jelly

~Easter Candy Color Day – On Thursday, March 19th, 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. 5: AJ A., Collin A., Kaitlyn C., Blair D., Emily H., Sloane S.

Gr. 7: Will C., Ashley D., Samantha H., Amelia K., KT N.

Gr. 8: Alex H., Andrew S.



MARCH IS READING MONTH

Lots of fun activities are planned to encourage reading during March is Reading Month! We will have a Read-O class competition with excerpts of books read over the announcements, a reading minute challenge, read-in in classrooms, a guest author visit, and more. More information will be coming home soon. Remember to read, read, read especially during this March is Reading Month!

SAVE THESE DATES

~YMCA Fun Night – Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 7:15-9:30pm

~Evening of Worship – Saturday, Feb. 29th at 7:00pm in the Church

Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following published authors for January!

KDG: Charlotte S., Sam B., Remi S., Ethan B.

1H: Gabrielle D., Charlotte P.

1S: Emma V., Elyse B., Brooklyn B., Declan B., Luke G., Christian H., Braxton K., Annabelle H., Arianna B., Lyla D., Jagger S.

2F: Grace M., Nora L., Evelyn A., June A., Skylar P., Allison L., Sofia M., Kennedy N., Erik H.

3K: Lily S., Anna M., Charlie S.

5K/C: Luca M.

Featured Author of the Month!

Congratulations to Luca M., our featured author of the month.

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

LOCAL NEWS

~FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Get hooked on West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays! WC will be holding their LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS on February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th, and March 27th 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, Baked Salmon, and Fried Walleye. All are served with fries or baked potato, home-made coleslaw, garlic toast, dessert and beverage. Cheese pizza, macaroni & cheese, and a 2 pc. 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 and the Walleye is \$12 for everyone. For more information, please view the flyer from our link box.

~Local Area Spring Sports Information

Walker Recreation is now holding open registration for Girls Spring Softball & Soccer. Also the 2020 Spring Season of the **NW Youth Soccer Association** is signing up players. Please see the links in our Link Box for further information.

Holy Spirit Child Development Center: Summer Care Program 2020: 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 2020 Summer Care Program. Summer care will begin tentatively on Mon., June 8, 2020 and will tentatively end on Wed., August 12, 2020. The Summer Care Program is available for Holy Spirit School children, and pending availability, other children attending Catholic Schools within the Grand Rapids Diocese. Children must be fully enrolled at Holy Spirit, including Smart Tuition, for the 2020-21 school year. Students entering Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8th grade are eligible. All outstanding balances for tuition and child care expenses must be paid in full before enrollment consideration will be given.

The center hours are 7:00am until 6:00pm Monday through Friday (closed Friday, July 3 & Monday, July 6). Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. There are also weekly destination field trip opportunities for children who will be entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall.

Summer Care 2020 registration paperwork will be available at the end of March 2020. If you would like Summer Care paperwork mailed to you, please contact Melanie Francis at: mfrancis@hsparish.org.

LINK BOX

[GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website](#)
[GR Diocesan SMART AID Financial Aid Application](#)
[Walker Rec Soccer & Softball Registration Info](#)
[NW Youth Soccer Assoc](#)
[WC Fish Fry Flyer](#)

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

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

March Birthdays!



Agata S.
Jared B.
Declan A.
Carter B.
Charlotte K.
Veronica M.
Liam S.
Emily H.
Mrs. Kooistra
Mrs. Church

Jack S.
Andrew P.
Amalia D.
Kiera G.
Finley V.
Nicholas J.
Brady K.
Max B.
Mrs. Sweedyk
Mrs. Szotko

Carter A.
Addison B.
Will C.
David B.
Josiah J.
Arianna B.
Josephine R.
Mrs. Stroh
Mrs. Kelly
Mrs. Berndt

Will S.
Elias B.
Nolan B.
Harper K.
Amelia P.
Henrik S.
Jael D.
Mrs. DiGiovanna
Mrs. Kalahar
Mr. Thompson

Religious Education News

First Communion: First Communion Parent Homework is due March 25th. Everyone should have received it at the meeting or in a folder that your child brought home. The videos are from the Presence series on www.formed.org. Platemarking is March 21st at 9am in the cafeteria. Be sure to get your \$12 in by March 18th if you want to make the plate with us. I still have a size 7 and a size 10 dress in the Religious Ed Office if you want one.

