



## January 22, 2021 School Newsletter

### Important Dates:

**~The Holy Spirit Educational Foundation Auction** will be hosting its first ever online auction extending from January 26 through January 30, 2021. This event normally takes place every other year and usually it is done in person. This year you will have the opportunity to sit from the safety and comfort of your home to bid on great packages and donate to needs throughout the Holy Spirit community. 100% of the proceeds from the auction go directly to the Foundation, which in turn helps with tuition support and faith formation tuition. Go to this link to register and view all the fantastic items up for auction: <https://hsparish2021.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>. We hope to "see" you there!

**~PTA Meeting** – The quarterly PTA meeting will be this Tues., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM. Please use the following link to join: <https://meet.google.com/ofq-tdtb-xqr>

**~Catholic Schools Week is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** - Please see the attached CSW schedule for details. Fr. Mark would like all family members to wear Holy Spirit apparel or uniforms to Mass on this weekend, January 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout this Catholic Schools Week!

**~Happy Valentine's Day** – To celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, students may have a color day and wear red, pink, purple, or white on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID restrictions, students who want to share cards, or store-bought, individually wrapped treats, must turn them in to the classroom teachers by Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**~Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Normally during this time of year, we are beginning the scheduling process for in-person conferences with parents. However, this year we will not be able to have parent-teacher conferences in the traditional in-person format. Our teachers would still like to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have. Each level of our school is a bit different in conference needs and logistics this year. Consequently, you will be receiving a conference request form from each level in which you have a child (early childhood, elementary school, middle school). Please be looking for the request forms that will be sent to you.

**~Family Fare, Tyson, & Box Top Color Day, Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Please clip, save, and bring in your labels and receipts for a color day! Box Tops are also being collected via this application to alleviate having to cut, snip, count, and mail for credit. Go to: <https://boxtops4education.com> to set up your account.

**~Internet Safety** – Are you aware of your child's screen time and content? Two years ago, Chris McKenna did enlightening presentations for our students and parents on The Digital Culture of Kids. You will find current information, podcasts, and helpful apps to download at [ProtectYoungEyes.com](http://ProtectYoungEyes.com). Check it out today!

**~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. 26<sup>th</sup>**

~Bright/Neon Color Day  
\$1/family for Kids Food Basket  
~Report Cards Online  
~PTA Virtual Mtg. 7pm

#### **Tues., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**

~Educational Foundation Auction

#### **Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>**

~Early Childhood Info Night  
6:00-8:00pm - Tours by Appointment

#### **Fri., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

~St. Valentine Color Day  
~Early Childhood Screening  
No School for Y5 & Kdg  
~Registration Materials Sent Home

#### **Mon., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Tues., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

~NO School /Mid- Winter Break  
~CDC Open

#### **Wed., Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

~Ash Wednesday

#### **Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

~Midterms Online

#### **Tues., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

~BoxTop, Family Fare, Tyson Color Day

#### **Fri., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

~Newsletter/Calendar

## HS Happenings



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

*In total, students, families, and parishioners very generously donated **\$5,614** providing **216 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!!!*

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is back!** This course goes beyond debt. You will learn how to take control of **all** financial aspects of your life (managing money, retirement, insurance, real estate, and giving) starting February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8PM via Zoom. This is a nine lesson course for \$59. Attend the first lesson for FREE, and then decide. Questions or want additional information? Contact Vito Dolci at 616-791-1010 or [vito@dolcigroup.com](mailto:vito@dolcigroup.com). Sign up at [fpu.com/1132728](http://fpu.com/1132728).



***Early Childhood  
New Parent Information Night  
Tours by Appointment Only  
Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 – 8:00pm***

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 2021-2022 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 set up a tour or to be put on the prospective enrollment list. We look forward to welcoming new families!

### **In Sympathy**



*Please Remember in Prayer, **Ms. Brady** and her family, on the passing of her Grandmother, and the **Bott Family** on the death of their Grandfather. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **Birthday Book Club**

Thank you to **Felix P.**, our newest January Birthday Book Club member. His donation to the school library is greatly appreciated.

*In return for his generosity, he will receive a color day pass!*

### **Link Box...**

[GR Diocesan SMART Financial Aid Application](#)

[Walker Rec Soccer Registration Info](#)

[NW Youth Soccer](#)

[Champion Force Cheerleading/Martial Arts](#)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Annabelle S.  
Blair D.  
Ashley D.  
Isabella P.  
Ellory R.  
Evelyn B.  
Ms. Wright

Ian H.  
Russell J.  
Arthur M.  
Carson A.  
Emma W.  
Finley M.