Confirmation: Be sure all your paperwork and reflection sheets are turned in to the Religious Ed office. The signup for the May 6th liturgy is on the diocesan website under Ministries-Worship-Confirmation liturgies. Be sure to prepare for the written test in early March.

Lenten Reading: I still have some Salvation books available in the office for \$2. Call me at 453-1591 to reserve your copy. Make your check out to Holy Spirit Religious Ed.

Boosters' News

~Sports Registration – Today is the last day for students in 5th – 8th grade interested in spring sports to register online. Click [HERE](#) to access the TeamSnap link to register.

~ GRACEAC is also offering a 3rd/4th grade boys lacrosse pilot program this spring. The cost is \$131.00 per player. Registration and payment is taken care of directly through TeamSnap. Physicals will need to be handed to the school office in order to play. Link for registration: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/221371>

~ Popcorn/Cookie Dough Order Pick Up - Thank you for supporting the Boosters' by ordering from our Goodies Factory Fundraiser! Orders are due February 28th. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 23rd from 3-6pm, to pick up your orders in the 100 Room. All items are perishable and must be picked up at that time.

~Sports Banquet Slide Show – Our end of year Sports Banquet is fast approaching and we need your help in celebrating. Please send your coach photos on a CD or flash drive from your winter sports teams by March 26th. 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!

Hot Lunch News

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 **Sweezer Family** on the loss of
their Cousin, and the **VenHuizen Family** and
Veneklase Family on the passing of their Great-
Grandmothers. May the memories of their loved ones
live on in their hearts and bring them peace.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BUDGET MEETING AGENDA

January 28th, 2020

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Joylynn called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and said the opening prayer
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:**
 - Joylynn Kelly - PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | joylynn6476@yahoo.com
 - Andrea Dewicki - VICE PRES. – 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Jeffrey Novosad - SECRETARY – 616.808.6057 | jnovosad@hotmail.com
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:**
- **READING OF GOALS:** Andrea read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** via Paula Ryan
 - Catholic School's Week!
 - Student Council members attended mass with the bishop at St. Andrews today, 1/28
 - Grades 1-3 will attend mass at Covenant Village & Teacher/Student Volleyball on Thurs
 - Altitudes field trip on Friday, 1/31 & Winter Carnival on Saturday, 2/1
 - Each grade is praying for a seminarian during the week
 - \$4,378 raised for Haiti – 8th Graders won the Penny Wars!
 - 18 new kids scheduled for Early Childhood Info Night in the Multipurpose room on Mon, 2/3
 - Grandparents newsletter generated 3 items from the wish list
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Phil reviewed the updated income statement to date
 - Solid financial position at this point in the year
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
 - Reviewing transition from SquadLocker to a new vendor to obtain smaller sizes
 - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier)
 - Val to be transitioning
 - Book Fair (Kristin Adams & Amanda Koch)
 - Continued evaluation regarding new vendor Good News Book Fair
 - Diocese is shying away from former vendor Scholastic due to content
 - Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
 - \$840 currently accumulated – expected budget to be achieved

- Wed, 2/5 is next turn in color day
- Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle) – No business
- Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki)
 - Menus are being planned for meals prior to February family conferences
 - If you want to volunteer to bring ingredients or volunteer your time, please sign up on the parent participation survey when it is sent for next year with the registration materials. For the remainder of this year, email Michael or Andrea to be included.
- Paper Gator (Joylynn Kelly)
 - \$514 deposit made and no new requests for direct pickup
- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy) – No business
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm & Erin Gottleber)
 - As of today, 118 books published school year to date
 - Sign-up Genius has been successful and in full use by all staff
 - Area of greater opportunity for publishing – middle school grades 6th through 8th
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - Look for Valentine's Day email
- Social Committee (Carrie Miedema)
 - Awaiting funds from The Local event in the Fall
 - Looking at Biggby Coffee (Feb.) and Ucellos (May) for future events
 - YMCA Family Night scheduled for Sat, 2/22
 - Roller skating 2021 scheduled for Sun, 1/17
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen) – No business
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber)
 - March dates TBD and May 4th – 8th, 2020
- Variety Show (Elise Hollister)
 - May 29th - PTA will be reaching out to those who have expressed interest (thank you!)
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy) – No business
- Topics of Discussion:
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NEXT MEETING MARCH 24 AT 7PM IN THE LIBRARY

WHO ARE YOU

By Luca M.

(This book is dedicated to all people who are unique)

Once upon a time, there was a little city with little wooden dolls called the wemmwaks. Their creator, Eli, makes new wemmwaks every day. Eli lived in a barn on the top of the hill.

When the wemmwaks did something good they would be given a golden star sticker on them, but if they messed up then everyone would give them a gray dot sticker.

Paul was a wemmwak that never got a gold star. He tried to sing, but his voice would start to get clogged up. He tried to juggle, but he would lose control and drop them and some would fall on his head. Everyone laughed at him, then lined up to give him a gray dot.

One day he decided to take a walk around the village. He crossed the bridge. He saw a big white house. He decided he would say hi. When he knocked on the door a very pretty lady answered.

She had no stickers on her, no gray dot, no gold star. "Where are your stickers?" Paul asked. She said, "Every time someone puts a sticker on me it just falls off." "How do you do it?" said Paul. "Every day I walk up the hill and talk to Eli." "Maybe I'll do that too," said Paul.

The next day he walked up to Eli's barn. He thought to himself when he walked in, "I should leave, it's very scary here." Before he could step foot out of the barn, Eli said, "Come here, Paul. I need to talk to you." "O...ok," said Paul.

"I see people keep on giving you gray dots," said Eli. "Yeah," Paul said in a little voice. "But it's not about what other wemmwaks think of you." "It isn't?" "No," said Eli. "It's the way you think of yourself. I love you just the way you are." "Bye!" said Paul. "And remember Paul, I love you just the way you are."

When Paul walked out, a gray dot fell off of him. Then he started to smile.

THE END

About the Author

I have 4 siblings, one dog, and one guinea pig. I love to play football, soccer, and basketball. I love to be unique and playing with my new dog, Bailey. I'm small, but I love it.



West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 • 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT WEST CATHOLIC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

ADULT DINNER

Famous Fried Lake Perch 1/2 lb.....	\$10
Fried Shrimp 1/2 lb	\$10
Perch & Shrimp Combo 1/2 lb	\$10
Baked Salmon	\$10 All ages
Fried Walleye	\$12 All ages

SENIOR & STUDENT DINNERS

Famous Fried Lake Perch 1/3 lb.....	\$8
Fried Shrimp 1/3 lb	\$8
Perch & Shrimp Combo 1/3 lb	\$8

CHILDREN'S DINNER

2 pcs of Famous Fried Lake Perch	\$5
5 and under FREE Children's Dinner	FREE

OTHER DINNERS - All Ages

Cheese Pizza	\$5
Mac & Cheese	\$5

SIDES INCLUDED WITH ALL MEALS

French Fries or Baked Potato
Homemade Coleslaw
Homemade Garlic Toast
Dessert and Beverage

Share your Fish Fry moments

#WCFISHFRY





Holy Spirit School Calendar, March, 2020

Lenten Project ~ HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Collection

March is Reading Month

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 3 /](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org) For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