Quinn H.  
Adeline H.  
Kate S.  
KT N.  
Layla S.  
Evelyn R.



Peyton B.  
Jaxson R.  
Owen A.  
Lincoln S.  
Lily S.  
Mrs. Null

Mila S.  
Elyse B.  
Collin A.  
Declan B.  
Coraline P.  
Mrs. Clancy

## Religious Education News

**First Communion:** The date for the celebration of First Communion is set for Saturday, May 1, 2021. The Masses will be at 10am and 1pm. Registration forms have been sent home. First Communicants that were not baptized here at Holy Spirit will need to send us a copy of their baptismal certificate.

**Last Year's First Communion Platemaking:** Any First Communicants from last year that would like to make a commemorative plate should contact the Religious Education Office. The cost is \$12.00 per plate. Depending on the COVID restrictions in March, we may have those attending Holy Spirit School make their plates during the school day and those that do not attend the school complete theirs on Sat., March 27, 2021.

**Confirmation Date Change:** Due to various factors, it has become necessary to change the date for Confirmation. The new dates for the celebration of this sacrament will be Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 26. Further information, as far as signing up for a Mass, will be forthcoming.

**Bible In A Year:** Check out the Ascension Press podcast series with Fr. Mike Schmitz. He will read you the bible, a psalm, and give a short reflection for only about 20-30 minutes a day. It is not too late to start as the previous episodes are available. So, grab your phone, get on the app, jump on the treadmill, and give your spirituality some exercise. It is also available on your computer, but it's easier to exercise with a phone than a computer. This also would be great on your commute to work or school.

## GOT BLOOD? DONATE AND SAVE THREE LIVES!

The Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive  
Parish Of The Holy Spirit – Activity Center  
Sunday January 24, 2021  
7:15 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, Versiti staffing is determined by number of registrants.

For more information contact: **Matt Langlois 616-560-8088.**

## *Holy Spirit Mission Statement*

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

## **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...

<b><i>Situation/Condition</i></b>	<b><i>Response/Policy</i></b>
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.



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## 2021 Catholic Schools Week

### **Saturday and Sunday, January 30-31**

#### **Celebrating our Parish**

Families wear Holy Spirit apparel or uniforms. Students participate in Weekend Masses as lectors and commentators.

### **Monday, February 1**

#### **Celebrating our Community**

Outdoor Snowman Building Competition

\*Or indoor paper class snowman on classroom door.

### **Tuesday, February 2**

#### **Celebrating our Students**

Livestream 10:00 Mass from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Gr. K-3, Rock Paper Scissors Tournaments

Gr. 4-8, Kahoot Tournaments

No homework or tests

### **Wednesday, February 3**

#### **Celebrating Staff & Volunteers**

Student Council vs. Teachers Volleyball Games

Gr. 3-5 Mass, wear HS top with uniform bottoms

Gr. Y5-2 & 6-8, Comfy Cozy Day

### **Thursday, February 4**

#### **Celebrating Vocations**

Jacob Zemaitis, Seminarian in Residence, Visits Classrooms

Gr. 6-8 Mass, wear HS top with uniform bottoms

Gr. Y5-5, Music Genre Color Day

### **Friday, February 5**

#### **Celebrating Our Nation**

Classroom Prayers for Our Nation

Gr. Y5-2 Mass, wear HS top and uniform bottoms

Gr. 3-5, Comfy Cozy Day

Gr. 6-8, Music Genre Day

### **Saturday, February 6**

#### **Celebrating Families**

Families are encouraged to celebrate their family by having a family game night or movie night.

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



## Holy Spirit School Calendar, February, 2021

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

\*Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled during the month of February.  
Look for an email from your grade-level for more details.

<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>	1	2 10:00 Mass Livestreamed from St. Andrew's	3 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	4 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	5 Mass 8:30 Gr. Y5, 1-2	6
7 Sunday Gospel Reading Mk 1:29-39	8 New Family Early Childhood Info Night 6:00-8:00pm	9 Turn in Day for any Valentine cards or snacks	10 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 3-5</u> Early Childhood Screening	11 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> Registration Materials will be sent home tomorrow	12 St. Valentine <u>Color Day</u> Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 1-2</u> Early Childhood <u>Screening</u> No school for Y5 & K	13
14 Sunday Gospel Reading Mk 1:40-45	15 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	16 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	17 Ash Wednesday Mass	18 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	19 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. K, 1-2</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterms Online	20
21 Sunday Gospel Reading Mk 1:12-15	22	23 Box Tops, Family Fare, & Tyson Color Day	24 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	25 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	26 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. Y5, 1-2</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	27
28 Sunday Gospel Reading Mk 9:2-10						