1 1 st Sunday of Lent Mt 4:1-11	2 Little Flowers 3:20-4:30	3	4	5 Gr. 4 Songfest 7:00 @ WC	6 Mass 8:45 Anointing of the Sick	7 Peter Pan Musical 2:30 & 7:00
8 2 nd Sunday of Lent Mt 17:1-9 Peter Pan Musical 2:30	9 Girls on the Run (GOTR) 3:20-5:00	10 Choir 3:20	11	12 <u>Mass 8:45</u> 10:15 Titan Toddler Time GOTR <u>3:20-5:00</u> Gr. 7 Parents Graduation Meeting 6:00 Art Room	13 20-21 School Registration <u>Due</u> <u>No School</u> Professional Development <u>Day</u> Child Care Open	14
15 3 rd Sunday of Lent Jn 4:5-42 Children's Choir 12:00 Mass	16 GOTR 3:20-5:00	17 <u>Choir 3:20</u> Student Council 3:30	18 Gr. 3 & 4 Mass in the Chapel GOTR <u>3:20-5:00</u> Board Meeting 6:30	19 K-Gr. 5 Author <u>Presentation</u> Easter Candy <u>Color Day</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	20 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Living Stations <u>2:00 & 7:00</u> 3 rd Quarter Ends	21 Gr. 2 9:00 Plate Making
22 4 th Sunday of Lent Jn 19:1-41	23 GOTR <u>3:20-5:00</u> Booster's Sale Pickup 3-6pm	24 PTA Meeting 7:00 Library	25 Gr. 5 Living Wax Presentation	26 GOTR <u>3:20-5:00</u> Winter Sports Pictures Due	27 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Stations of the Cross <u>2:30</u> 3 rd Quarter Report Cards <u>Online</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	28
29 5 th Sunday of Lent Jn 11:1-45	30 Little Flowers <u>3:20-4:30</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	31 Choir 3:20	April 1 Gr. 6 Mass at Covenant Living 1:30	April 2 Student Council Fun Day \$1 per family	April 3 <u>Mass 8:45</u> <u>Read In</u> Stations of the Cross 2:30	April 4

Lenten Project~ February 26th – April 3rd

Sponsored by our Student Council:



Wish List of Donation Items

For HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, 705 Bridge St. NW

We are always in need of new and gently used items to support new mothers and their babies, especially the following items:

- **Formula:** All varieties Enfamil & store brand
- **Bottles, pacifiers & sippy cups**
- **Bibs & burp cloths**
- **Diapers:** Sizes newborn, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- **Onesies for boys & girls:** Sizes large & extra large
- **Blankets, baby towels & washcloths**
- **Socks & shoes**
- **Clothing for boys & girls:** Sizes newborn to 4T
- **Sleepers for boys & girls:** Sizes newborn to 4T
- **Baby Equipment:** Pack-n-Plays, bassinets, strollers, gates, swings, & high chairs
- **Toys & Books**
- **Winter clothing, mittens & boots:** Sizes Newborn to 4T

HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please contact your CPA, accountant or tax adviser for specific advice. More information can be found at www.helppregnancy.org.



All School Families are invited to join us for a **Family Fun Night** at the YMCA!

We reached our pledge goal for Walking With The Spirit
and now it is time to celebrate our success!

Enjoy private access to many of the awesome amenities at the YMCA including the aquatic center, rock climbing wall, and four gym courts. There will be YMCA staff supervising all areas including lifeguards in the pool area.

When: Saturday, February 22 from 7:15-9:30 pm

Where: David D. Hunting YMCA (downtown)

Important Information:

- **NEED TO BE IN THE BUILDING AT 7:15PM
- **Check-in at the community room first for rules
(large room to the right when you walk into the building)
- **Pool & Rock Wall close at 9:30
- **Parking is accessible through the Winter Street entrance.
- **Water slide height requirement is 48".
- **Towels are available at the Y, no need to bring your own.
- **Lockers available for storing items, bring your own padlock.
- **Swim tests will take place in the lap pool from 7:30-8:30 and community pool from 8:30-9:30.
- **Adult must be in pool with children who need assistance swimming or with those children who don't pass swim test.

